

Call for Abstracts for the organized session

Network analysis of cultural and social duality

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In recent decades, the duality of culture and social structure as mutually constitutive has been in the focus of social science with a corresponding interest in symbols, meanings, texts, cultural frames, and cognitive schemas when studying social processes (Bourdieu 1984; Friedland and Alford 1991; Mohr 1998; Aleksander 2003). One stream of research applied network perspective to the level of institutions and/or fields, examining power control of social phenomena that involves cultural structures and social structures as conditioning symbolic ones (DiMaggio 1986; Mohr 1994; 2009). It has also been argued that the relations between the cultural and the social reveal themselves at the level of social (inter)action and practice, as individuals tend to switch between cultural classifications and social relations (White 1992), play on the gaps and contradictions in fields' logics (Friedland and Alford 1991; Friedland and Roger 2009), and are guided by matters at hand (Bourdieu 1990) and by intersubjective relations (De Nooy 2003; Godart and White 2010). In those processes, meaning – which is then further integrated into cultural constructs and affects large-scale social structures - continuously emerges bottom-up.

Methodologically relevant are two-mode perspectives on meaning (Breiger 1974; 2000; Mohr 1994; 2000; Breiger and Mohr 2004) with their links to multimodal and multilevel data, such as in the socio-semantic approach (Roth 2013) and analytical techniques employing formal statistical modeling, including SAOMs and ERGMs. Another possibility is qualitative approaches - addressing the duality of structure and culture as meanings emerging from interaction, such as analysis of relational events (White 1992; Fuhse and Muetzel 2011) and sequences of events analysis (Bearman and Stovel 2000). There are also mixed methods using, for example, Galois lattices (Yeung 2005) or meaning contrasts analysis based on textual data.

The session welcomes papers applying these or other network analysis methods to study the duality of culture and social structures either on the micro or the macro level, particularly welcoming papers addressing relations between the two levels.

Please submit your abstract (not exceeding 200 words) [here](#) before **March 1st 2016**.

When submitting, don't forget to select the session title **"Network analysis of cultural and social duality"** from the list.

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We are looking forward to your contributions.

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