

Engineering Systems Doctoral Seminar

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Session 11 November 13, 2002 Chris Magee and Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld Guests: Thomas Kochan, James Foster

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Session 11: Overview

- Welcome and Overview and Introductions (5-7 min.)
- Initial Identification of Questions from Readings (7-10 min.)
- The Dynamics of Gridlock in Regulatory Systems: Guest Presentation by Thomas Kochan (20-30 min.)
- Discussion (10-15 min.)
- Private/Public Interactions Driving Mutual Gains in Regulatory Systems: Guest Presentation by James Foster (20-30 min.)
- Discussion (10-15 min.)
- Break (10 min.)
- Influence of Government R&D on Economic Development / A Historical Analysis of Government Spending in Science and Technology: Student Presentation by Heidi Davidz (10-15 min.)
- Next Steps (10-15 min.)





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Focus on Social / Organizational Systems

Structure & Sub-Systems

- Structure
 - Groups
 - Organizations
 - Institutions
- Sub-Systems
 - Communications
 - Information
 - Rewards & reinforcement
 - Selection & retention
 - Learning and feedback
 - Conflict resolution



Social Interaction Processes

- Leadership
- Negotiations
- Problem-solving
- Decision-making
- Partnership

Capability & Motivation

- Individual knowledge, skills & ability
- Group stages of development
- Fear, satisfaction and commitment

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Focus on Technical Systems

Machines (Equipment & New Technology)

- Equipment and machinery
- Physical infrastructure
- Information technology
- Nano-technology, bio-technology, and other frontiers of science



Methods (Processes)

- Job design/office design
- Work flow/process mapping methods
- Value stream mapping
- Constraint analysis
- Statistical Process Control (SPC)
- System optimization and decomposition methods

Materials (Components & Supply Chain)

- Interchangeable parts and mass production systems
- Just-In-Time delivery (JIT) systems
- Synchronous material flow systems
- e-commerce