Governing the multiple ‘norths’ within northern Australia


Map 1: Northern Australia (LNP, 2013)

Map 2: Indigenous language areas of Northern Australia. Adapted from (Horton, 1996)
Governance for multiplicities...

- Critical Systems Thinking (Flood, 2010)
  - Systems thinking
  - Critical awareness
  - Theoretical complementarity
  - Social awareness
  - Methodological complementarity
  - Human emancipation

- Systemic Intervention (Midgely, 2000)
  - Boundary Critique of knowledge and power
A proven approach to supporting healthy governance systems in northern Australia (Dale, 2013; Potts, 2014),

Beyond structural-functionalism:
- Inter-relatedness and emergence
- Change and transformation
- Social awareness and Human emancipation
- Critical awareness: enabling pluralism (worldviews and knowledges)

‘Interoperability’ with overt processes of governance
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- Chapter to demonstrate the theoretical work of the CRN NRF group on governance,
  - Honing a CST-informed version of GSA
  - Developing a theoretical and practical approach to governance that:
    - Engages with multiplicity and difference
    - Alert to power relations
    - Recognizes that effective outcomes require ethical modes of engagement