

# Holism (glossary)

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(1) *The theory that parts of a whole are in intimate interconnection, such that they cannot exist or be understood independently of the whole.* (von Bertalanffy 1968)

(2) *To take a Holistic view of a situation.* (von Bertalanffy 1968)

## Sources

(1) and (2) von Bertalanffy, L. 1968. *General system theory: Foundations, development, applications*, Revised ed. New York, NY: Braziller.

## Discussion

The term "holistic " is used to describe an approach based on holism.

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