Paris Seminar on the Analysis of <u>S</u>ocial <u>P</u>rocesses and <u>S</u>tructures (SPS)

The purpose of the SPS Seminar is to take stock of the debates within the international scientific community that have repercussions for the practice of contemporary sociology, and that renew the ways in which we construct research designs, i.e., the ways in which we connect theoretical claims, data collection and methods to assess the link between data and theory. Several observations motivate this endeavor. Increasing interactions between social sciences and disciplines such as computer science, physics and biology outline new conceptual and methodological perspectives on social realities. The availability of massive data sets raises the question of the tools required to describe, visualize and model these data sets. Simulation techniques, experimental methods and counterfactual analyses modify our conceptions of causality. Crossing sociology's disciplinary frontiers, network analysis expands its range of scales. In addition, the development of mixed methods redraws the distinction between qualitative and quantitative approaches. In light of these challenges, the SPS seminar discusses studies that, no matter their subject and disciplinary background, provide the opportunity to deepen our understanding of the relations between theory, data and methods in social sciences.

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Neil Gross (Colby College)
Is There a "Ferguson Effect"? Google Searches, Concern about Police Violence, and Crime in U.S. Cities, 2014-16

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Arnout van de Rijt (Utrecht University)
Popularity spirals. When bad people, products and ideas **T**rump superior alternatives

24/02/2017
Michel Guillot (Penn University)
Mortality conditions and cohort life expectancy

17/03/2017
Hannes Kröger (UEI, Fiesole)
Do you really trust your own results? Using Bayesian statistics as a framework for a comprehensive quantitative appraisal of bias and uncertainty in social sciences

28/04/2017
Christoph Stadtfeld (ETH, Zürich)
Dynamic network actor models - Studying social networks through time

19/05/2017
Brandon Sepulvado (University of Notre Dame) Using historical data for network analysis: problems and prospects.

23/06/2017
Emmanuel Lazega (Science Po Paris)
Processus sociaux et action collective: une approche néo-structurale

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