

MEASURING CULTURE WORKSHOP

Advancing Computational Approaches in Sociological Research

Date: 20-21 November 2023

Place: SOCIUM, University of Bremen, Germany¹

Keynotes: Jennifer Lena and Sophie Mützel

Recent years have seen a growing interest among sociologists to apply novel conceptual and analytical tools in the study of culture. The increased availability of new and diverse data sources and technological capacities allows researchers to explore longstanding sociological topics. These include the causes and consequences of cultural tastes and practices, structural changes in cultural fields, or the antecedents for cultural status orders. This workshop aims to bring together researchers who develop, apply, or reflect upon computational approaches in the sociological study of culture. Presentations may cover the emergence, polarization, and transformation of social relationships in cultural fields—such as music, film, literature, sports, or science; the impact of cultural tastes and practices on social relationships and inequality; the role of culture in the construction of symbolic boundaries; or the assignment of meaning in the evaluation of cultural objects. The workshop equally welcomes methodological contributions that develop formal cultural analysis and critical reflections upon the use of formal modeling approaches in the study of culture. The format of the workshop will include presentations by participants and two keynote talks by Jennifer Lena (Columbia University) and Sophie Mützel (University of Lucerne). Participants will be able to continue conversations during lunch and dinner which will be provided by the organizers.

We look forward to receive your **submissions** (abstract or working paper) by **September 8th** via email to Mark Wittek (wittek@wiso.uni-koeln.de) and Katharina Burgdorf (burgdorf@uni-bremen.de).

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