



# Work, HRM, stakeholders and Sustainability

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# Outline

- **How well do we understand work? And the way that it is changing?**
- **What is HRM?**
- **Who are the stakeholders?**
- **What do we mean by 'sustainable' HRM?**

# How well do we understand work? And the way that it is changing?

- **Work = Employment**
- **Work ≠ Employment (AI; robotization)**
- **Typical work is now not typical**
- **The 'gig' economy**
  - **Cloud based (micro-tasks; free-lance)**
  - **On-demand (using other assets)**
- **Policy makers/ businesses/ scholars (HRM scholars) focused on Employment**

# What is HRM?

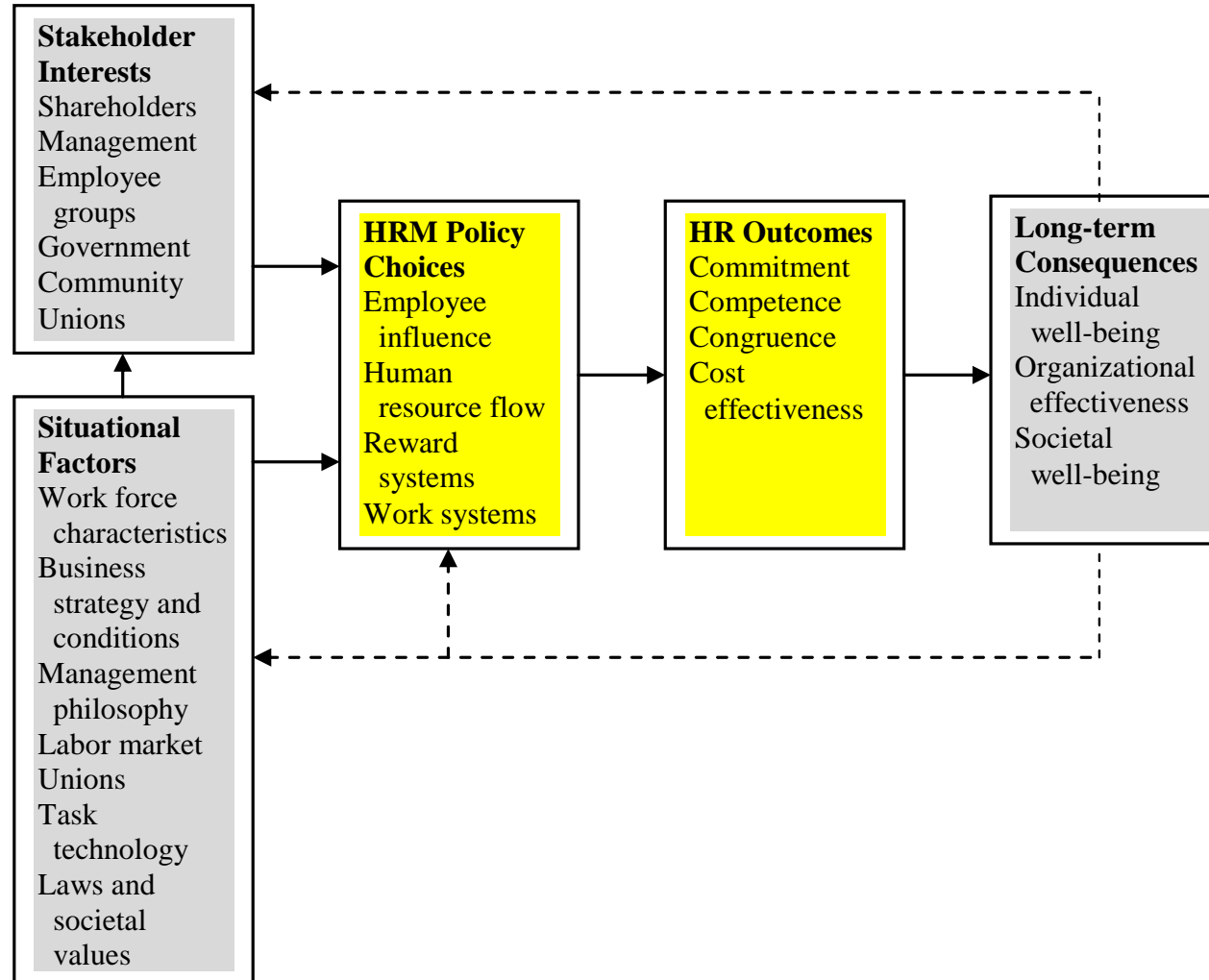
- HRM has traditionally been focused on Employment
- What do we mean by HRM? (two versions):
  1. The process of pro-actively managing the people in the organisation in order to ensure the success of the organisation

OR

1. The process of pro-actively managing the people in the organisation in order to ensure that the interests of various stakeholders are properly balanced

# Strategic HRM...

Figure 2.1 The Harvard Approach



Source: Beer et al. (1984), Figure 2-1, p.16, Map of the HRM Territory.

# Who are the stakeholders?

- **Owners (shareholders)**
- **Managers**
- **Employees (groups of employees; trade unions)**
- **Local community**
- **Government & Society**

# What do we mean by 'sustainable' HRM?

- **The lack of construct clarity**
- **Sustainable HRM/ Socially responsible HRM/ Corporate Social Responsibility (external and internal)**
- **Long-term organisational survival ... ?**
- **Long-term planetary survival ... ?**

**In place of conclusions**



If you have been listening ...

Thank you!  
and  
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