

Content Meets Structure - Integrating Different Perspectives on Social Networks

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Social interactions can be found everywhere in our world. By engaging with each other, people, institutions, and other types of actors form social relationships. The emerging patterns can be viewed as a social network. While the network content (Who are the network members?) is in itself interesting, the network structure (How are the network members connected to each other?) allows specific insights into selection and influence processes: Who provides what type of social support to whom? Which types of ties lead to the spread of specific diseases? Do different personality types enable distinct network forms?

Social networks are part of the public discourse and are used in a variety of disciplines. The result is a high variety of research questions, analytical approaches, levels of analysis, and types of data. In short: very different perspectives. Bringing these together, new ideas may develop that help overcome methodological, theoretical, and subject-specific challenges that scholars face during the research process. „Content Meets Structure“ is meant as a space to exchange ideas and insights between network researchers from all disciplines.

This conference invites theoretical, methodological, and empirical contributions from all fields of social networks. In addition to presentations by the participants, two special workshop sessions will offer insights into network modules from international surveys and discuss analytical tools for more complex network analysis.

For your paper to be considered, please submit an abstract of no more than 300 words (plus 3-5 keywords). Abstracts should be emailed to content-meets-structure@hadw-bw.de by 15.05.2020. After the review process and no later than 01.06.2020 you will get a notice about the decision regarding your paper.

As this conference is sponsored by the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, participation is free of charge.
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