International Conference

Mixing Methods in Social Network Research

January 30th - 31st 2009
European Academy Berlin, Bismarckallee 46/48, 14193 Berlin-Grunewald

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Thursday, January 29th  
Arrival
7 pm  
Welcome (fireside lounge), Dinner at the European Academy

Friday, January 30th
7.30 – 9 am  
Breakfast

9 am  
Welcome  
Betina Hollstein & Silvia Dominguez  
(Conference room 1)  
Bernd Wegener, Dean, Department of Philosophy III, Humboldt U

9.15-10 am  
Introduction: Mixing Methods in Social Network Research (Hollstein/Dominguez)

Panel I: Theoretical Perspectives and Methodological Foundations

10-10.45 am  
Structure and Meaning in Network Research: A Review of Concepts and Methods (Jan Fuhse/Stuttgart & Sophie Mützel/Berlin)

Coffee break

11-11.45 am  
On the Interplay of Semantics, Interactions, Interventions, and Emotions: A Four Level Network Approach (Roger Häussling/Karlsruhe)

11.45-12.30  
Understanding Network Changes. Integrating Structural and Actor-oriented Approaches (Betina Hollstein/Berlin)

Lunch

Panel II: Data Collection

1.30-2.15 pm  
Triangulation in Network Data Collection: Giving Meaning to Social Structures. A Case Study on Research Networks (Andreas Wald/Östrich-Winkel)

2.15-3 pm  
A Longitudinal Survey Combining Contextual, Qualitative, Quantitative and Structural Data: the Study of Processes of Socialization in the Light of the Dynamics of Personal Networks (Claire Bidart/Aix-en-Provence)

3-3.45 pm  
Integrating Standardized and Narrative Network Data. An Analysis of Fertility Relevant Social Networks (Laura Bernardi/Lausanne & Andreas Klärner/Rostock)

Coffee break

4-4.45 pm  
Giving Meaning to Social Networks: Methodology for Conducting Interviews based on Personal Network Visualizations (José Luis Molina/Barcelona & Isidro Maya Jariego/Sevilla)

4.45-5.30 pm  
Combining Computer Simulation and Ethnography in Studying Network Dynamics. Network Formation and Disintegration of Salvadoran Immigrants (Bruce Rogers & Cecilia Menjivar/Tempe, AZ)

5.30-6.30 pm  
Comment on Panel II (Markku Lonkila/Helsinki)

7.30 pm  
Dinner
Saturday, January 31st

7.30-9 am  Breakfast

Panel III: Data Analysis

9.15-10 am  Two Sides of the Same Coin: the Use of Personal Networks in the Study of Acculturation (Isidro Maya Jariego/Sevilla & Silvia Dominguez/Boston, MA)

10-10.45 am  Social Localization into Organisations and Scenes - Figuration Analyses of Qualitative Network Data on Civic Engagement (Florian Straus/Munich)

Coffee break

11-11.45 am  Using Qualitative Methods of Analysis to Understand the Output of Quantitative Methods of Analysis: The Role of Text Analysis in Identifying Social Network Structures That Can Explain the Likelihood of Taking a Dispute to Court in Rural China (Christine Avenarius/Greenville, NC)

11.45-12.30  A Network Approach to Texts Applied: Synchronic and Diachronic Structures in Interviews (Joan Michel Verd/Barcelona)

Lunch

2-2.45 pm  Mixing Ethnography and Information Technology Data Mining to Visualize Innovation Networks in Global Networked Organizations (Julia C. Gluesing/Detroit)

2.45-3.15 pm  Discussion Panel III

Coffee break

3.30-5 pm  Authors meeting: Review and Prospect (Conference room 2)

6 pm  Buffet (on request)

Sunday, February 1st

7.30-10 am  Breakfast, Farewell