

## Handbook of Economic Organization

### Integrating Economic and Organization Theory

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This comprehensive and groundbreaking Handbook integrates economic and organization theories to help elucidate the design and evolution of economic organization.

Economic organization is regarded both as a subject of inquiry and as an emerging disciplinary field in its own right, integrating insights from economics, organization theory, strategy and management, economic sociology and cognitive psychology. The contributors, who share this integrated approach, are distinguished scholars at the productive peak in their fields. Each original, state-of-the-art chapter not only addresses foundational issues, but also identifies key issues for future research.

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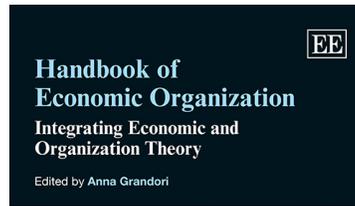
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