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Dear Dr. Perceval,

Thank you for submitting your manuscript entitled "Social Spacetime A Geometric Model of Social Dynamics" to *Sociological Theory*. As you may know, the editors carefully read each submitted paper to determine whether it should be sent out for review. This letter summarizes the outcome of that evaluation.

We read your paper with great interest, but in the end, found it not to be a good candidate for the review process at *Sociological Theory*. It has been our experience that papers that try to develop encompassing "theories of everything" or that take "the social" or "social explanation" as a whole as their main object of inquiry are seldom received positively by our readers, who prefer more targeted theoretical interventions designed to solve specific conceptual problems of relevance to empirically oriented areas of inquiry. There is a bit of an attempt to engage with more grounded areas of inquiry here such as network, fields, and institutional theories, but devoting a few paragraphs to three theoretical traditions for which there are literally hundreds of articles and dozens of books dedicated to them is just going to be found woefully insufficient by our modal reader. In the end, it has been our experience that the journal article format is simply not the right venue for developing approaches that aim to transform all of sociological explanation in general, for which a book monograph is perhaps the more appropriate approach.

We are sorry that we do not have better news for you. To put this decision in context, please keep in mind that, with submissions at an all-time high at the journal, we decline to send more than half of the papers submitted to us for review to avoid overwhelming our already stretched reviewer base and editorial board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Omar Lizardo", is written over a light gray horizontal line.

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