

Theoretical frameworks, analytical frameworks and conceptual frameworks

theoretical framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the literature review in a research project 's is not a theoretical framework• It is comprised of the different theories and theoretical constructs that help explain a phenomenon• it sets out the various expectations that a theory posits and how they would apply to a specific case under analysis, and how one would use theory to explain a particular phenomenon
analytical framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• a model that helps explain how a certain type of analysis will be conducted• a “conceptual framework that helps analyse particular phenomena”• instrumental: their purpose is to help undertake analyses• to deconstruct a specific concept/set of concepts/phenomenon
conceptual framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• describes the different concepts one would need to know to understand a particular phenomenon• aim to help understand phenomena rather than to predict them• without pretending to create causal links across variables and outcomes• like lenses through which you can see a particular phenomenon• should serve to help illuminate and clarify fuzzy ideas, and fill lacunae• offers insight that would not be otherwise be gained without a more profound understanding of the concepts explained in the framework

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See also: Jabareen, Y. (2009). Building a Conceptual Framework: Philosophy, Definitions, and Procedure. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*, 8(4), 49-62. <https://doi.org/10.1177/160940690900800406>