Promoting capability for Policy Implementation: Why and How

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Amazing success in the “development” era: The last fifty have been far and away the best 50 years in human well being in the history of mankind

But logistical successes can impede progress in grappling with the next generation of tasks that require implementation intensity or, more challenging still, innovation—and produce capability traps

Two elements of capability traps: “isomorphic mimicry” and “wishful thinking”

Four principles of the PDIA (Problem driven iterative adaptation) approach to escaping capability traps
Amazing Success

Lesson of the Human Development Report 2011: Progress on the HDI has been massive and, especially in the HD part, amazingly uniform across countries.

- Schooling…
- Infant mortality and (hence) life expectancy…
- Income and absolute poverty
Expansion of schooling…Haitians have more schooling today than the French in 1960
This gain in schooling completed has been strikingly uniform in countries both “good” and “bad”

- Corruption, average 1985-2009: Best third of countries 5.1, Worst third of countries 5.0
- Democracy, average 1960-2008: Best third of countries 5.0, Worst third of countries 5.2
- Civil liberties, average 1972-2008: Best third of countries 4.9, Worst third of countries 4.9
- Economic growth, average 1950-2007: Best third of countries 5.4, Worst third of countries 4.9
Big gains in life expectancy

Sweden: 1800-2000, over 100 years from 40 to 65

Gains, even in the worst conditions were good, and in the best spectacular

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An analytical taxonomy of what has gone right…and wrong as different taxonomies play different roles

Both dogs

Both predators

Both look alike and live in Alaska
What is more alike as “service delivery”? Are “hospital” and “clinic” more alike than “primary school” and “primary clinic”?
What do you care about?

- Write down any **specific** activity that you would like government to do better in any **specific** context:
  - property tax collection in Cali, Colombia
  - Nutritional supplementation programs in Nepal
  - Health care in rural Kenya
  - Micro-savings in Indonesia
  - Pro-growth industrial policy in Argentina
  - Procurement in Kenya
  - Public-Private Partnerships in electricity production in India
  - Environmental regulation in Bangkok, Thailand
  - Financial sector prudential regulation in the USA

- Turn to your neighbor and right an left and tell them what that activity is
Taxonomy: Four *analytical* questions to answer about policy implementation

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<td>Require that the implementing agents make finely based distinctions about the “state of the world”? Are these distinctions difficult for a third party to assess?</td>
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<td>Require that agents innovate to achieve desired outcomes?</td>
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<td><strong>HS</strong>: High Stakes?</td>
<td>Require that the agents resist large temptations to something besides implement the policy that would produce the desired outcome?</td>
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## Classification of “activities” in health

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<td>Encouraging preventive health</td>
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Classification of “activities” in financial sector

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<td>Lending to firms</td>
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<td>Promoting entrepreneurs</td>
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We are looking for a taxonomy based on exogenous features of what it takes to accomplish activities (independent of sector)

- How sensitive (versus robust) is the mapping between states of the world, actions and outcomes?
- How costly is it for a third party to verify in a contractually enforceable way the “state of the world”?
- What are the costs/benefits to the owner/implementer/recipient of the actions?

Copper melts before steel

![Diagram showing melting point comparison of different materials](engineeringtoolbox.com)
Summary of Classification of “activities” Using our Taxonomy

Implementation Light: Policy or Concentrated elite services

Logistics

Implementation Intensive Service Delivery

Implementation Intensive Imposition of

Wicked Hard
What is like what?

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Benefits of a Taxonomy

- There can be no “lessons” about “how to” that are not based on an analytical taxonomy that specifies what is like what—taking “lessons” from “logistics” to “implementation intensive” sectors or vice versa can make things worse.

- The question isn’t “sectors” as most sectors include activities of all analytical types…e.g. “health” or “infrastructure”.

- This is also true even within a give sub-sector—”primary education” has tasks that are “logistics” (building schools) and tasks that are “implementation intensive service delivery” that can potentially be unbundled.
Examples from education...

- Building schools is logistical—same thing over and over
- Hiring teachers according to bureaucratic criteria of education and training is logistical
- Putting stuff into schools (chalk, books) is logistical
Incorrect Problem Identification Facilitates Persistent Failure …

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<th>Typical failure</th>
<th>Diagnostic tool</th>
<th>What to do?</th>
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<td>Policy</td>
<td>Inaction</td>
<td>“too little”</td>
<td>Just do it</td>
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<td>Logistics</td>
<td>Inadequate scale</td>
<td>Outcome indicators (e.g. MDGs)</td>
<td>More (more advocacy, more money, more of the same)</td>
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<td>Implementation</td>
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<td>Accountability Triangle</td>
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<td>Imposition of obligations: Incorporation</td>
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<td>Wicked Hard</td>
<td>Innovation</td>
<td>Five Ovals</td>
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Pretending the problem is still up here in Policy or Scaling up logistics… which have mostly been accomplished when it is really down here… in implementation and innovation
State Capability for Policy Implementation: What does your government do well (enough) already?

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<th>Implementation Intensity</th>
<th>Capability required</th>
<th>Service Delivery</th>
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Facts about evolution of state capability from cross-national indicators

- Many of the world’s problem spots are not growth or elections failures but are weak and/or state capability (e.g. regions of Africa, Afghanistan, Pakistan)

- Many cross-sections with only short time series…but current is the integral of all past and many countries are still near the lowest capability could be (e.g. anarchy) empirically grounded in Somalia…inferred growth rates show very slow progress

- Available time series show zero, or very slow, progress in “bureaucratic quality” or “control of corruption”—which accords with popular views of South Asia/Africa especially but also parts of Latin America and Asia

- At the very least, there is not “accelerated” modernization of state capability that was the optimistic (“Let Freedom Come”) view of the end of colonialism and of the development or “foreign aid”
“Capability Traps” are when there is stagnation in the pace of acquisition of state capability for policy implementation: How long till Haiti reaches Singapore?

Been independent for 200 years and is only this far above Somalia (complete anarchy).

Extrapolating that pace Haiti reaches Singapore’s capability in 2,000 years.
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<td>Average bottom 15 countries in the average of the three indicators</td>
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*Source: “Looking Like a State” PWA 2011*
Three issues with attempts to build “capability”

- Isomorphnic mimicry—assuming function will automatically follow form

- Overambitious agendas (leading to cocooning of various types)

- Confusing the capability of *individuals* with the capability of *organizations* and *systems*
Isomorphic Mimicry in Snakes

(Conant 1958)

Eastern Coral Snake (venomous)

Scarlet King Snake (non-venomous)

(Remember: Red and black, friend of Jack, Red and Yellow, Kill a Fellow)
Evolutionary Ecosystem: Systems, Organizations, Agents

System Characteristics (Context, Environment for Organizations)

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Agents (leaders, managers, Front-line workers)

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Agenda Conformity

(E)Valuation of novelty Functionality

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Compliance
Why economists love markets like we do when we do: Good markets lead to ecological learning

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Motivates innovation and “creative destruction”

Firms can enter

Consumers vote with their feet/dollars
The Dangers of Public Systems

Monopoly providers (as users of public resources) risk averse
“more of the same (alignment of political interests) but better”

Motivates isomorphic mimicry (mimetic or normative)
organization as an organizational strategy, front-line leadership, front-line malaise

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“Looking like a State” creates a Useful Fiction of Isomorphism

- Allows external agents actually embedded in their own accountability context (e.g. bilateral assistance agencies, multi-lateral organizations) to pretend “development” is happening

- Allows domestic elites to continue engagement with external “partners”

- But…potentially inhibits creating real information on performance (including rigorous impact evaluation) or space for innovation (particularly in civic engagement) domestically

- Able to shrug off “external” actors and produce “effervescent innovation”—lots of “heroes” but no victories as the actors cannot single handedly succeed
Isomorph mimicry in snakes and schools: When is a school just a building?

Camouflage of looking like a poisonous snake is a survival strategy—without the bother of being poisonous

Camouflage of looking like a school—buildings, teachers, kids in uniform—allows public schools to survive without all the bother of educating children
It's worse than that: “development” project often cause a vicious cycle of “pre-mature load bearing” through overambitious agendas.

- Ability to inflict damage on the enemy
- Maximum Battlefield pressure
- Sharply non-linear dynamic of army “capability” under engagement stress
- Battlefield stress (e.g. fog of war, casualties)
The intellectual impasse of failed modernization: BAU “capacity building” in the face of deep organizational rot

Health ministry Worker Functioning to Improve Health

Existing “minimal” Health standards

Available rewards to non-compliance for individual health workers (e.g. stealing medicines, shirking, day lighting)

BAU: Training/budget/materiel

India

Afghanistan

Denmark
Optimism versus wishful thinking: Pace of the improvement in governance
Individual Capacity vs. System Capability

- Individual capacity is the ability of the agents to correctly assess the relevant state of the world and know the action appropriate to that situation (could they do the policy mapping if they wanted to?)

- System capability (or organizations and systems) is the ability to induce agents to fully exercise their capacity to reach specified policy goals (do they do the policy mapping in practice?)
Comparing Public and Private Medical Providers in Delhi: illustrates “capacity” versus “capability”

Medical providers by sector, competence versus effort

Public doctors know more, but do less

Asking the right diagnostic question on common conditions (diarrhea or cough with no fever): vignette versus practice

Effort deficit of public sector doctors

Source: Das and Hammer 2006, Table A.2 and Figure 2
Problems cannot be solved by the same level of thinking that created them.

Albert Einstein
Four Principles of Building Capability that Sabotages the Camouflage to Address the Wicked Hard

- Problem Driven—looking to solve particular problems
- “Muddling Through”: Authorization of positive deviation, purposive crawl of the design space
- “It’s all about MeE”: integration of rigorous “experiential” learning into tight feedback loops
- “Only Learning is Learning”: Diffusion of feasible practice across organizations and communities of practitioners
Locally Defined Problem Driven

- What gets onto the agenda for action?
- Not “solution” driven (e.g. “raise qualifications of teacher”)
- Tackle a feasible (but hard) problem
- Rigorous about goals in the output/outcome space (e.g. numbers of new exports, growth of exports)
Solution Driven: Example from Primary Education

If these countries did everything on the input agenda...nowhere on learning

Input Agendas

- Countries have plans for improving “quality” of education
- “Quality” is defined by inputs
- Plans spend money to achieve inputs
- No connection with an output/outcome target on learning
Examples of “problem driven”

- Malcolm Sparrow’s work on “policing” (a circularly defined input agenda of responding to calls and closing cases) versus “reducing crime” or “stopping open air drug sales”

- Andrews work on PFM—countries did easy “budgeting” (a circularly defined input agenda) and badly on “expenditures” as it never affected the core of the organization and hence “solutions” could be implemented without touching problems

- Woolcock on land titling—programs tore through the easy ones that did not matter (e.g. no disputes hence no uncertainty) but the system built for logistics foundered on the hard ones—which were the ones that mattered
“Muddling Through”: Authorization of positive deviation

- Authorize (in the Mark Moore sense) at least some agents to move from process to flexible and autonomous control to seek better results

- An “autonomy” for “performance accountability” swap (versus “process accountability”)

- Only works if the authorization is problem driven and measured and measurable...increase the ratio of “gale of creative destruction” to “idiot wind”
Design policy based on global “best practice”

Organizations & Agencies
Implement according to local constraints

Rent Seekers
Bureaucrats
Innovators

Policies include process barriers to prevent malfeasance

Process controls also prevent potentially useful process deviations

Space for Achievable Practice

Lower Outcome
Outcome
Higher Outcome
Design water/sanitation program on local “Best Fit ”

Internal authorization of positive deviation

Rent Seekers

Bureaucrats

Designated Innovators

Space for Achievable Practice

Process Controls

Policy Deviation

Process Controls

Feedback on Outcomes

Dirty Streets

Less-Dirty Streets

Cleanest Streets
Flexible Bureaucracies: Discretion, Creativity, and Accountability in Labor Market Regulation and Public Sector Management (Brazil)

- Flexible bureaucracies explore discretion as a condition for organizational learning and improvement. A study conducted by Pires (2009) finds that processes through which internal heterogeneity and the seemingly organizational inconsistency resulting from discretion (e.g. coexistence of different understandings about work, practices, and behaviors within the same organization) create opportunities for experimentation, continual reflection on practice, as well as alternative forms of accountability on bureaucratic behavior.

- The research involved extensive data collection through on-site fieldwork on the Brazilian Labor Inspection Department, as well as detailed investigations of a sample of 27 cases of labor inspectors' intervention in different economic sectors and states. This was done at three distinct levels: a) variation in behaviors at the street-level; b) management practices and structures, their effects on work routines and inspection practices; and c) the role of narratives about work and
It’s all about MeE: Crawling the design space with tight feedback loops

- **Monitoring**: mainly internal, about inputs and process controls (e.g. was budget spent against acceptable items in acceptable ways)

- **Evaluation** (of the Big E type): mainly ex post, able to focus on outcomes and outputs and tell “with and without” project…with a longish time lag for a specific element of the design space

- **Experiential learning**: Using the process of implementation itself to provide as tight as possible feedback loops on implementation
## Only learning is learning

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<td>What drives action?</td>
<td>Externally nominated problems or “solutions” in which deviation from “best practice” forms is itself defined as the problem</td>
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<td>Planning for action</td>
<td>Lots of advance planning, articulating a plan of action, with implementation regarded as following the planned script.</td>
<td>“Muddling through” with the authorization of positive deviation and a purposive crawl of the available design space</td>
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<td>Feedback loops</td>
<td>Monitoring (short loops, focused on disbursement and process compliance) and Evaluation (long feedback loop on outputs, maybe outcomes)</td>
<td>Tight feedback loops based on the problem and on experimentation with information loops integrated with decisions.</td>
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<td>Plans for scaling up and diffusion of learning</td>
<td>Top-down—the head learns and leads, the rest follow and listen.</td>
<td>Diffusion of feasible practice across organizations and communities of practitioners: only learning is learning</td>
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Summary

- Massive successes in human development—even with low capability—as there was lots of logistical low hanging fruit

- Now we have moved into second and third generation issues of “implementation intensive” and “wicked hard” problems for which logistical mentalities are counter-productive

- Isomorphic mimicry, overambitious agendas and confusion about organizational capability impede building state capability

- Sabotaging the camouflage requires a systematically different approach—like PDIA—but this will be hard as bureaucracies of all kinds love the safety of camouflage behind process
Papers/publications

This draws on joint work with Matt Andrews, Michael Woolcock and others, much of which is still unpublished and in progress.

“Looking Like a State” (in revision for Journal of Development Studies, Center Global Development working paper)

“Escaping Capability Traps” (coming soon)

Matt Andrews forthcoming book explores many of these same issues around the issue of PFM.

My forthcoming book “The Rebirth of Education” explores these issues (e.g. transition from logistics to IISD and the role of isomorphic mimicry) in the context of basic schooling.