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# Interpretative frameworks for theory-policy interaction at International Financial Institutions pre and post crisis

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## Résumé

Studies on the policies of the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) are often conducted through the lens of examining the impact of the reforms attached to IMF programmes. Studies into the underlying theoretical basis of IMF policy, though not absent, have been far fewer. With has come to be known as the 'oral tradition' this paper tries to further our theoretical frameworks for interpreting theory-policy interaction at institutions like the IMF drawing from broad fields of history of science and history of economics and new quantitative techniques in use in these fields.

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