COURSE DETAIL

SOCIAL NETWORKS IN THEORY AND RESEARCH
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Utrecht University
Program(s) Utrecht University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology Psychology
UCEAP Course Number 115
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title SOCIAL NETWORKS IN THEORY AND RESEARCH
UCEAP Transcript Title SOCIAL NETWORKS
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
This course provides an overview of the main developments in research centering on social networks which exists in the fields of sociology, economics, psychology, and anthropology. Important theories and theoretical aspects, which explain the emergence and the consequences of social networks, are discussed. This includes, for example the notion of the “strength of weak ties”, the focus theory, as well as different perspectives on centrality and how we are all connected. Finally, students read and discuss a number of research problems and topics on which social network studies focused. Examples of these topics are: social networks in organizations, online social networks, social networks and health, and negative social networks. The research questions underlying these topics are reconstructed and answers provided by empirical research are discussed. In addition, attention is paid to the different kinds of methods that can be used to collect network data as well as the analysis of such data. During the course, students choose a topic of their interest on which they write a paper in groups of two students). The papers consist of a review of the literature as well as an empirical study carried out by the students on the basis of this literature.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
200300014

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Sociology

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