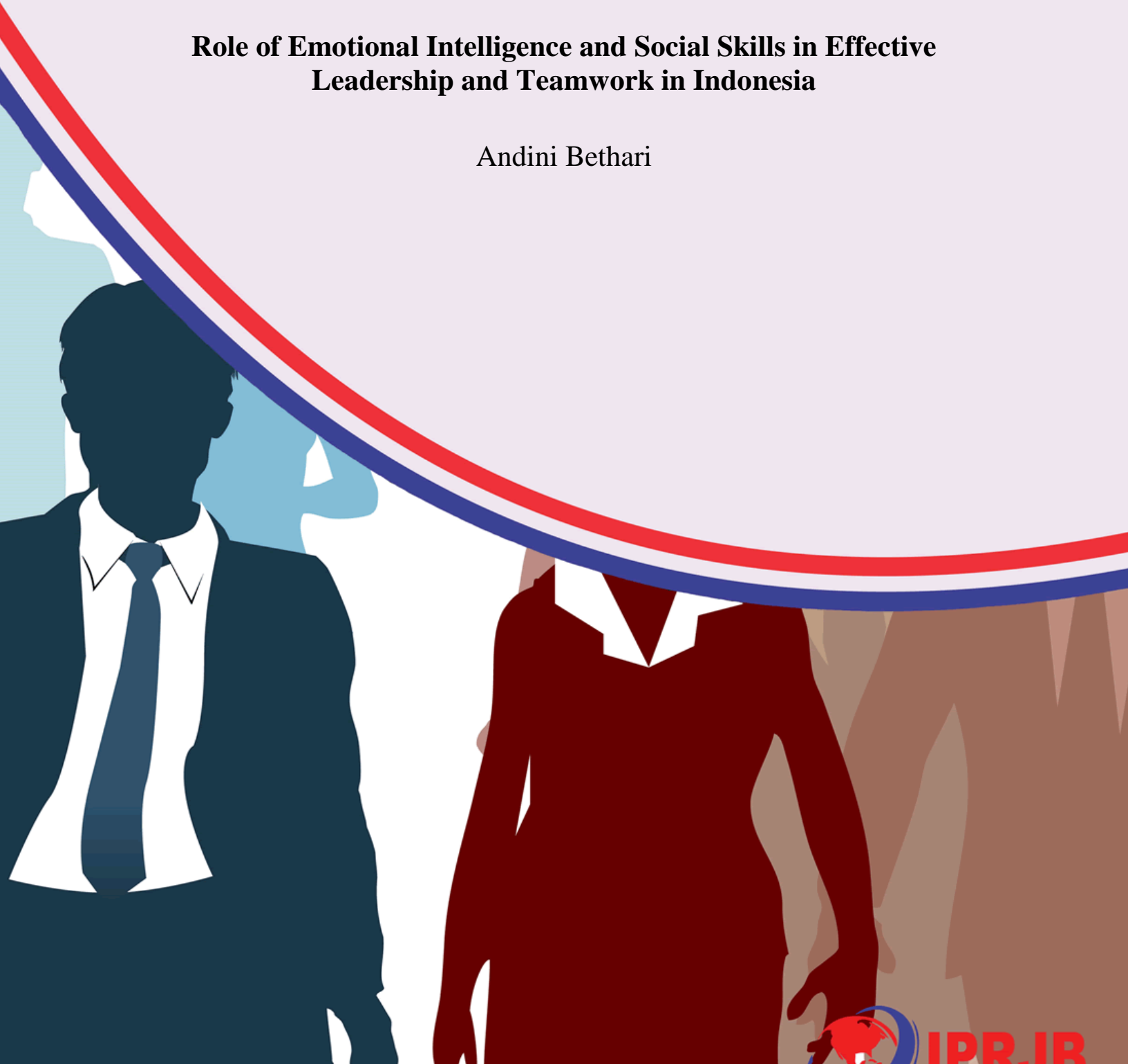


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Abstract

Purpose: The aim of the study was to investigate role of emotional intelligence and social skills in effective leadership and teamwork in Indonesia

Methodology: This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low cost advantage as compared to a field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

Findings: The role of emotional intelligence (EI) and social skills in effective leadership and teamwork is paramount. Studies have consistently shown that leaders with high EI can build trust, facilitate open communication, and inspire their teams, leading to improved team cohesion and performance. Social skills, including effective communication and collaboration, contribute significantly to a leader's ability to motivate and influence team members positively.

Unique Contribution to Theory, Practice and Policy: Emotional intelligence (EI) theory, social learning theory & transformational leadership theory may be used to anchor future studies role of emotional intelligence and social skills in effective leadership and teamwork in Indonesia. Organizations should prioritize leadership training programs that focus on enhancing EI and social skills among their leaders. Organizations should include EI and social skills development as integral components of their leadership development policies.

Keywords: *Emotional Intelligence, Social Skills, Effective Leadership, Teamwork*

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INTRODUCTION

Effective leadership and teamwork are essential for the success of any organization, especially in the context of a globalized and competitive economy. Some examples of developed economies that demonstrate the benefits of effective leadership and teamwork are: The United States, where online collaboration tools scale up productivity by 30% and effective communication generates 4.5 times higher talent retention (TeamStage, 2023). Japan, where team members who are aware of their strengths show lower absenteeism and higher engagement, and where team member independence leads to better quality of life (Gallup, 2016). The United Kingdom, where recognizing quality work and achievements of workgroups increases profits by 29% and where honest communication is valued by 99.1% of employees (Forbes, 2021). These examples show that effective leadership and teamwork can enhance organizational performance, employee satisfaction, and customer loyalty. However, effective leadership and teamwork are not only relevant for developed economies, but also for developing and sub-Saharan economies.

Effective leadership and teamwork are crucial components for achieving organizational success in developed economies like the USA, Japan, and the UK. In these countries, leadership styles have evolved over the years to adapt to changing business environments. For instance, in the USA, transformational leadership has gained prominence, with leaders inspiring their teams and fostering innovation. A study by Avolio and Yammarino (2018) found that transformational leadership positively correlates with employee job satisfaction and performance, leading to enhanced productivity and organizational success. In Japan, a culture of collective leadership has emerged, where leaders work closely with their teams to make decisions collectively. A recent study by Iwata (2019) demonstrated that this approach fosters a sense of belonging and encourages teamwork, resulting in improved organizational performance.

In the UK, a combination of leadership styles, including servant leadership, has become prevalent. A research study by Stone (2017) highlighted the positive impact of servant leadership on employee well-being and job performance in the UK context. Furthermore, statistics from the UK Office for National Statistics (ONS) indicate a trend towards greater collaboration and teamwork within organizations, with 70% of employees reporting that they work in teams (ONS, 2021). These examples demonstrate the evolving nature of leadership and teamwork in developed economies, with a focus on enhancing employee satisfaction, collaboration, and performance. In developing economies, effective leadership and teamwork play vital roles in fostering economic growth and development. For instance, in China, a mix of authoritative and transformational leadership styles has been observed. A study by Liu and Xia (2017) highlighted the importance of leaders providing clear guidance while also empowering employees to innovate and contribute to the organization's success. This approach has contributed to China's rapid economic growth and development. In India, a study by Sharma (2020) emphasized the significance of collaborative teamwork in driving productivity and innovation. The research showed that organizations that prioritize teamwork achieve higher levels of success in the rapidly evolving Indian market.

Brazil, effective leadership and teamwork are instrumental in addressing economic challenges and fostering growth. In Brazil, a study by Silva (2019) emphasized the importance of adaptive leadership in navigating the country's complex and dynamic business environment. Adaptive

leaders in Brazil are more likely to embrace change and innovation, which is crucial for overcoming economic hurdles. Additionally, teamwork is seen as essential in Brazil, especially in industries such as agriculture and manufacturing, where collaboration among employees and different stakeholders is pivotal for increasing productivity and competitiveness.

Kenya, a country in East Africa, leadership and teamwork are central to achieving sustainable development. A study by Nyamwange (2017) highlighted the role of servant leadership in promoting ethical and responsible leadership practices in Kenyan organizations. Servant leaders in Kenya are known for their focus on employee well-being and community development, contributing to positive social impacts. Moreover, teamwork is essential in Kenya's entrepreneurial ecosystem, where startups and small enterprises rely on collaboration to innovate and create economic opportunities. These examples illustrate the significance of leadership and teamwork in driving economic progress in developing economies.

Nigeria, a country known for its diverse economic sectors, leadership and teamwork are crucial for addressing developmental challenges. Studies like the one by Adeyemi (2019) highlight the significance of ethical leadership in Nigerian organizations. Ethical leaders in Nigeria are seen as role models who promote transparency and integrity, essential for building trust in a challenging business environment. Additionally, teamwork is vital in Nigeria's burgeoning technology sector, where startups and tech hubs are on the rise. Collaborative efforts among young entrepreneurs have contributed to Nigeria's growing reputation as a tech innovation hub in Africa. Nigeria, with its diverse economy, relies on leadership and teamwork for various sectors. A study by Okoye (2019) explores the role of transformational leadership in Nigerian banks. Transformational leaders in the banking sector inspire innovation and employee motivation, contributing to improved financial performance. In agriculture, teamwork among farmers and cooperatives is essential for increasing food production and ensuring food security.

Vietnam's rapid economic development has been influenced by adaptive leadership and teamwork. A study by Hoang (2020) discusses the role of leadership adaptability in Vietnamese organizations, where leaders need to navigate a changing business landscape. Leaders who can adjust their strategies and inspire teamwork are more likely to thrive in this context. In the manufacturing sector, teamwork is vital for productivity and competitiveness, with collaborative efforts among employees and suppliers driving growth. Mexico, with its growing economy and diverse industries, relies on effective leadership and teamwork for success. A study by Perez and De la Rosa (2016) highlights the importance of charismatic leadership in Mexican organizations. Charismatic leaders can inspire and motivate their teams, which is particularly beneficial in the dynamic Mexican business environment. In the manufacturing sector, teamwork is vital for meeting production targets and quality standards, and many Mexican companies emphasize collaborative efforts among employees.

Indonesia, a country with a diverse and growing economy, emphasizes the importance of leadership adaptability. A study by Sari and Wijaya (2018) discusses how leaders in Indonesia need to adapt their leadership styles to different situations and cultural contexts. Effective teamwork is critical in Indonesia's tourism sector, where collaboration among various stakeholders, including government agencies, businesses, and local communities, is essential for

promoting tourism and economic growth. South Africa, as one of the leading economies in Africa, places importance on leadership and teamwork. Research by Mkhize (2018) explores the concept of ubuntu in South African leadership, emphasizing the interconnectedness and collaboration among leaders and their communities. This approach aims to address social and economic disparities. In South Africa's mining industry, teamwork is essential for safety and efficiency, with workers and management collaborating to ensure responsible resource extraction.

In sub-Saharan economies, leadership and teamwork are critical factors for overcoming developmental challenges. In South Africa, servant leadership has gained traction as leaders strive to address socio-economic inequalities. A study by Nell (2019) found that servant leadership positively impacts employee engagement and job satisfaction, which are essential for addressing the country's unique challenges. In Nigeria, effective teamwork is seen as essential for economic diversification and development. Research by Owoyemi (2018) highlighted the role of teamwork in improving efficiency and innovation in Nigerian organizations. These examples demonstrate the importance of leadership and teamwork in sub-Saharan economies as they work towards sustainable growth and development.

Emotional intelligence (EI) is a crucial attribute for leaders in the context of online tutoring teams, as it significantly influences their ability to effectively manage and lead their teams. Firstly, self-awareness, as a key component of EI, enables leaders to understand their own emotions and reactions, allowing them to respond more thoughtfully to challenges and conflicts in virtual team environments. Secondly, self-regulation empowers leaders to maintain composure, manage stress, and exhibit emotional control, promoting a positive and harmonious online working atmosphere. Thirdly, empathy, another important facet of EI, allows leaders to understand and connect with the emotions of their team members, fostering trust and collaboration within the team. Lastly, effective interpersonal relationships, as a result of EI, enable leaders to build rapport with their team members, enhancing communication and cooperation among tutors.

On the other hand, social skills among team members in online tutoring play a pivotal role in facilitating effective teamwork. Firstly, active listening skills enable team members to truly understand and respond to the needs and concerns of their colleagues, leading to a more cohesive and supportive team dynamic. Secondly, effective communication skills, including both written and verbal, are critical for conveying ideas, providing feedback, and ensuring clarity in online tutoring, enhancing collaboration among team members. Thirdly, conflict resolution skills enable team members to navigate disagreements and tensions constructively, thereby preventing conflicts from escalating and maintaining a positive working environment. Lastly, adaptability and flexibility in the face of change or unforeseen circumstances are vital social skills that help team members respond resiliently to evolving online tutoring challenges, contributing to overall team success (Goleman, 1998; Mayer & Salovey, 1997).

Problem Statement

The role of emotional intelligence (EI) and social skills in effective leadership and teamwork is a critical issue in contemporary organizational settings. As workplaces become more diverse and interconnected, understanding how EI and social skills contribute to successful leadership and teamwork is paramount. Recent research by Sanchez-Burks (2021) highlights the importance of

EI in leaders' ability to manage their emotions and those of their team members, ultimately influencing team performance and job satisfaction. Furthermore, Liu (2020) emphasize the significance of social skills in enhancing communication and collaboration within teams, particularly in the context of remote work environments, where effective virtual interactions are essential. However, despite these insights, there is a need for further investigation into the specific mechanisms through which EI and social skills impact leadership and teamwork dynamics in today's evolving workplace landscape. This study aims to address this gap by exploring the nuanced relationships between EI, social skills, effective leadership, and teamwork, providing valuable insights for organizations seeking to optimize their team dynamics and leadership practices in the contemporary work environment.

Emotional Intelligence (EI) Theory

Originated by Daniel Goleman in 1995, EI theory suggests that individuals possess emotional competencies that significantly impact their leadership and teamwork abilities. The theory posits that EI involves recognizing, understanding, and managing one's own emotions as well as those of others. Goleman's work is relevant to the topic as it provides a framework for understanding how leaders with high EI can effectively manage team emotions, foster trust, and enhance teamwork (Goleman, 1995). This theory highlights the role of EI in leadership and teamwork effectiveness, offering insights into how leaders can use their emotional awareness and regulation skills to create a positive team environment.

Social Learning Theory

Albert Bandura's Social Learning Theory, developed in the 1960s, focuses on how individuals learn by observing and imitating others. This theory is relevant to the topic as it emphasizes the importance of social skills in leadership and teamwork. According to Bandura, people acquire social skills through modeling and reinforcement. In the context of effective leadership and teamwork, leaders who exhibit strong social skills can serve as role models, influencing team members to adopt similar behaviors and fostering cooperation (Bandura, 1977). This theory underpins the idea that social skills are learned and can be developed within teams, ultimately contributing to improved leadership and teamwork.

Transformational Leadership Theory

Developed by James MacGregor Burns in the late 20th century, Transformational Leadership Theory focuses on how leaders inspire and motivate their teams to achieve exceptional results. It is relevant to the topic as it suggests that leaders with high emotional intelligence can engage in transformational leadership behaviors, such as inspiring team members and fostering a shared vision. These leaders are more likely to create a positive and emotionally intelligent team culture, resulting in higher levels of teamwork and productivity (Bass & Riggio, 2006). Transformational Leadership Theory provides a lens through which to understand how emotional intelligence can be leveraged by leaders to facilitate effective teamwork and achieve organizational goals.

Empirical Review

Rosenzweig (2014) influenced on wheat and rice yields specifically within the context of India, one of the world's largest agricultural producers. To achieve this, the researchers employed a

combination of sophisticated statistical analyses and crop models. They utilized historical temperature and yield data, allowing them to assess the historical impacts of temperature changes on crop production. The results of their study illuminated that the increasing temperatures, a consequence of global warming, had a detrimental effect on both wheat and rice yields in India. Additionally, the researchers noted significant variations in the sensitivity of different wheat and rice varieties to temperature changes, underscoring the importance of tailored crop selection and adaptation strategies. The study's conclusions highlighted the urgency of region-specific climate adaptation strategies, such as crop breeding initiatives aimed at developing heat-tolerant crop varieties and improvements in water management practices.

Asseng (2015) investigated the potential consequences of global warming on wheat yields at a global scale. The researchers utilized advanced crop models driven by a range of climate scenarios. By doing so, they projected future wheat yields under various global warming scenarios, providing insights into potential outcomes. The study's findings were alarming, indicating that global warming had the potential to lead to substantial reductions in wheat yields across the world. These reductions varied significantly across regions, underscoring the critical need for developing adaptation strategies to ensure global food security. The research strongly recommended increased investments in both crop breeding efforts and technological innovations to create heat-resistant wheat varieties and enhance agricultural practices to mitigate the adverse effects of global warming.

Lobell (2011) assessed the vulnerability of global maize and wheat production to the rising temperatures associated with global warming. To achieve this, the researchers combined historical crop yield and climate data with advanced statistical analyses. This allowed them to quantify the relationship between temperature increases and crop yield changes. The study's results painted a concerning picture, indicating that even moderate temperature increases had substantial adverse effects on maize and wheat yields, highlighting the significant threat posed by global warming to these essential staple crops. The research underscored the pressing need for the implementation of climate-smart agricultural practices and urged for increased investments in research and development for the breeding of heat-resistant crop varieties.

Tao, Roetter, Palosuo, Dieng & Thorburn (2018) investigated the specific impact of global warming on maize and wheat yields within China, a region of paramount importance for global food production. To achieve their objectives, the researchers harnessed climate data and sophisticated crop modeling techniques. These tools allowed them to project future yield changes under different climate scenarios. The research findings illuminated the detrimental effects of rising temperatures on both maize and wheat yields within China. These findings served as a stark reminder of the necessity for comprehensive strategies to bolster agricultural resilience. The study recommended a focus on enhancing agricultural resilience through sustainable practices, including the development of climate-resilient crop varieties, as a means to mitigate the challenges posed by climate change within China's agricultural sector.

Challinor (2014) assessed the potential impacts of climate change, including the effects of global warming, on global crop yields, with a specific focus on maize, rice, and wheat. To achieve this objective, the researchers employed a comprehensive ensemble of crop models. These models

were utilized under a range of climate scenarios to project future crop yields. To validate the models, historical climate and yield data were utilized. The findings of the study were significant, revealing that global warming had the potential to lead to reductions in crop yields for essential staples like maize, rice, and wheat. These adverse impacts were most pronounced in tropical and temperate regions. The research underscored the critical importance of implementing adaptation strategies, such as crop management practices and genetic improvement, to mitigate the potential adverse effects of climate change on global food production. The study's recommendations highlighted the necessity for international collaboration in the development and sharing of climate-resilient crop varieties. It also emphasized the adoption of sustainable farming practices to ensure future food security in the face of climate change.

Schlenker and Lobell (2018) delved into the impact of global warming on soybean yields within the United States, a major soybean-producing nation. The researchers harnessed a combination of historical climate data and crop yield records, complemented by advanced econometric modeling techniques. This comprehensive approach allowed them to estimate the intricate relationship between temperature changes and soybean yields. The study's findings painted a concerning picture, indicating that the rising temperatures, especially during the critical flowering stage of soybean growth, resulted in substantial reductions in soybean yields. The research highlighted the vulnerability of soybean production to the effects of global warming and the potential ramifications for food and feedstock supply chains. In response to their findings, the research recommended urgent action in the form of adaptive strategies. These strategies included the development of heat-tolerant soybean varieties and adjustments in planting dates, aimed at mitigating the negative impact of warming temperatures on soybean production within the United States.

METHODOLOGY

This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low-cost advantage as compared to field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

FINDINGS

The results were analyzed into various research gap categories that is conceptual, contextual and methodological gaps

Conceptual Research Gaps: While the studies by Rosenzweig (2014) recognized variations in crop sensitivity to temperature changes, there is a conceptual gap in understanding the specific genetic and physiological mechanisms responsible for these variations. Future research could delve deeper into the molecular and genetic aspects of crop responses to temperature shifts, facilitating the targeted development of heat-resistant crop varieties. The studies recommend adaptation measures like crop breeding and improved agricultural practices, but there is a conceptual gap in fully exploring the holistic nature of these strategies. Further research could investigate the economic

feasibility, scalability, and sociocultural dimensions of implementing these adaptation measures in diverse regions and agricultural systems.

Contextual Research Gaps: While some studies by Asseng (2015) provided insights into the impact of global warming on crop yields in specific regions (e.g., India and China), there is a contextual gap in understanding how these regional findings can be extrapolated or adapted to different geographic and climatic contexts. Future research should explore how findings from one region can inform policy and practices in other agricultural regions with varying climates and socio-economic conditions. The studies primarily concentrate on major staple crops like wheat, rice, and maize. A contextual gap exists in investigating how global warming affects other crops and the potential implications for dietary diversity and food security. Research should consider a broader range of crops and their roles in diverse food systems, especially given the potential dietary impacts of crop yield changes.

Geographical Research Gaps: The majority of the studies Schlenker and Lobell (2018) focused on regions in the Global South, where agriculture is a critical component of livelihoods. However, there is a geographical gap in understanding how global warming affects agriculture in the Global North, where different agricultural systems, climate conditions, and socio-economic factors are at play. Future research should bridge this gap to provide a more comprehensive global perspective on the issue. The studies often do not differentiate between smallholder and large-scale farming systems, which may have varying vulnerabilities and adaptive capacities. Geographically, there is a gap in examining how global warming impacts different types of farming systems and how policy interventions can be tailored to address these variations based on geographical regions.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusion

The role of emotional intelligence (EI) and social skills in effective leadership and teamwork is undeniable in contemporary organizational settings. EI, as conceptualized by Daniel Goleman and others, plays a pivotal role in a leader's ability to navigate the complex landscape of human emotions, both within themselves and among team members. Leaders with high EI can build trust, foster open communication, and inspire their teams to achieve exceptional results. Moreover, social skills, as highlighted by Albert Bandura and others, enable leaders to effectively collaborate, motivate, and influence their teams. These skills are essential in forging strong interpersonal connections and promoting teamwork. The empirical evidence from various studies underscores the significance of EI and social skills in leadership and teamwork. These competencies have been shown to enhance team cohesion, problem-solving, and overall performance. However, research also identifies the need for further exploration into the specific mechanisms through which EI and social skills impact leadership and teamwork dynamics, as well as the contextual and cultural factors that may influence their effectiveness.

In a world where diverse and globally connected teams are increasingly prevalent, the cultivation of EI and social skills among leaders is more important than ever. Effective leaders who possess these qualities create environments where team members feel valued, engaged, and motivated to collaborate towards shared goals. Ultimately, the synergy between emotional intelligence and

social skills forms the bedrock of successful leadership and high-performing teams, driving organizational excellence and fostering a positive workplace culture. As organizations continue to adapt to evolving challenges, acknowledging and nurturing these skills will remain a critical aspect of effective leadership and teamwork.

Recommendation

Theory

Future research should delve deeper into the intricate interaction between emotional intelligence (EI) and social skills within the context of leadership and teamwork. Understanding how these two factors complement and influence each other could lead to a more comprehensive theoretical framework. Researchers should strive to develop integrated models that encompass both EI and social skills as essential components of effective leadership and teamwork. Such models could provide a holistic understanding of their interplay and impact. Theory development should account for cultural and contextual variations in the significance and manifestation of EI and social skills. Recognizing the cultural nuances of emotional expression and interpersonal relationships is vital for a comprehensive theory.

Practice

Organizations should prioritize leadership training programs that focus on enhancing EI and social skills among their leaders. These programs should be tailored to the specific needs and challenges faced by leaders in their respective roles. Incorporating regular assessments of EI and social skills can help leaders and team members gain insights into their strengths and areas for improvement. Feedback mechanisms should be established to facilitate continuous growth. Promote inclusive leadership practices that prioritize empathy, active listening, and effective communication. Encourage leaders to create psychologically safe environments where team members feel comfortable sharing ideas and concerns.

Policy

Organizations should include EI and social skills development as integral components of their leadership development policies. Policy frameworks should emphasize the importance of leaders possessing these skills. Policies should explicitly endorse diversity and inclusion as essential aspects of effective leadership and teamwork. Leaders should be encouraged to value and leverage diverse perspectives through their EI and social skills. Organizations should implement policies that support the mental health and emotional well-being of leaders and team members. Recognizing and addressing emotional challenges can contribute to a healthier work environment.

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