

CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIAL REALITY (SEARLE, 1995)

1. Building Blocks:

FACTS \neq SOCIAL AGREEMENT

2 INSTITUTIONAL FACTS

4 CULTURE: SUPPORTS REALITY ASSUMPTIONS

\neq PHENOM: TOO SIMPLE

\neq COMPUTATIONAL: OBSERVER-RELATIVE - E.G. CONSCIOUS

6 SUBSTANTIAL PRESUMPTIONS - World - IN ORDER TO ASK QUESTIONS

MOST META- \emptyset = DERIVED FROM PHYSICS

- CONDITION OF BEING EDUCATED: ATOMIC / EVOLUTION

Particles - systems \rightarrow living systems

13 ASSIGNMENT OF FUNCTION:

\neq EXPERIENCE world AS MATERIAL OBJECTS (physics)

* \rightarrow 15 - SITUATING FACTS RELATIVE TO SYSTEM OF VALUES

- ASSIGNMENT OF TELEology

- VOCAB. OF SUCCESS / FAILURE

Darwin: NO INTRINSIC TELEology

19 Social FACTS - RELATIVE TO INTERESTS OF USERS / OBSERVERS

- NORMATIVE COMPONENT IN FUNCTIONS \neq REDUCED TO CAUSATION

23 COLLECTIVE INTENTIONALITY:

- INCLUDING CONFLICT

25 - PRIMITIVE PHENOM.

- $\%$ FALSE CHOICE: REDUCTIONISM V. GREAT MIND (HEGEL)

- SOCIAL FACT

27 BRUTE FACTS: INDEPEN. OF LANGUAGE / INSTITUTION

INSTITUTIONAL FACTS:

REGULATIVE

CONSTITUTIVE: INSTITUTIONAL FACTS = ONLY

- NOT ARBITRARY ($\%$ CONVENTIONS)

2. CREATING INSTITUTIONAL FACTS:

32 SELF-REFERENTIALITY - MONEY = MONEY

34 CREATED BY EXPLICIT PERFORMATIVE UTTERANCES

- DECLARATIONS

\neq EXIST IN ISOLATION - SYSTEMATIC relationships

- INTERLOCKING INSTITUTIONAL REALITIES / DEPENDENCIES

- $\%$ NATURAL SCIENCES \neq INDEP. ENTITY

- 37 LINGUISTIC ELEMENT = PARTLY CONSTITUTIVE
- 38 COLLECTIVE V. INDIV. INTENTIONALITY.
- COLLECTIVE / INDIV. - CAN GENERATE ASSENTING FUNCTIONS
- *> Symbolism - E.g. FENCE INET
- SAME FUNCTION AS PHYSICAL "
- 41 STATUS - TO WHICH FUNCTION = ATTACHED : STATUS FUNCTIONS
- COLLECTIVE RECOGNITION
- COMMODITY - CONTRACT - FIAT
- 47 MAY = CREATED / EVOLVE W/O CONSCIOUS AWARENESS
E.G. CULTURE / EVOLUTION
- *> MAY ACCEPT «MYTH»
ACQUIRES NORMATIVE STATUS -> RULE
- SETS UP ABUSE SITUATIONS
- 52 LINGUISTICS ≠ CIRCULAR = PLACEHOLDER
- BOLSTERED BY OTHER INSTITUTIONAL CONCEPTS
- 57 SOCIAL OBJECTS: GOVNS, \$, ETC. INET
= PLACEHOLDERS FOR ACTIVITIES
- 3 LANGUAGE + SOCIAL REALITY:
- 59 LANGUAGE = CONSTITUTIVE OF INSTITUTIONAL REALITY.
Symbolism - SOMETHING BEYOND ITSELF
- 61 FACT-DEPENDENT V. FACT-INDEPENDENT
- THOUGHTS
- FACTS
- *> LANGUAGE-DEPEN. : MONEY + PROPERTY
- although ≠ WORDS :
1. MENTAL REPRESENTATIONS (INST. FACTS)
2. " " = LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT
- 64 INST. FACT THOUGHTS = LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT
- language = logical NECESSITY
- 69 - NO PRELINGUISTIC
- CONVENTION-ONLY
- 73 - LANGUAGE: DESIGNED -> INSTITUTIONAL FACTS
- *> - BEYOND ITSELF -> LINGUISTIC IN CHARACTER.
- 75 - SPEECH ACT = CAPACITY FOR FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS EVOLUTIONARY

4. INSTITUTIONAL FACTS:

80 REQUIRE CONSTANT INTERACTION

83 CREATES NEW INSTITUTIONAL FACTS

PRIMARY LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS: REPRESENTING WORLD

INST. FACTS → NEW INST. FACTS

85 PROPERTY: SPEECH ACTS

- NEW RIGHTS ~ SPEECH ACTS

- REPLACE BRUTE PHYSICAL w/ relationships

- STATUS INDICATORS

*→ - INSTITUTIONAL FACTS SUBSTITUTE FOR physical

*→ 87 TEST: EXPLICIT CODIFIABILITY (LAWS)

INET

- LOSS OF SPONTANEITY / INFORMALITY

- Gradual

94 INSTITUTIONAL FACTS: REQUIRE CONSTANT ADJUSTMENT

Few General Formal PROPERTIES OF INST. FACTS:

- MATTER OF CONFERRING NEW POWER

97 - WORKS ONLY IN RELATION TO PEOPLE (AGENTIVE FUNCTION)

- INTERNAL / EXTERNAL P.O.V.

- INTERNAL Microlevel = PRIMARY

CATEGORIES:

1. Symbolic: reality rep. 1+ MODES

2. Deontic: REGULATE RELATIONS

- RIGHTS / RESPONSIBILITIES

3. Honor

4. Procedural: STAGES

- ENABLEMENTS / REQUIREMENTS CREATION / DESTRUCTION

procedural / TERMINAL

111 ONE primitive, logical op. by which INST. REALITY = CREATED:
= COLLECTIVELY ACCEPT...

5. General Theory II:

113 INST. PERMITS CREATION OF INST. FACTS → Social / BRUTE FACTS

- COLLECTIVE INTENTIONALITY

115 CREATION OF I.F.!

- ITERATION : FUNCTION ON FUNCTION
- NEWER = EXPLICIT SPEECH ACTS

CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF I.F.!

- 117 - CONTINUE TO ACCEPT / RECOG. FACTS
- *-> 118 - NEW when = NONE : ACT AS IF ALREADY EXISTS

STATUS INDICATORS : OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIONS

- b10 ≠ READ FROM PHYSICAL FACTS
- 120 - ALWAYS EPISTEMIC
- Symbolic

122 Hierarchy : FUNCTIONS → INST. FACTS!

- *-> - TOP : COLLECTIVELY IMPOSE FUNCTION ON PHENOM. INSUFFICIENT TO GUARANTEE PERFORM. OF FUNCTION
∴ FUNCTION ONLY IF = COLLECTIVE RECOG.

DIGITEFi
INET

124 CLASSIFICATION

FUNCTION ITERATION

TYPICALLY = EVOLUTION '0 DELIBERATE

6. Background Abilities :

128 UNCONSCIOUS rule following

Background : NON-INTENTIONAL CAPACITIES

- TRUTH CONDITIONS / PERCEPTION CONDITIONS / STRUCTURES CONSCIOUSNESS
- 135 - MOTIVATIONAL DISPOSITION / EXPECTATIONS
- FACILITATES LEADINESS / BEHAVIOR

143 INTUITIVE FACTOR :

- 145 - COMMUNICATED (ACQUIRED) BY UBIQUITOUS ABILITIES
- EVOLVED SENSITIVITY TO RULES - MECHANISM

147 = SENSITIVITY / CAPACITY '0 MASTERY OF RULES

- *-> - NOT rule-bound

Ability to
"ACCEPT"
INET Commerce

7. DOES REAL WORLD EXIST? : ATTACKS ON REALISM

151 VOCABULARIES / CONCEPTUAL SCHEMES - HUMAN CREATIONS / ARBITRARY
- MULT. FACTOR INFLUENCE

KNOWLEDGE - JUSTIFICATION / EVIDENCE - NOT ARBITRARY: CATEGORIZATION

153 LARGE PART REALITY ≠ DEPEND ON INTENTIONALITY. : EXTERNAL
- GOD'S-EYE = WRONG
- ONE BEST VOCAB. = WRONG

155 REALISM: ≠ THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE ≠ THEORY OF LANGUAGE
↳ ONTOLOGICAL THEORY: TOTALLY INDEP. OF OUR REPRESENTATIONS.
= THERE IS WAY THINGS ARE - INDEPENDENT

* → REALITY ≠ REPRESENTATIONS

159 - NEED NOT CONCLUDE REALITY FROM OUR REPRESENTATIONS

166 ≠ MAKE WORLDS - MAKE DESCRIPTIONS

167 LANGUAGE: 20TH C. OBSESSION - Ø
- 17TH C: ANTI-REALISM = EPISTEMIC GROUNDING
• KANT: TRANSCENDENTAL IDEALISM
• BERKELEY: PUBLIC FACTS (TERMS)
• MILL: SENSATION POSSIBILITIES

173 EPISTEMOLOGY = IMPORTANT % CENTRAL TO Ø

175 PIATO / WITTGENSTEIN: NOTIONS OF TRUTH = NAIVE
- BUT NOTION TRUTH-REALITY COINCIDENCE = IMPOSSIBLE
% EVERY REALITY REP. = ASPECTUAL

8. REAL WORLD II : PROOF E.R.

183 E.R. - ARTICULATES SPACE OF POSSIBILITIES

185 E.R. - BACKGROUND PRESUPPOSITION ON NORMAL UNDERSTANDING

187 PRESUPPOSE PUBLIC REALITY - OUTSIDE OF INDIV. / REPRESENTATIONS

* → 189 PRICE OF ABAN. OF REALISM = ABAN. OF NORMAL UNDERSTANDING.

194 ≠ PROVED E.R. OR DISPROVED SOLIPSISM
- NORMAL UNDERSTANDING ≠ SELF-GUARANTEEING.

9. TRUTH + CORRESPONDENCE:

199 TRUTH = CORRESPONDENCE TO FACTS
= ACCURACY OF REP.

210 TRUTH: ROOT = TRUST

212 FACT: WHAT MAKES STATEMENTS TRUE

x → 228

Culture : COLLECTIVE INTENTIONALITY

- ASSIGNMENT OF FUNCTIONS where ≠ possible solely physical

Biological CAPACITY TO SYMBOLIZE : basic CAPACITY - INSTITUTIONAL Reality

- LANGUAGE : INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE