

*The Center for Social Networks, the School of Sociology, and
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Dr. Jahn Fuhse

Relational Discourse Analysis of a Political Debate



Dr. Fuhse will review his quest for methods that detect the relational underpinning of communication. Social networks should not be seen as patterns of apparently unproblematic ties. Instead they are relational expectations about the communication between actors, dynamically constructed in the course of communication. But how can we

measure networks and relations in communication? Dr. Fuhse combines the relational sociology of Harrison White with various approaches to discourse analysis, including conversation analysis, interactional sociolinguistics, and positioning theory. Dr. Fuhse applies his methods to the case of the political debate in Germany, to analyze how political constellations of alliances and rivalries are represented in the debate.

Tuesday, March 4 ● 12:30 pm
Social Sciences Bldg., room 311

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