Theorising and modelling competing institutional logics in decision-making

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Organisations often face multiple demands in decision-making. This paper synthesises existing theoretical explanations of competing and contradicting needs in organisational decision-making. We review three strands of theories: the attention-based view, institutional theory and paradox theory and use causal loop diagrams to represent the core mechanisms. Based on the theoretical models and a case study at an English housing association, a hybrid organisation, we develop a theoretical stock-and-flow model to elicit a systems perspective in theorising and modelling the competing demands.