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# **ECOLOGY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

- ✓ **What is the meaning of ecology of public administration?**
  - Origin and meaning of Ecology
  - Ecological Approach
- ✓ **Who introduced ecology of public administration?**
  - John M. Gaus' views on Ecology of Public Administration
  - Robert Dahl & Fred W. Riggs Perspectives
- ✓ **Why is ecology of public administration important?**

# ORIGIN & MEANING OF ECOLOGY

- ❖ The term “ECOLOGY” was invented by the German biologist Ernst Haeckel in 1866 to mean the relation between living organisms (plants & animals) and their natural environment.
- ❖ Later, it came to mean the interactions and interconnections between a larger environment within which public administration is situated.

# ECOLOGICAL APPROACH

- Studies the relationship between administration and its environment.
- Observes the relations between an organizational system and its external environment.

# INTRODUCTION OF ECOLOGY IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

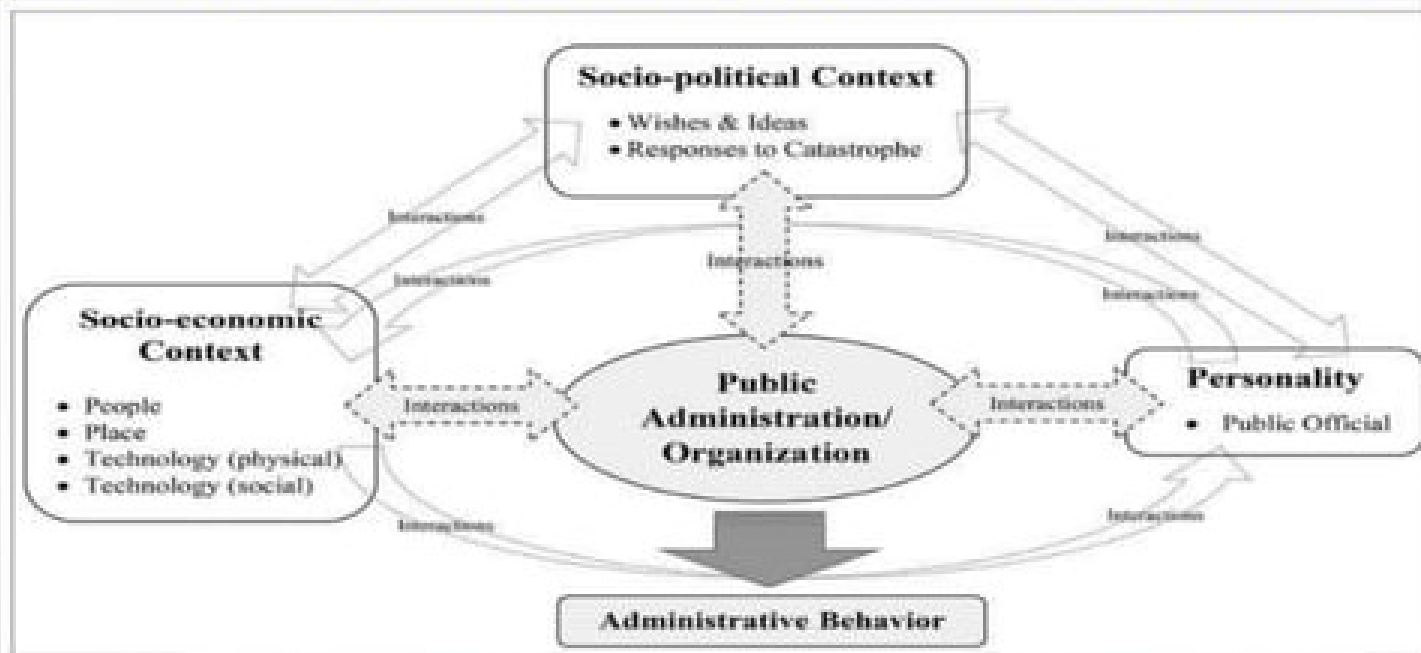
**Ecology** in public administration was mainly introduced by **Professor John M. Gaus**, one of the early pioneers of public administration. In his presented models, he accentuated that the public administration including its development as well as its activities were influenced by its setting or ecology.

# JOHN M. GAUS' VIEWS ON ECOLOGY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

## Seven (7) ENVIRONMENTAL FACTOR WHICH INFLUENCE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

1. **PEOPLE**—The human resource of organization which also focuses on number, age and knowledge and their effect on their jobs.
2. **PLACE**—refers to the climate, soil & location (of the organization).
3. **PHYSICAL TECHNOLOGY**—the physical equipment with which the people run the organization.
4. **SOCIAL TECHNOLOGY**—communication and relationship between one level and another.
5. **WISHES & IDEAS**—aspirations, desires and objectives.
6. **CATASTROPHE**—security, insurance, etc.
7. **PERSONALITY**—how leadership affect organizations effectiveness.

# INTERACTIONS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/ORGANIZATION AND ITS ECOLOGY





# ROBERT DAHL & FRED W. RIGGS PERSPECTIVES

## FIVE (5) ENVIRONMENTAL FACTOR THAT AFFECT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

1. **ECONOMIC**—Fiscal (Monetary System)
2. **SOCIAL**—Family, religion, class, etc.
3. **SYMBOLS**—codes, myths, consensus
4. **COMMUNICATIVE**—literacy, news paper circulation
5. **POLITICAL**—change in political regime, type of political parties and their ideologies & character of political leadership.

# IMPORTANCE OF ECOLOGY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

- ❑ Ecology can function as a systematic tool to recover existing patterns and create new structures in public administration. The factors concerning ecology or the physical environment influence the programs, plans, policies, and design of public administration.
- ❑ Any organism or organization in a considered area influences its surrounding interacting environment (if it is somehow interacting with it). In the case of public administration, ecology plays an essential role in many of its decisions, thus, having a significant part of the effects.

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