Department of Sociology & Anthropology, BGU

Course: Social Network Analysis

Level and status: 4 credit points M.A. One of the core seminars for the track Organizational Sociology, and an elective seminar for others

Prior requirements: None

Lecturer: Dr. Daniel Maman


Course description:

Network analysis presents an alternative theoretical and methodological perspective to the reigning approaches in the social sciences. The focus is on the relations among actors (people, organizations, states etc.) and the positions they held in the social structure. In the fall semester, we will discuss the theoretical foundations of social network analysis. The learning is based on reading of articles in different social domains. In the spring semester, we will deal with methodological aspects and we will study how to analyze social networks data using UCINET software. In addition, we will discuss different criticisms of network studies.

Course requirements:

Students are required to be present in class meetings, read and prepare the material and the assignments (30% of grade), offer class presentations (20%), present paper proposal and submit on time the final written work.

Grade: final written work (50% of grade)

Course schedule and reading list:

* indicates required reading

Fall Semester:

Introduction of Social Networks Analysis


http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/reprint/sci;323/5916/892.pdf

Core concepts


A documentary film: Connected: the Power of Six Degree of Separation
http://yes.walla.co.il:80/?w=2/7829/1542369


The Sociology of Health and Illness


**Work and Careers**


**Culture**


**Political Sociology**


**Organizational Sociology**

Economic Sociology


Innovation and Entrepreneurship


Spring Semester:

Methodological Aspects


McCarty, C. ….. “Structure in Personal Networks”, *Journal of Social Structure*, [http://www.library.cmu.edu:7850/joss/McCarty/McCarty.htm](http://www.library.cmu.edu:7850/joss/McCarty/McCarty.htm)


**Criticism of Social Network Analysis**


