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"An extraordinarily impressive achievement and must reading for all serious students of law, economics, and organization."--Paul L. Joskow, Professor of Economics, Massachusetts of Technology.

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Inhaltsangabe:Abstract: In 1996, managers of U.S. based automaker Ford Corporation realized that they had been fooled: The decision to allocate the company's seat construction to the single supplier Lear Corporation had turned out to be a disaster. Lear had made unrealistic promises concerning their engineering talent in order to get into business with the major carmaker. As Ford was locked-in with a supplier that was unable to keep deadlines and that produced parts that did not work, the production and on time launch of the 1996 version of Ford Taurus were severely put at risk. In this industry example, the supplier behaved opportunistically towards the buyer by misrepresenting the true skills of its employees. According to Transaction Cost Economics (TCE), opportunism is considered as an endogenous factor it forms an inherent part of business relationships. Following Williamson's explanation, opportunism is one of the rudimentary attributes of human nature. Whenever individuals will be given the chance to act

opportunistically, they will do so. However, taking a look at current literature, the classical view of opportunism as a ubiquitous phenomenon becomes unsustainable. The emergence and degree of opportunistic behaviour is influenced by a variety of antecedent factors, such as institutional environment (e.g., competition, technology), or social determinants of behaviour (e.g., commitment, trust). Psychological research on this topic has shown that TCE lacks an explicit distinction between opportunism as an attitude and as a type of behaviour or action. Whether an agent behaves opportunistically or not does not only depend on his inclination towards carrying out unfair business practices, but also on the incentives that are given to him. Furthermore, recent approaches drawing on Agency Theory have replaced the traditional model of a self-serving man by an agent showing cooperative behaviours, as described in Stewardship Theory. In his original version of TCE, Williamson relied on vertical integration as an effective governance mechanism to attenuate opportunism and to safeguard specific investments. Transactions with high asset specificity should be governed by hierarchy mechanisms that are not accessible to markets, such as intensive monitoring or incentive structures. As a result, transaction costs would be minimized. In fact, hierarchical controls should not be treated as a universal remedy to curtail unfair business practices [...]

Theoretical Extensions and an Application to the Study of MNC Subsidiary Ownership World Scientific

Anna Krzeminska develops an extension to the TCE framework which spotlights uncertainty as a main explanatory variable. This approach not only enables an explanation of determinants, management mechanisms, and performance implications of different make-and-buy types but also contributes to a better understanding of the categorization of economic institutions.

Access Regulation in the Next Generation Access Network Environment Routledge

New Institutional Economics (NIE) has skyrocketed in scope and influence over the last three decades. This first Handbook of NIE provides a unique and timely overview of recent developments and broad orientations. Contributions analyse the domain and perspectives of NIE; sections on legal institutions, political institutions, transaction cost economics, governance, contracting, institutional change, and more capture NIE's interdisciplinary nature. This Handbook will be of interest to economists, political scientists, legal scholars, management specialists, sociologists, and others wishing to learn more about this important subject and gain insight into progress made by institutionalists from other disciplines. This compendium of analyses by some of the foremost NIE specialists, including Ronald Coase, Douglass North, Elinor Ostrom, and Oliver Williamson, gives students and new researchers an introduction to the topic and offers established scholars a reference book for their research.

Transaction Costs, Institutions, and Economic Performance Springer

The Making of Economic Policy begins by observing that most countries' trade policies are so blatantly contrary to all the prescriptions of the economist that there is no way to understand this discrepancy except by delving into the politics. The same is true for many other dimensions of economic policy. Avinash Dixit looks for an improved understanding of the politics of economic policy-making from a transaction cost perspective. Such costs of planning, implementing, and monitoring an exchange have proved critical to explaining many phenomena in industrial organization. Dixit discusses the variety of similar transaction costs encountered in the political process of making economic policy and how these costs affect the operation of different institutions and policies. Dixit organizes a burgeoning body of research in political economy in this framework. He uses U.S. fiscal policy and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) as two examples that illustrate the framework, and show how policy often deviates from the economist's ideal of efficiency. The approach reveals, however, that some seemingly inefficient practices are quite creditable attempts to cope with transaction costs such as opportunism and asymmetric information. Copublished with the Center for Economic Studies and the Ifo Institute

When Entrepreneurs Meet: The Collective Governance Of New Ideas Edward Elgar Pub

Franziska König examines the anatomy of uncertainty-governance choice relationships from different theoretical angles, including transaction costs economics, resource-based theory, and real options theory. The book provides, furthermore, comprehensive empirical insights both from secondary data examined with a "vote-counting" analysis as well as from primary data, collected through a "policy-capturing" study.

The Moderating Influence of Firm Market Power on the Transaction Cost Economics Model MIT Press

Hong Kong and Singapore have adopted two different models in the regulation of the next generation access (NGA) networks. In Hong Kong, the government has decided that access regulation will not be applied to fibre-based access networks and its strategy will be to rely on facilities-based competition to promote investment in the NGA networks. Singapore, on the other hand, has promoted access/services-based competition over a next generation broadband infrastructure subsidised by public funding and operated on an "open access" basis. This paper applies the theories of transaction cost economics (TCE) to analyse the two different regulatory models adopted in Hong Kong and Singapore for the NGA networks. Transaction cost economics is concerned with the study of "governance structures". Governance structures operate within the relationship between transacting parties for the purpose of dealing with "contractual hazards". Market, firms, regulation, public franchise and public ownership are alternative governance structures operating in the NGA environment. Governance structures aim to minimise transaction costs caused by contractual hazards.

Small High Schools: Transaction Cost Economics Emereo Publishing

Although what has come to be known as transaction cost economics has its origins in the 1930s, it was not until the 1970s that transaction cost economics as a systematic and identifiable field of study began. Since then, numerous theoretical developments and empirical applications have expanded and enriched the field. Recognition of its contributions to our understanding of organizations and institutions includes two Nobel laureates, Ronald Coase in 1991 and Oliver Williamson in 2009. This is an important selection of key articles on transaction cost economics by distinguished scholars including Ronald Coase, Herbert Simon, Kenneth Arrow and Richard A. Posner. This research review addresses key areas such as private ordering and credibility, contracts and organization, internal organization, vertical integration and contracting.

Strategies and Practices for a Global Open Economy Edward Elgar Pub

The aim of this thesis has been to provide a thorough examination on formal and relational elements of IT outsourcing governance as well as their interplay. In my research I conducted three longitudinal case studies in the financial services industry. In my examination, I initially focused on the characteristics of the exchange as these are instructed by the theory of transaction costs and provided a thorough investigation of the predictive power of the theory on the choice of governance structures. My findings demonstrated significant limitations that constrain the predictive power of the theory. Similarly to previous research I observed a neglect of the social context within which the transactions take place; an intense focus on cost minimization efforts; and an over-emphasis on the behavioral assumption of opportunism. I further identified that the theory of transaction costs treats the choice of governance structures as a decision that is relatively isolated from other challenges related to the execution of the outsourcing arrangement and a relative downplay of the impact of uncertainty in the generation of transaction costs in the case of non-specific assets. In my research, I additionally adopted a more integrated perspective in the assessment of formal and relational aspects of IT outsourcing governance and illustrated how the Foucauldian notions on governmentality, discourse and power relations can enhance our understanding. According to my findings, "contracts" and "relationships" appear to emerge as modes of governmentality and utilize different means of surveillance, discipline and control. These different modes can be complementary, but simultaneously mutually undermining, in outsourcing arrangements that emerge as dynamic - from contextual factors and the circuits of power relations that constitute these arrangements. Furthermore, Foucault's theorization draws attention to the fact that there is an 'outsourcing' discourse with recurring themes, issues, language and regularities. This discourse appears to discipline peoples' thoughts and actions and distinguishes between desirable and undesirable types of behaviour. In this manner, a Foucauldian perspective illuminates the productive character of power, not only in terms of the production of truth and knowledge, but also in terms of practical behaviours seen as appropriate and useful.

Advances in Economic Strategy Research Edward Elgar Pub

Transaction-cost EconomicsThe Governance of Contractual RelationsThe Transaction Cost Economics ProjectThe Theory and Practice of the Governance of Contractual RelationsEdward Elgar Pub

A Comparative Study of Hong Kong and Singapore from the Transaction Cost Economics Perspectives Edward Elgar Pub

Transaction cost economics has had a pervasive influence on current economic thought about how and why institutions function as they do, and it has become a practical framework for research in organizations by representatives of a variety of disciplines. Through a transaction cost analysis, The Mechanisms of Governance shows how and why simple contracts give way to complex contracts and internal organization as the hazards of contracting build up. That complicates the study of economic organization, but a richer and more relevant theory of organization is the result. Many testable implications and lessons for public policy accrue to this framework. Applications of both kinds are numerous and growing

Transaction-cost Economics Wageningen Academic Publishers

In recent years transaction costs economics have come to dominate the discussion of the nature and organization of firms. In Transaction Costs Economics and Beyond Michael Driscoll offers a critical exploration of transaction costs. He argues that whilst they have much to offer they are still an inadequate basis for a general theory of the firm. Drawing on theories of organizational behaviour as well as economics, he concludes by offering a theory of the firm that allows for both hierarchical and creative decision making.

Determinants and Management of Make-and-Buy Springer Science & Business Media

Leading international theorists explore the most significant developments in debates on the theory of the firm - in particular the contributions of the two major perspectives: transaction costs economics (governance structures) on the one hand, and competence perspectives (resource-based approaches) on the other. Contributors include Oliver Williamson, Giovanni Dosi, Sidney Winter, Sumantra Ghoshal, Mark Casson, Neil Kay, and Ron Sanchez, amongst others.

The Effect of Vertical Networks on Channel Governance Adaptation John Wiley & Sons

Transaction Cost Economics, Better than ever. There has never been a Transaction Cost Economics Guide like this. It contains 19 answers, much more than you can imagine; comprehensive answers and extensive details and references, with insights that have never before been offered in print. Get the information you need--fast! This all-embracing guide offers a thorough view of key knowledge and detailed insight. This Guide introduces what you want to know about Transaction Cost Economics. A quick look inside of some of the subjects covered: Transaction cost - History of development, Hybrid organization, Opportunism - Economic opportunism, Oliver E. Williamson - Biography, International legal theory - Rational Choice and Game Theory, Resource Dependence, Transaction cost - Differences from Neoclassical Microeconomics, Dynamic capabilities - Overview, David Teece - Biography, Theory of the firm - Overview, Resource dependence theory, Organization studies - Economic Theories of Organization, Agent-based computational economics, Theory of the firm - Williamson's approach, Chicago school of economics - Terminology, Administrative Behavior - Legacy, Governance - Governance as Process, Mathematical economics - Agent-based computational economics, and much more...

The Making of Economic Policy Edward Elgar Publishing

This book brings together a collection of seven papers on Transaction Cost Economics by Nobel Laureate Professor Oliver E Williamson. The applications of Transaction Cost Economics are extensive, ranging from the field of industrial organization and applied fields of economics such as labor, public finance, comparative economic systems and economic development, to the business fields of strategy, organizational behavior, marketing, finance, operations management, and accounting. In short, as Williamson states, "any problem that originates as or can be reformulated as a contracting problem can be examined to advantage in transaction cost economizing terms." What is referred to as New Institutional Economics is developed in the West in two mainly complementary ways: Property Rights Theory, and Transaction Cost Economics. Of the two, Property Rights Theory developed more rapidly. Transaction Cost Economics has nonetheless taken shape of late. In China, research on New Institutional Economics began in the 1990s and has grown rapidly since. China has similarly given much more attention to Property Rights Theory. Gengxuan Chen, the editor of this volume, recommends that China will benefit by bringing Transaction Cost Economics to bear. Simultaneously, for scholars who study the market economy, Transaction Cost Economics provides a very attractive way to explain the practice of the Chinese market economy.

A Transaction Cost Economics Approach Routledge

This book aims to explore the variety in organizational forms that exists in the European agri-food sector, and to identify an appropriate theoretical framework that includes a set of conceptual instruments to analyse this variety. Moreover, this framework should be helpful in the exploration of the relationship between organizations and the regulatory domain. The book focuses on organizational forms under two perspectives. First, it underlines the variety in organizational forms and their internal complexity. Second, it includes a series of case studies from different theoretical perspectives that highlight diversity within the agri-food sector, spanning from the adoption of standards to producer organizations. The book then proposes a conceptual foundation that can help in the design of applied theoretical frameworks to address the variety and the complexity of the organizational modes in agri-food supply systems.

Technology and Transaction Costs World Scientific

Adopting a critical realist position, this book renders transaction cost economics (TCE) into a behavioral theory of organizational decision-making by foregrounding psychological processes and introducing and integrating with effectuation theory. Consistent with its behavioral agenda, the book introduces the concept of uncertainty controllability and provides a clearer conceptualization and a novel modeling strategy of bounded rationality based on the conceptual separation of cognitive bounds from psychological 'rationalizing.' The book inspires new insights into the significance of cultural distance (CD). Based on the understanding that culture is socially-extended cognition, the author re-conceptualizes CD as reflecting cognitive bounds, and uses the biases arising from CD to contextualize effectuation and deepen the flat ontology of both TCE and effectuation theory. The book presents a full two-sided behavioral framework of organizational decision-making, with behavioral TCE and behavioral real options theory complementing each other to complete the full behavioral picture. Both sides are further linked to organizational learning, which reduces biases over time and thus drives governance structures toward more rational directions. The full framework uses prospect theory as the overarching theory that determines which side of the behavioral framework is relevant for the uncertainty of concern based on the different problem frames resulting from

different degrees of uncertainty controllability. Because effectuation can take place on both sides of the framework based on competing risk logics, prospect theory serves to harmonize inconsistencies in the effectuation literature as a side note. This book applies the behavioral TCE side of the framework to the study of MNC subsidiary ownership decision-making process using a dataset of over 10,000 Japanese subsidiaries founded in 43 host countries. It concludes with a discussion of implications and future directions for TCE in general and international business in particular.

[A Transaction Cost Economics and a Foucauldian Approach to the Study of IT Outsourcing Governance](#) Ics Press

Irrespective of source and manner of aid management, any aid received by a non-good-governance government above the food-aid threshold tends to increase transaction cost toward infinity (transaction cost theorem). The donor can reduce the transaction cost or social cost for the aid-recipient by withholding the aid. Under the new dispensation of the global good-governance government, which came into a clear profile after the global economy meltdown and the environmental crises, that level of food-aid is now unconditionally received as human right. This monograph concludes that of all the major problems global good-governance government is confronted with today, the problem of the aid-dependent economy is perhaps

the easiest and the least costly to solve.

Toward a New Economics of the Firm Springer Science & Business Media

Transaction cost economics began to take shape around 1970 and has since been established as an essential tool used to illuminate a wide range of problems in economics and other social sciences. This reader presents articles which together form the foundations of research in transaction cost economics.

The Economizing School Governance Model Springer

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