Matrix for Analysis of Perspectives on Theory Building

Given the notion that McCourt and Stone have similar ideas about the dichotomy of perspectives on theory building, we can use the terms of their dichotomy as central concepts for the analysis of specific statements of theory. If this were your dissertation, this matrix for analysis would be your conceptual framework and the visual would be in the final section of chapter two.

As Team 3, you will need to construct a visual that shows the reader relation of these set of concepts. One way is to construct a matrix that uses the competing perspectives [the terms from McCourt and Stone] as the columns of the matrix and the individual, specific theories as the rows of the matrix. A second way to to show these major concepts as "bins" into which you sort specific sources. Either "columns" in a matrix or "bins" will give us a view of the dichotomy. This will allow us to compare the series of individual theories [the rows of the matrix or the items in the bins] in terms of the McCourt/ Stone analysis of theory building [the columns of the matrix or the bins]. Specific theories will either fall into Column/ Bin A or Column/Bin B – or else we will need to create a Column / Bin C.

Matrix of Competing Perspectives

Column A Column B
Name: Name:

1. Deborah Stone Your Analysis Your Analysis
A:1 B:1

2. McCourt Your Analysis Your Analysis
A:2 B:2

Topic 3, Forum for Team 3: Terms of Analysis
We will need to construct the matrix or name the bins by selecting the 2 sets of key terms the 2 authors use to present their notion of competing perspectives: the terms of the comparison = the names of columns/ bins A & B. These key terms should come from your glossaries. In the forum below [Terms of Analysis] , as a team 2 name the columns / bins and offer a rationale for the use of these key terms as column/ bin names.