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1. Introduction

Economic and sociological approaches to economic organization have reached a state of healthy tension. That is to be contrasted with an earlier state of affairs in which the two approaches were largely disjunct, hence ignored one another, or described each other's research agendas and research accomplishments with disdain (Swedberg, 1990, p. 4). Healthy tension involves genuine give-and-take. Neither the obsolescence of organization rheory, to which Charles Perrow has recently alluded (1992, p. 162), nor the capitulation of economics, to which James March (tongue-in-cheek) remarks, is implied.

A more respectful relation, perhaps even a sense that economics and organization are engaged in a joint venture, is evident in W. Richard Scott's remark that 'while important areas of disagreement remain, more consensus exists than is at first apparent' (1992, p. 3), in gaine theorist David Kreps's contention that 'almost any theory of organization which is addressed by game theory will do more for game theory than game theory will do for it' (1992, p. 1), and in my argument that a science of organization is in progress in which law, economics, and organization are joined. 2

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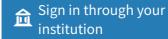
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