

System explained by Humberto Maturana

Is an organisation a system?

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SPEAKER 1: So, is an organization a system?

HUMBERTO MATURANA: I would say yes. I mean, if you understand for organization, and let's say a factory for example, a school, yeah, it is a system. And it is defined as the kind of system that it is by an organization. And it exists as a totality in a particular domain that in which its organization can be realized.

For example, a school exists only in a human community in which schooling takes place as a particular activity realized in a particular close dynamics that constitute the school. But in a community in which the learning does not take place in that way, you don't have schools, although you have learning.