

# The Implications of Complexity Theory for Applying Social Science

Some thoughts on the role of responsible complexity social science in the post-democratic governance of societies.

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# Themes for this Rant

- Responsibility
  - Praxis – pragmata
  - Phronesis – Flybverg, Gadamer and the turn away from science.
- Postdemocracy – after Colin Crouch and thinking her about how social scientists should cope with it.
- Cultural governance after Bang.
- Participatory action oriented social science – thinking about the contrast with and similarities with coproduction with technical elites.
- A public social science of complexity in a time of crisis? Way beyond Burawoy when Experience I is walking in the door (Thompson).

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