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Information and Schemata

A Study Group on Political Information Processing has also been established, one of its purposes being to compile and distribute abstracts of current and recent research proposals, publications, and unpublished reports on topics relevant to political information processing. For further information, contact Milton Lodge, Study Group on Political Information Processing, c/o Laboratory for Behavioral Research, State University of New York, Stony Brook NY 11794. A significant forthcoming publication in this field is *Political Cognition: The 19th Annual Carnegie Symposium on Cognition* (Hillsdale NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum, 1986), edited by Richard R. Lau and David O. Sears, which devotes considerable space to the concept of *schema*. Although contemporary cognitive theory otherwise tends to overemphasize the storage and retrieval of information, the schema concept has long been of interest in Q methodology--e.g., in Peirce's Law of Schemata, as described by William Stephenson, "Consciring," *Communication Yearbook 4*, ed. D. Nimmo (New Brunswick NJ: Transaction Books, 1980), p. 23.

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