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Project management education and practice have been shaped by systems thinking, from early interest in Systems Engineering, which informed the development of industry-wide practice guides and standards, to later interest in Soft Systems Methodology and the increasing interpretivist emphasis in the field. Project management is essentially practice-based. Further research into the application of systems thinking to project management will provide a valuable stimulus to the evolution of project management as a discipline.

Topics:

- Systems thinking approaches to conflict management in large-scale and protracted projects
- Problem structuring and solution-space definition in ill-defined projects
- Systemic exploration of emergent risk scenarios
- The systemic interaction between a project and the broader organizational context
- Application of systems thinking to megaprojects in politically contested environments
- How the application of system thinking varies with the size of projects
- Conscious and unconscious application of systems thinking in projects
- Systemic stakeholder engagement
- etc.





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