

Social Network Analysis Study Group

Annual Report 2010/2011

1. Current Membership

The study group has currently no list of members. However, a JISC mailing list exists and an unknown number of people are subscribed to it.

Accordingly, group membership is free of charge, except for the obligatory BSA membership fee.

2. Development/Events in the Past Year

Felix Behling has taken up the position of convenor in April 2010. There were no special group events planned at that moment although the Mitchell Centre for Social Network Analysis at the University of Manchester (also former group convenors) regularly hold workshop and seminars related to Social Network Analysis. Therefore, the first step was to arrange with interested study group members a meeting at the 2011 BSA Annual Conference. Three people and Felix Behling attended the meeting.

3. Planned Activities

At the conference, the four persons discussed the following activities, which will be implemented over the next months. Firstly, they will try to establish a list of study group members. Secondly, they will create a website (or blog) dedicated to the study group in which members can inform themselves about social network analysis and discuss issues arising from research and teaching. Thirdly, a reading group will be organised which discusses theoretical and empirical issues of social network analysis. Fourthly, the first main activity of the study group is the organisation of a workshop/seminar/introduction to the social network analysis, possibly at the University of Edinburgh. The four persons feel the need to promote the use of social network analysis in mixed method research, in addition to the existing seminars and workshops offered by other outlets. Fifthly, the second main activity will be the potential organisation of special social network analysis streams at the next annual BSA conference to strengthen the presence of the study group within the BSA.

4. Group Convenors

Four people are currently involved in running the study group:

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