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## Social Structure and Organizations Revisited

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The theme of the volume is inspired by a seminal paper in the field of organizational sociology by Arthur L. Stinchcombe called *Social Structure and Organizations*. It is a very widely cited paper and the citations have been rapidly increasing since the 1980s. We consider that while that 1965 paper is incredibly popular, it has been underappreciated and narrowly interpreted. We argue that there is a new research community that is coming together that aims to explore the broader agenda that Stinchcombe laid out in 1965. The papers in the volume are an expression of the new research community, providing research

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exemplars of where the field of organizational sociology is heading.

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