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Action Theory to Solve Adaptive Problems

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Knowledge Evolution and Societal Transformation proposes a new paradigm based on the evolution of knowledge that synthesizes existing social science theories at three analytical levels. A central theme is how knowledge causes new problems and explains growing inequality. To solve these problems, systemic networks in education, economy, and political system are suggested.

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