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Convention was immediately recognized as a major contribution to the

subject and its significance has remained undiminished since its first publication in 1969. Lewis analyzes social conventions as regularities in

the resolution of recurring coordination problems-situations characterized by interdependent decision processes in which common interests are at stake. Conventions are contrasted with other kinds of regularity, and conventions governing systems of communication are given special attention.