



Pre-Conference Workshop

Network Analysis in Public Policy and Management

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Limited to 25 attendees. Participants are strongly recommended to bring their laptop computers with UCINET program free trial version installed: <http://www.analytictech.com/ucinet6/ucinet.htm>

Network analysis is a field of study that focuses on social relations among a set of actors – people, teams, organizations. Network analysis has been used to analyze and understand the structure of intra- and inter-organizational relationships. In the process of working in this field, researchers have developed a set of distinctive theoretical perspectives sympathetic with systems theory and complexity theory. Social network research is also characterized by a distinctive methodology encompassing techniques for collecting data, statistical analysis, and visual representation. The purpose of this workshop is to introduce participants to the theory and methods of (social) network analysis and its applications in public policy and management. Several network analysis examples from different settings using UCINET, a widely used social network analysis program, will be presented. The participants will be introduced to UCINET Program in the second half of the workshop.

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