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Pilier principal M ScS - anthropologie	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
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Pilier principal MSc S - migration et citoyenneté	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier principal MSc S - migration et citoyenneté (EuMIGS)	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier principal M ScS - psychologie et éducation	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier principal M ScS - sociologie	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

Prof. Janine Dahinden

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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: Introduction Wednesday : 18.09.2019 (10h15-12h) ; Fridays : 11.10 / 25.10 / 01.11 / 13.12.2019 (always 12h15-18h)

The class will be taught in English. The discussions will be partly in English and French. The students are free to present in class in English or French, they can write the final essay in French, English or German.

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%)

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Remarque : la non-remise du travail écrit dans les délais impartis, sans motif valable, entraînera automatiquement un échec à ce travail.

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A syllabus with compulsory texts is available on moodle.

Pré-requis

To read before the first class: Dahinden, Janine (2016). "A plea for the "de-migranticization" of research on migration and integration." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 39 (13):2207-2225.

Forme de l'enseignement

Classical inputs, work in groups, presentations.

Objectifs d'apprentissage

Au terme de la formation l'étudiant-e doit être capable de :

- Defend a reflexive approach to migration studies
- Discuss the main critics regarding an ethno and national centred epistemology within migration studies
- Practice a network interview
- Distinguish the most important concepts of qualitative Social Network Analysis
- Discuss social network structures and contents
- Apply the methods and concepts of Social Network Analysis to a small research
- Conceptualise a research on social networks within migration studies

Compétences transférables

- Carry out a critical analysis
- Act on the basis of an ethical reasoning
- Generate new ideas (creativity)
- Provide a substantiated recommendation
- Discuss complex issues and interactions