

**Figures**

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**Figure 11.1** *Some building blocks for theory building*

- assumptions
- claims or propositions
- concepts or sets of concepts
- levels of analysis
- definitions
- kinds of theory
- scope
- philosophical underpinnings
- hypotheses
- criteria for good theory
- specification of actors, structures and processes
- variables
- inductive and deductive reasoning
- eclecticism