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Social Network Analysis: What for?

Form: 2 days residential course

Date: Thursday 31 October and Friday 1 Novembre 2013

Place : Hôtel le Sapin, 1637 Charmey, Switzerland

Organizers: Prof. Eric Widmer (University of Geneva), Prof. Felix Bühlmann (University of Lausanne)

Abstract:

Social network analysis is mainly known as a methodology proposing a set of indicators measuring the structural features of medium to large groupings of social actors. Social network analysis nevertheless, thanks to its focus on relationships existing among actors, proposes a specific way of dealing with social processes which is distinct at the same time from rational choice and structuralist approaches. Thus, to do social network analysis is to change one's view on classical objects of the social sciences. Social classes, elites and social stratification, the functioning of organizations and markets, the dynamics of ethnicity and gender, the family and the life course, social change and deviance, are some examples, among many others, that gain much to be conceptualized in terms of networks. Social network analysis enables researchers to better grasp informal processes linking a great number of actors.

The goals of this module is to initiate the enrolled PhD students to the construction of a social network research question in their own domain of study, and, therefore, to increase their scientific culture and creativity. The module will include a series of presentation of leading specialists in the field of social networks.

Provisional Program

	Thursday 31st October 2013	Friday 1st November 2013
Morning	9.30 – 10.00 Welcome	9.00– 10.15 Jeffrey Johnson East Carolina University
	10.00 – 10.45 Introduction	
	10.45 – 12.00 Emmanuel Lazega Science Po, Paris	10.15 – 10.30 Break
		10.30 – 11.45 Janine Dahinden University of Neuchâtel
	12.15 – 13.15 Lunch	11.45 – 12.45 Lunch
Afternoon	13.30 – 14.45 Michel Grossetti LISST, Toulouse	13.00 – 14.15 Eric Widmer University of Geneva
		14.15 – 15.30 Presentation Doctoral students
	14.45 – 15.15 Break	15.30 – 15.45 Break
	15.15 – 16.30 Sophie Mützel Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin	15.45 – 17.00 Stéphanie Ginalski University of Lausanne
	16.45 Thermal bath visit (voluntary)	Goodbye
	20.00 Supper	