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## Conflict of Interest and the Functioning of Organizations: A Sociological Perspective

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Conflict of interest is a juridical concept. Looked at from a sociological perspective, it seems that its implementation will turn out to be difficult, as from an action perspective, the situations of conflict of interest are situations full of opportunities and resources, some of them absolutely indispensable in the governance of organizations and policy-systems. To some extent, situations of conflict of interest are unavoidable. The question therefore is how to regulate conflict of interest without creating too much rigidity and stifling the fluid functioning of the institutional order.