

From Ethno-Sociology to Complexity (2007) Practicum

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To accompany bibliography <http://intersci.ss.uci.edu/~drwhite/pub/Ethno-Sociology.pdf>

Abstracts and supplementary: <http://intersci.ss.uci.edu/~drwhite/links2pdf.htm>

These are research-field summaries, databases and software, main results

COMPARATIVE

1968SRAS, 1969SCCS describe the database designs, 2007SCCS summarizes the studies accomplished, explains the etc. Database of codebooks, 2008 variables plus 7 *single factor scales* so far (*political scale, modernization, internal and external war, fraternal interest groups, male aggression, and female power*) and freeware R Code and data at <http://eclectic.ss.uci.edu/~drwhite/courses/> The only correlates of the single factors with with time of observation are negative with external war and positive with internal war (esp pre vs. 20th century)!

1991Conflict shows that internal war occurs in the context of external war!

1982NetworkAutoCor presents the autocorrelation approach to the *interdependence complexity* of observations.



1988 illustrates complex macro-regional adaptations, for polygyny.

Complexity Index	1	Single variables
	2	Bivariate (SVD, Factor Analysis, Scaling)

MATHEMATICAL FOUNDATIONS

1977	2	Work Roles (Sexual Division of Labor, Asymmetric)
1995	3	Avoidance Roles, Social Organization (Asymmetric)
1974	4+	Processual, Optimization, & Structural Analysis; Ethnographic Decomposition

NETWORKS

M1993	4+	Galois lattices
M1983	Many->few	Semigroup Homomorphisms
M2001	NP-complete	Cohesiveness of Blocks in Networks
N2003	Multi-Scalar	 Structural Cohesion and Embeddedness: Hierarchical Conception
N2005	Multi-Scalar	 Network Dynamics and Field Evolution: Biotech Industry
N2007	dynamics	Networks, Hierarchy and Cohesion
N2004	dynamics	Networks, Fields and Organizations: Micro-dynamics, scale and embeddings
N2004	feedback	Network Analysis, Social Dynamics and Feedback in Social Systems.
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DYNAMICAL COMPLEXITY: HISTORICAL, ETHNOGRAPHIC, AND URBAN

I am interested in a layer-embedded networks (LEN) approach to emergence and complexity. Unlike discovery of simple interactive principles that generate complex emergent behavior (e.g., agent-based modeling, self-organized criticality), networks of interaction in the multi-layer approach occur between elements with internal processing and time-delayed responses, such as humans with biosocial and cogni-cultural reactivities. In several of these studies, response times are at generational time-scales. LEN models allow multiple levels of embedding, with some interactions occurring at faster time scales and others that affect them occurring at successively slower scales. The principles here may be simple, but how these levels interact requires a very delicate and new understanding of layering and feedback.

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George Marshall (1947) spoke of the enormous complexity facing the postwar era that made it "exceedingly difficult for the man

in the street to reach a clear appraisal of the situation.”
Bill Gates, echoing Marshall in a Harvard address (2007)
sixty years later, “thought about how a host of technological”
advances have helped erase those complexities.” “The internet
for instance, allows the best minds in an area to work together on
common problems in ways they couldn’t do before” (WSJ 6-8-07).

Gates, however, has it wrong. Selection of the best minds in an area to work with common technology to solve problems has not made complexity more comprehensible, and the problems created are often worse than those solved. What Gates does not understand is that it is diverse minds working at different scales and different speeds on different platforms that need to be understood and nurtured, through understanding and nurturing of LEC, which is not a reduction of complexity to simplicity but a much more profound and realistic appraisal of the human situation in all its manifest conditions and historicities.

-- Doug White

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