

POWER AND REGION IN A MULTIPOLAR ORDER (PRIMO)

Methods Training Workshop: Network Analysis and Regional Power Studies

15-19 June 2015

**Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence Center for European Studies,
Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences
Middle East Technical University,
Ankara, Turkey**

Venue: Blue Room, FEAS B Building

Concept and Program

This workshop conveys the theoretical and practical skills necessary for analysing linkages, collaborations and power relations between formally unrelated actors. By drawing on approaches developed not least in ethnology and sociology, participants will be equipped with tools necessary to inquire into both the micro-foundations of decision-making in the respective regional powers and the role of non-state actors – such as transnational corporations and civil society – within particular regional configurations.

New analytical techniques with the quantitative analysis of networks are applied to analyse social relationships which is generally referred to as network or social network analysis. In this “methods training workshop” of the Power and Region in a Multipolar Order (PRIMO) project supported by the 7th Framework Marie Curie Actions, PhD. students, researchers and experts within and outside the PRIMO network will be equipped with network analysis training while focusing on international relations and regional power studies. For more details of the project check also: <http://www.primo-itn.eu/>

International politics has been traditionally seen as conduct of relations primarily between states in the international system. However, increasingly foreign policy is no longer perceived only within the domain of states as primary actors. Increasingly international politics is perceived in a global fashion and interconnectedness of actors within social settings become more visible. In this post-national world, these social relations, as well as the interactions between the domestic, the regional and the international politics are becoming key aspects in international politics.

The aim of this workshop is to focus on these interactions in the analysis of regional powers. This workshop will focus on the utilization of network analysis as a method in analysing foreign policy formulations of regional powers as well as other social issues that influence and impact the actions of states and regional powers. In that respect, network analysis can contribute to an interdisciplinary investigation into non-state actor’s role in foreign policy in

its formulation and its outcome. Social movements, NGOs, international organizations, multinational corporations, unions, social groups, transnational advocacy networks or even individuals engage at both national and international level to support, build alliances, participate in conflicts at various levels that may alter choices, provide opportunities or challenges for foreign policies of states. Similarly, states may engage in formulating their foreign policies with direct implications over the local, the national and the international levels.

Taking into consideration of these ideas this workshop will comprise of two different parts. The first part will focus on the methodological issues on network analysis. This part will include training on conceptual explanations of network analysis, the areas of application of this method, and the non-state actor dimensions in the discipline of International Relations. This part of the workshop will also include sessions on the practical applications of network analysis and the participants will have the opportunity to get feedback from the trainers with respect to their particular research. Group discussions will provide opportunities for exchange of ideas between trainers and the participants.

The second part of the workshop will have a specific focus on network analysis and the study of regions and regional powers. There will be experts on area studies, regional power experts invited for roundtable discussions.

In both parts of the workshop Marie Curie Experienced Researchers (ERs) and Marie Curie Early Stage Researchers (ESRs) are strongly encouraged to actively participate the sessions. There will be opportunities for the ESRs to receive feedback for their PhD research.

This workshop is also scheduled in line with the Department of International Relations annual conference. This will provide further networking opportunities both for the training participants and experts. All researcher participants (MSc. and PhD. students from METU or elsewhere) who have participated to the workshop will receive a certificate of participation.

Participants planning to attend the application sessions will have to download the free programmes prior to the training sessions. The links can be found in page 8.

Participants interested in attending will have to register prior to the event. Please indicate specifically if you are interested in attending Session 17 via the link below:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JG3YHRX>

For more details of the IR conference please visit the conference website at:
<http://ir.metu.edu.tr/area-studies-and-ir-conference2015>

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WORKSHOP PROGRAMME:

Time	Subject	Speaker(s)
<u>Day 1: June 15, Monday</u>		
08:45 – 9:30	<i>Registration: Welcome coffee, tea and light snacks</i>	
9:30 – 10:30	Welcoming Speeches and introduction to the workshop Blue Room, FEAS B Building	Prof. Dr. Özlem Yılmaz, Dean, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Bağcı, Chair, Department of International Relations Assist. Prof. Dr. Başak Kale, PRIMO METU Scientist-in-Chief, Department of International Relations
10.30- 12.00	Session 1: A Network Approach in Political Science	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elif Erişen, Hacettepe University
12.00-13.30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	<i>Faculty Club</i>
13.30-15.00	Session 2: Application of Social Network Analysis to Case Studies: “Causes and Consequences of Unbalanced Relations in the International Politics of the Middle East, 1946-2010”	Asst. Prof. Dr. Belgin Akça, Koç University
15.00-15.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
15.30-17.00	Session 3: Network Analysis and Practical Applications: “Social Network Analysis and Gephi” *(download programme)	Asst. Prof. Dr. Umut Yılmaz Çetinkaya, Organgazi University

Time	Subject	Speaker(s)
Day 2: June 16, Tuesday		
09:00-10.30	Session 4: Network Analysis applications to case studies: “Turkish Opinion Shapers on Twitter: Results from A Large Scale Network Analysis”	Asst. Prof. Dr. Emre Hatipoğlu, Sabancı University
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11.00- 13.00	Session 5: The role of non-state actors and networks in the study of IR: “Disaster Risk Management Strategies and the Role of Networks” “Network Analysis in the Study of International Organizations” “Non-state actors in Security Studies” “Religious networks: Turkish State’s Religious Networks in Europe” "Urban activist networks and participatory policy-making in China"	Chair: Prof. Dr. Erkan Erdil, METU Prof. Dr. Özlem Yılmaz, Dean, FEAS, METU Asst. Prof. Dr. Onur Bahçecik, METU Asst. Prof. Dr. Zerrin Torun; METU Assoc. Zana Çıtak, METU Asst. Prof. Dr. Ceren Ergenç, METU
13.00 - 14.30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	<i>Faculty Club</i>
14.30-16.00	Session 6: Analysing Network Data: “A Short Introduction to SNA Using UCINET” *(download programme)	Asst. Prof. Dr. Güneş Ertan, Koç University
16.00-16.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16.30-17.30	Session 7: PRIMO ESRs’ PhD. Thesis feedback session	Moderators: Asst. Prof. Dr. Özgür Avcı, METU; Dr. Stephan Hensell, University of Hamburg; and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimitris Tsarouhas, Bilkent University

Day 3: June 17, Wednesday		
9:00-10:15	Session 8: Analysing Network Data: “Social Network Analysis in practice: An application with NodeXL” *(download programme)	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Toros, Atılım University
10.15-10.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
10:30-12.00	Session 9: Joint Conceptual Session with the 14th METU IR Conference "Promise and Pitfalls of the Area Studies" (Room: G 110	Prof. Dr. Asef Bayat, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
12.00-13.00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
13.00- 14.15	Session 10: Political Economy of networks, role of multinational companies, and foreign direct investment	Chair: Prof. Dr. John Weeks, SOAS Assoc. Dr. Pınar Bedirhanoglu, METU Assoc. Prof. Dr. Galip Yalman, METU
14.15 - 14.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
14.30-15:30	Session 11: Joint Conceptual Session with the 14th METU IR Conference "The New Bi-polar Global Economy, China and the United States" (Room: G 110)	Prof. Dr. John Weeks, SOAS, University of London
15.30-16.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16:00-17:30	Session 12: Middle Eastern IR and Its Impacts: From the Viewpoint of Outsiders “What is the Particularity of ‘Turkish IR?’: A Comparison with ‘Japanese IR” “Why Does Darfur Still Matter?: The Protracted Conflicts and Its Overlooked Dynamics” “Palestinians and the State: A Historical Review through Regional and Actor’s Contexts” (Room: G 106)	Chair: Dr. Faiz Sheikh, Hamburg University, PRIMO Experienced Researcher (ER) Kohei Imai (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) Kazuhiro Tsunoda (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) and Yuichi Sugawara (United Nations) Hiroyuki Suzuki (Embassy of Japan in Sudan)
18:00-20:00	PRIMO Workshop Reception	All PRIMO participants

Day 4: June 18, Thursday		
09:00-10.30	Session 13: Joint Conceptual Session with the 14th METU IR Conference: “Comparative Political Theory: Between Universalism and Particularism” (Room: G 110)	Asst. Prof. Dr. Loubna El Amine, Georgetown University
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11.00- 12.30	Session 14: Joint Conceptual Session with the 14th METU IR Conference: “The Global Significance of China’s “One Belt One Road” in Historical Perspective” (Room: G110)	Prof. Roy Bin Wong, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)
12.30 - 14.00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14.00-15.30	Session 15: PRIMO PANEL at the 14th METU IR Conference “Debating “China in Africa” - A comparison of Chinese, ‘Western’ and ‘African’ perspectives” “Political Islam in IR: An Umma Approach”? (Room: G 105)	Chair: Asst. Prof. Dr. Zana Çıtak Insa Ewert, German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), PRIMO Early Stage Researcher (ESR) Discussant: Eleonora Tafuro Ambrosetti, PRIMO METU Early Stage Researcher (ESR) Dr. Faiz Sheikh, Hamburg University, PRIMO Experienced Researcher (ER) Discussant: Mingde Wang, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, PRIMO ESR
15.30-16.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16.00-17.30	Session 16: Roundtable Discussion on “Intersection of Area Studies and IR: Possible Methodological Analysis”	Moderator: Asst. Prof. Dr. Derya Göçer Prof. Roy Bin Wong, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), Asst. Prof. Dr. Loubna El Amine, Georgetown University, Prof. Dr. Asef Bayat, University of Illinois

17:30-18:30	Session 17: Methods training in network analysis and its practical applications: Discussion groups with ESRs and other participating PhD. students	Moderators: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elif Erişen, Hacettepe University Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimitris Tsarouhas, Bilkent University
19:00-23:00	PRIMO Fellows and Invited Speakers Dinner	All invited participants
<u>Day 5: June 19, Friday</u>		
09.30-11.00	Session 18: Network analysis: Its analytical foundations and its development	Prof. Dr. Ali Çarkoğlu, Dean, College of Administrative Sciences and Economics, Koç University
11.00-11.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11.30-12.30	Session 19: Network Analysis and its application as a method to the study of International Relations (IR)	Prof. Dr. Ali Çarkoğlu, Dean, College of Administrative Sciences and Economics, Koç University
12.30-13.00	Concluding remarks and delivery of the participant certificates	Prof. Dr. Meliha Altunışık, Dean, Institute of Social Sciences (tbc) Prof. Dr. Atila Eralp, Director, JMCE CES- METU Assist. Prof. Dr. Başak Kale, PRIMO METU Scientist-in-Chief, Department of International Relations
Afternoon	Free afternoon for visiting Anıtkabir and the Ankara Castle	All PRIMO ESRs and ERs (Please confirm attendance with Ms. Eleonora Tafuro)

Practical Info:

VENUE:

METU Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences (FEAS) B Building, 2nd Floor, Blue Room, unless otherwise indicated in the programme.

Practical Issues:

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Sessions with Modelling:

* Please download the relevant programmes beforehand and please bring your own computers to the sessions. If you need access to METU internet network please email your MAC numbers to Mr. Tekin Baykız before tbaykız@metu.edu.tr

<http://gephi.github.io/>

<https://sites.google.com/site/ucinetsoftware/downloads>

<http://nodex1.codeplex.com/>

Data set:

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~mejn/netdata/karate.zip>