

INSTITUTIONALISM, NEO-INSTITUTIONALISM AND KNOWLEDGE IN INTERNATIONAL REGIMES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Abstract: *The concept institutionalism, that of neo-institutionalism and the evolution of the concept of regime became a subject of real interest both in Europe and internationally. Nevertheless, some doctrinarians do not approve this tendency, claiming that many of neo-institutionalism and regime theories represent only the reframing of the political issues previously analyzed and demonstrated by political scientists. Emphasizing the case of contemporary policy and regime analysis, we conclude that things are in a continuous evolution and development. All new created doctrines theories are challenged by similar problems, regardless of their national framework, and all new solutions envisaged stem from a common theoretical foundation. In this regard, the article explores the methodological contribution of institutionalism, neo-institutionalism and regime theories, as intrinsic part of the evolution of historical institutionalism - social entrenchment, role of rules and norms, genealogical and structural functionalism approach, critical realism - in the heuristic sense of knowledge paradigms, usually attributed to standard international norms and regimes.*

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