Societies are driven by social interactions. The goal of social sciences is to gain understanding of the social world, its mechanisms, its drivers, and its complexity. The study of psychology and sociology, and its application to various settings creates valuable insights, whether they are about personality, interpersonal relationships, organizations, or leadership in organizations. But can we say with certainty that we understand how the social world works? Do our theories provide satisfactory explanations? Do these theories offer sufficient practical applications? In this course we will explore a systems approach to explaining social interaction, highlighting its practical applications. The dynamic systems perspective offers a novel perspective that enriches our understanding of social phenomena.
WHO SHOULD JOIN
The course is targeted at a wide (post-)graduate audience. The course is relevant for academics and practitioners in work and organizational psychology, (applied-)psychology, clinical-psychology, and social-psychology.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
This course has the following learning objectives:
• To understand dynamic systems logic;
• To be able to apply dynamic systems logic to psychological and sociological phenomena;
• To be able to synthesize various topics within psychology and sociology through a systems perspective;
• To be able to develop strong process theories within the field of psychology and/or sociology;
• To know various methods that can be used to test dynamic systems theories within the field of psychology and sociology.

COURSE INFO
The course will focus at theory development within the field of work- and organizational psychology through a dynamic systems approach. This approach results in new theories that are of both practical and theoretical relevance, which acknowledges the complex dynamic nature of the social world and is therefore particularly interesting to academics. However, there will also be considerable attention for the practical implications and applications of these new theories, and how these can be empirically tested and applied.

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