

EDU 5419 - Advanced Study in Organizational Theory  
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### **Assignment #3 - Relation of McCourt and Stone**

McCourt claims that theory builders approach their interest with one of two perspectives in mind. What names does he give to these two perspectives?

Similarly, Stone says that scholars attempting to build theory to describe social life, either economists or political scientists, approach their task with one of two underlying perspectives. In the above text, she notes that the economists who conceive of the social world as a market rely upon a rationalist's perspective. What name would you give to her preferred perspective?

You now have two sets of terms, each of which summarizes the author's dichotomy regarding approaches to theory building: one for McCourt and one for Stone. How do these views of theory building – the two sets of terms that summarize the points of view – relate? Are they parallel, contradictory, or incompatible?