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New Institutional Approach

Introduction

- *It is a methodological approach in the study of political science, explores how institutional structures, rules, norms, and cultures constrain the choices and actions of individuals when they are part of a political institution.*
- This Approach became dominant around 1980s in US.
- New institutionalism tries to combine the interests of traditionalist scholars, who focused on studying formal institutional rules and structures.
- New-Institutionalism is a Post- Behavioural Approach

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- American political scientist **James G. March**
- **Norwegian political scientist Johan P. Olsen**

Mejor books

- **“The New Institutionalism: Organizational Factors in Political Life” (1984)**
- **Rediscovering Institutions: The Organizational Basis of Politics (1989).**
- **Democratic Governance (1995).**

three branches of neo-institutionalism:

- **Rational choice institutionalism**
- **Sociological institutionalism**
- **Historical institutionalism**

conclusion

- All strands of new institutionalism share a common critique of atomistic accounts of social Processes.
- In political science, the critical difference between behaviorism and new institutionalism is that the focus on atomistic actors in the former is replaced (or at least modified) by a focus on institutionally 'situated' actors in the latter.
- Institutions, 'are the social glue missing from the behaviourist's more atomistic account'.