## MARKETING AND CONSUMER BEHAVIOUR

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#### What is Marketing?

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- Like language its various elements shape-shift with time
- · New concepts arise and others sunset
- Constant terms like 'product', 'customer' take new meaning.
- Effects of technology, demographics, industry and economy

#### **Market Orientation**

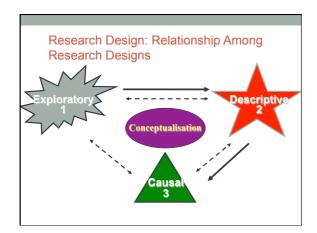
"Marketing is the distinguishing, the unique function of business...Actually, marketing is so basic that it is not just enough to have a strong sales department and to entrust marketing to it. Marketing is not only much broader than selling, it is not a specialised activity at all. It is the whole business seen from the point of view of its final result, that is, from the customer's point of view. Concern and responsibility for marketing must therefore permeate all areas of the enterprise".

Peter Drucker The Practice of Management (1954, pp.35-36)

#### Market Orientation: The Concept

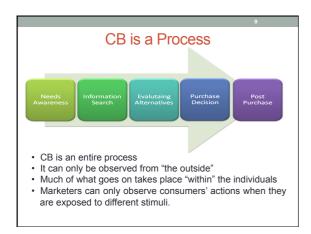
- Looking at the organisation from the customers point of view.
- · Understanding the customer
- Coordination of effort

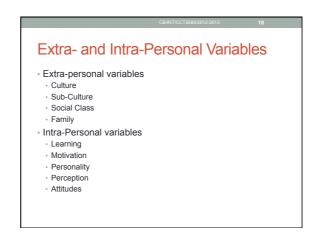
# Research Process • Information Required • Theory / Practice • Problem Formulation • Hypotheses • Research Design • Data collection method • Questionnaire design • Sampling Plan • Data Collection • Data Analysis • Communicates Findings



#### **Understanding the Customer**

- · Marketing Research
- · Consumer Behaviour
- · Organisational Buying Behaviour





### Stages in the Buying Process: Buyphases

- Problem recognition
- · General need description
- Product specification
- Supplier search
- Proposal solicitation
- Supplier selectionOrder-routine specification
- Performance review

## Distinctive Features of B2B markets 1. Relationships between Buyer-Supplier – two systems Supplier Relationship Buyer system 2. Interaction processes Supplier System Interaction in the Relationship Buyer system 3. Network structure of interdependence Firms depend on the network and shape networks as relationships are developed