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Pilier principal M ScS - anthropologie	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
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ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Automne

Equipe enseignante

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Assistant-e-s : Léone Ruiz et Aurélien Petzold

Objectifs

This seminar has three (interrelated) objectives: First, students gain insights into qualitative social network analysis (SNA) and its basic theoretical concepts, ideas, and methods (name-generators, etc.). Second, students familiarise themselves with empirical research within migration studies that apply SNA. Third, students learn to critically engage with issues of migration, ethnicity and transnationality by using SNA.

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Qualitative social network analysis is becoming increasingly popular within migration studies. On the one hand, there is a common understanding among migration scholars that social networks are of high significance with regard to all aspects of the migration process, i.e. migration decision, social support, transnationality, etc. On the other hand, social network analysis has the potential to rectify important epistemological pitfalls of migration research. An increasing number of migration scholars have been calling for more reflexivity within migration research. Prominent targets of criticism are nation-state and ethnicity-centred epistemologies that often inform empirical research on migration and mobility as well as the theoretical conclusions drawn from it. Applying the methods and concepts of social network analysis helps to overcome these pitfalls. Social network analysis permits to not only grasp the structure of networks, but also to understand the role that migration, transnationality and ethnicity play within these networks and how they interact with other structuring forces like migration regimes, social class, education or gender.

In the course of this seminar, we will read texts regarding the most important theoretical foundations of qualitative social network analysis, but also critically discuss empirical researches employing SNA in the field of migration, ethnicity and transnationality. Finally, the students will be asked to do an empirical exercise applying these ideas.

Dates:

21.9 (14h15-16h)
12.10, 19.10, 2.11, 14.12 (12h15-18h)

Forme de l'évaluation

Internal evaluation.

1. Response papers (max 1 page) for compulsory texts (10%)
2. Student presentations (20%).
3. Final essay (10-15 pages) (70%)

Documentation

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A syllabus with compulsory texts is available on moodle.

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