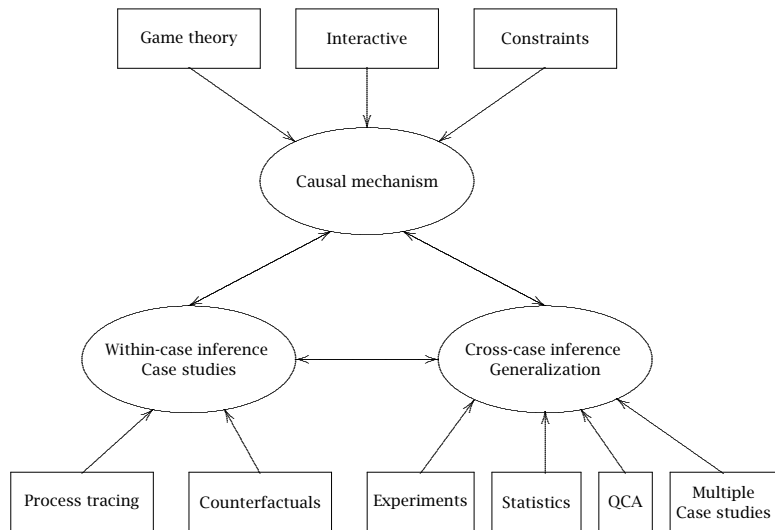


Multimethod research, causal mechanisms, and case studies: an integrated approach

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The centrality of within-case causal inference

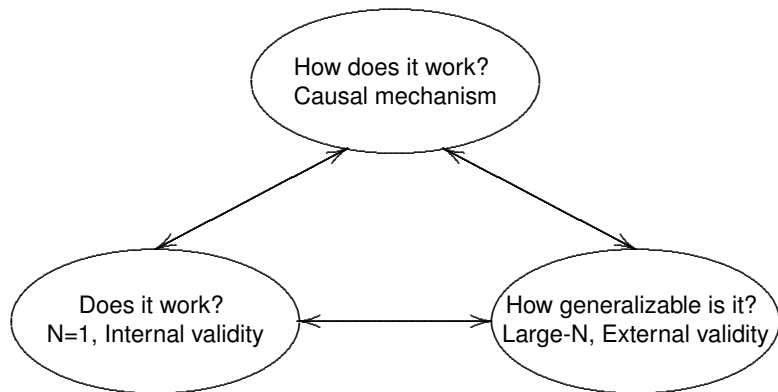
Singular causal claims are primary. This is true in two senses. First, they are a necessary ingredient in the methods we use to establish generic causal claims. Even the methods that test causal laws by looking for regularities will not work unless some singular causal information is filled in first. Second, the regularities themselves play a secondary role in establishing a causal law. They are just evidence – and only one kind of evidence at that – that certain kinds of singular causal fact have happened.

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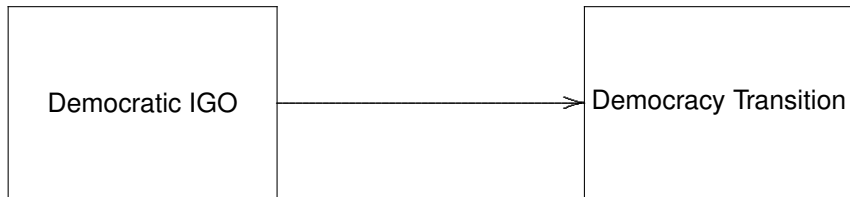
Within-case causal inference

No available secondary source account argues that Japan would have passed legislation to address some of the most egregious aspects of discrimination against women in employment had not the question of Japan's position on the CEDAW come up. Clearly, this was a case in which an externally negotiated agreement changed the country's legislative agenda, placing issues of women's equality much higher on the list of legislative priorities than would have existed had Japan not been faced with the issue of what to do about the CEDAW. (Simmons 2009, 240)

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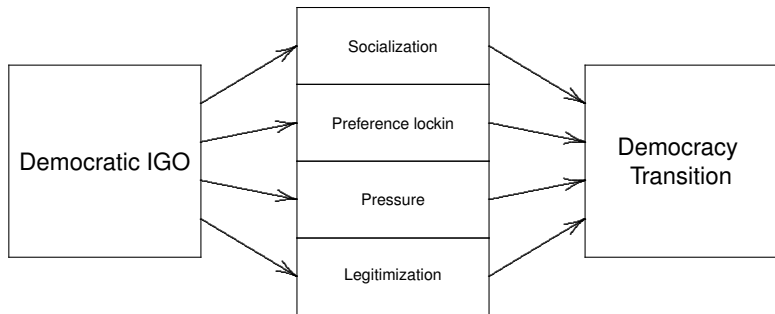
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Statistical model

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Causal mechanism in case studies

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