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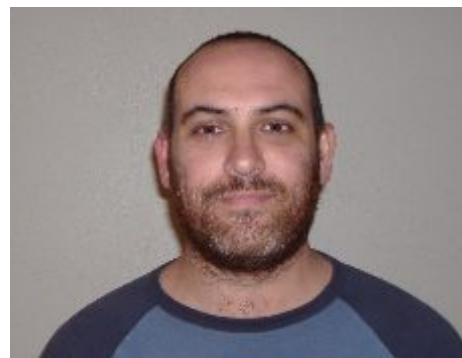
Simon A. Andrew. I am currently a PhD student at the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy, Florida State University. I received my undergraduate and master's degrees from the School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia (England). I am a native of Sarawak, one of the Malaysian states located in the Northern part of Borneo. My early research examined community development programs in Iban longhouses.



My name is **Laura Ballato**. I studied Psychology at the University of Turin (Italy). I came to Groningen for the first time in 1999, as an exchange student and I went back in 2001 for a training of one year at the department of Clinical and Developmental Psychology. This was a great opportunity, because after this I received the proposal to become a PhD student. My interests concern adolescence, friendships, problem behaviors, dynamics systems methods and social networks analysis. In particular, I would like to apply SIENA to analyze the dynamics of influence and selection processes

of friends. I am currently in my second year of my PhD. It is a challenge for me because I have to work mostly in Dutch and this is not easy!!! Therefore, I spent a lot of time working, learning Dutch and relaxing with my cats and my boyfriend at home. When I have some spare time, I go to Italy where I enjoy my family, friends, the delicious Italian food and the sun (two things that are not easy available in Groningen).

Ramiro Berardo. I'm currently a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Political Science at Florida State University. Before coming here in 2001, I completed my undergraduate degree in my home country of Argentina in 1996. My dissertation analyzes the role of network connections and resources exchanges in the implementation of projects related to water quality protection in the Tampa Bay area (U.S.). I have some free time that I devote usually to play soccer, watch movies, or paint.



William Burk. I received my Ph.D. in developmental psychology from Florida Atlantic University (U.S.A) in 2005 and am currently a researcher at the Center of Developmental Research in Örebro, Sweden. My primary research interests concern close relationships during childhood and adolescence. Specifically, I am interested in the complementary influences of parents and friends on individual psychosocial adjustment, and have recently begun utilizing SIENA to investigate the underlying dynamics of adolescent peer groups. In my free time I enjoy long-distance running, painting, and traveling.



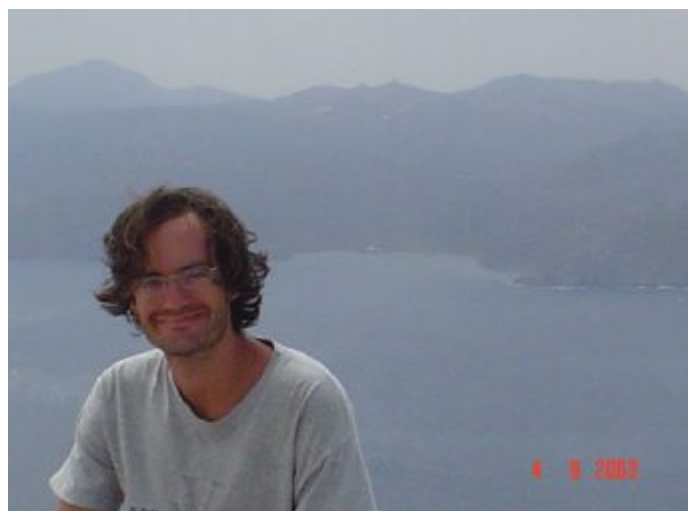
Raffaele Corrado,
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Sciences, University of Bologna.

Rense Corten. I studied sociology at Utrecht University, the Netherlands, and since september 2005 I am a Ph.D student at the department of sociology in Utrecht. In my project, I study the co-evolution of networks and behavior in different strategic interaction situations

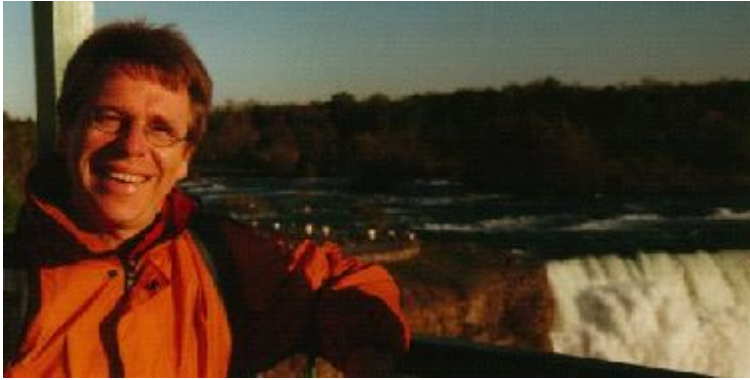


(more specifically, coordination and cooperation problems). I plan to address this problem both theoretically (using game theory and computer simulation simulation) and empirically. As for the empirical part, I will use laboratory experiments as well as field applications, where the most likely application will be networks of cooperation between firms. My research project is part of the larger research project "Dynamics of cooperation, networks and institutions" at the Department of Sociology (UU) and the Utrecht School of Economics, which is led by Vincent Buskens and Stephany Rosenkrantz. Keywords when not working: music, hiking, scouting, reading.

Simone Ferriani received his Doctor of Philosophy from the Management Department of University of Bologna, with a concentration in Strategic Management. He has also been a visiting scholar at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and at the Stern School of Business, New York University. His research interests include causal attributions of business performance, interorganizational networks, knowledge-intensive firms and creative industries. Simone Ferriani is currently a post doctoral fellow at the Management Department of the University of Bologna and a Marie Curie Research Fellow at the



John Cass Business School, City University London.



Andreas Flache (1963). I am Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Groningen, where I am also a member of the research school ICS. In my research I am fascinated and guided by two interrelated questions “Why do people (not) cooperate with each other?” and “Why do groups (not) fall apart?” And how does this relate to the

dynamics of social networks? I study these questions with mathematical and computational models, lab experiments and field research. Since September 2005, I do this together with Károly Takács and Michael Mäs in a research project financed by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). Outside of my research, I enjoy living together with my partner Petra and my son Friedo (almost 4) – the most enthusiastic researcher I know. Beyond that I like doing (simple) acrobatics, salsa dancing, history and many of things most people like.

My name is **Thomas Friemel** and I’m a PhD Student at the Institute of Mass Communication and Media Research at the University of Zurich. My research topic are media effects especially in the field of Health Care Communication as well as interpersonal communication. In my PhD dissertation I try to analyze different functions of interpersonal communication about mass media. Integration in social groups (by talking about mass media) an the influence of social groups for choosing media content (diffusion) are two important aspects of my research and this is where I try to apply SNA. In my spare time I love to do various sports and cook nice dinners for friends.



Sandra Gonzalez Bailon. I am a PhD student in Nuffield College, Oxford. My interest in networks came dressed in the clothes of social capital theory. My doctoral thesis (*Mapping Civil Societies: a network analysis of the emerging forms of social capital on the Web*) tries to analyse the network structure that underpins the global civil society. I am originally from Barcelona (still miss its breath) and can’t wait till Woody Allen shoots his next movie there.

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holds a Ph.D. from the University of Florida Department of Anthropology with specializations in research design and qualitative and quantitative methods of social research, including social network analysis theory, method, and application. Hank was a National Institute of Mental Health Postdoctoral Training Fellow at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from 2003-2005, continuing his studies of quantitative social research, applied statistics, research design, and applied social network analysis. He is currently a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications. With the Science of Networks in Communities (SONIC) research group, Hank works primarily with communities of practice to explore and enable collaboration using social network analysis. Hank's personal research interests include developing indicators and methods to explore relational structures inherent in multiplex social environments. He also collaborates with Dr. Christopher McCarty (University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research) to investigate personal network structure and its relationship with personality and behavioral traits.



Alessandro Lomi. I am a professor at the Faculty of Economics, University of Bologna (Italy) and a member of the Institute of Advanced Study of the same university where I coordinates an interdisciplinary interest group on organizational complexity and control. I also teach economics and management science at the University of Italian Switzerland at Lugano (CH). My research interests include interorganizational and social networks, simulation models of organizational processes and evolutionary models of industrial organization. In the past I worked as an assistant professor at the London Business School (UK) and I was a visiting professor at the University of California (Berkeley). More recently I have been NATO Senior Research Fellow at the Santa Fe Institute (New Mexico). Sometime during the last century I received my M.S. and PhD degrees from Cornell University (Ithaca, New York).

Ines Mergel is currently a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Programme on Networked Governance at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. She received her Doctor of Business Administration (Dr. oec.) from the University of St. Gallen (Switzerland), Institute of Management – with a major in Information Management and Organizational Behavior – and a Master in Business Economics from the University of Kassel (Germany) and University of Leiden (The Netherlands). In her dissertation thesis she applied Social Network Analysis to understand the influence of informal and formal network relationships on the decision to adopt or reject innovative practices. Her current research includes knowledge sourcing and sharing activities among Members of Congress, DNA Forensic Scientists and State Health Officials.



Lise Mounier. I am a sociologist working in the National Center for Scientific Research in Paris involved in sociology of organizations and economic sociology. At the moment my field work is the commercial court of Paris. A part of my study concerns a complete advice network at three points in time (2000, 2002, 2005) to analyse solidarity, control and regulation. This kind of complete network data of a specific intraorganizational -and later interorganizational- system of an economic institution, in a longitudinal approach, can provide a way of linking micro and macro levels of analysis by describing relation-specific investments and social mechanisms derived from them.



Andrew Percy. My background is in Psychology (Queen's University Belfast) and Social Research Method (City University, London), and I am currently working at the Institute of Child Care Research (QUB) in Belfast, Northern Ireland. My main research interests are in the development of adolescent problem behaviour, in particular the use of alcohol and other drugs. I am working on a large longitudinal cohort study that has tracked 4,500 young people since they were aged 11. They are now all aged about 16/17. I am about to begin the daunting task of looking at the network data we have collected, something I have managed to put off for the last five years. I am also getting to an age where my other interests are slowly taking over, bodyboarding (a type of surfing, but much more fun), cycling, South American cichlids (really my 9 year old son's hobby but since he got bored of them..), restoring old aircooled VWs... ..



Zuzana Sasovova. After graduating in business administration in Bratislava, Slovakia, I started working as a PhD student at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam on the topic of large-scale information system implementations. In the dissertation research I am focussing on social influence in attitude formation towards a new system and I designed and executed a network field study to investigate these issues. My primary research interests are in the field of organizational behavior. When time allows, my hobbies are triathlon and mountaineering.

John T. Scholz, Eppes Professor of Political Science at Florida State University, has studied regulatory agencies and policies (occupational safety, environment, income tax, etc) with an emphasis on enforcement and compliance issues. His current work analyzes the role of policy networks in coordinating government policies when authority is divided among multiple competing agencies, focusing primarily on water and natural resource policies at the local level.





Michael Schweinberger.

I am currently graduate student at the ICS, University of Groningen (NL), where I study statistical inference for longitudinal network and behavior data.

Tom Snijders studied mathematical statistics and has been working in the social sciences since 1986 (or since 1981 if you count econometrics as a social science). I like the use of mathematical tools to improve sociological modeling, especially the social interactions that characterize sociology, and especially while staying inside the framework of classical frequentist statistics. This motivates my interest in social network analysis and in multilevel analysis. There is more than science under sun and moon - but how to find the time for it is not always evident.



Christian Steglich studied mathematics and information science at the TU Berlin. In 1996, I moved to Groningen for doing a PhD project on models for individual decision making. Since 2002, I am working on modelling network dynamics, with emphasis on their co-evolution with behaviour and attitudes. I think that sociology is a gravely under-formalized science, and hope to contribute to a change for the better. When not at work, I tend to be busy with family and household requirements. Residual time (small variance) I prefer to spend on zazen and early music.



Károly Takács is a postdoctoral researcher at the Interuniversity Center for Social Science Theory and Methodology (ICS), University of Groningen, Department of Sociology and an assistant professor at the Corvinus University of Budapest, Institute of Sociology. His main research interests are the theoretical and experimental analysis of the dynamics of social networks, group dynamics and intergroup conflict. His recent publications analyzed the effect of network segregation on intergroup conflict and appeared in the Journal of Conflict Resolution and in the Review of Sociology.

Ilan Talmud (Ph.D., Columbia University) is a Senior Lecturer and Head of Graduate Studies at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Haifa. His main interests and versatile publications includes network models of social structure, economic sociology, inter-organizational relations and competitive arenas, rational action theory, Internet and society, organization and management theory, social capital and knowledge management, political sociology, international relations and war, and gender, sociology of rent, and social stratification.



Methodologically, he deals with social network analysis, multi-level analysis, and narrative research. He is conducting extensive studies on Internet and social networks among adolescents and students, and a bi-national study on the impact of online and off-line social networks on place attachment and political involvement. Additionally, he is conducting a three years study on Relational Patterns among Venture Capital Funds in Israel: 1995-2004.

For CV, Publications, and Current Projects see: <http://soc.haifa.ac.il/~talmud/>



Vanina Torlò. I am a PhD student at the Faculty of Economics, University of Bologna (Italy) and a research fellow of the Luiss Business School in Rome (Italy). My research interests include interpersonal networks with specific attention to the mutual dependence between social networks and individual performance and attitudes. I have just completed a short period of visiting at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where I also had the opportunity to attend the Workshop on Social Networks and Cyberinfrastructure (SNAC). In that occasion I discovered the Siena software and its great potentialities for my research program. By attending this Workshop I hope to improve my knowledge about Siena, driving me toward interesting results! In my spare time I enjoy classical ballet and several sports as tennis, footing and horse-riding.

Frank Weerman. I am senior researcher at the Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement in Leiden, the Netherlands. I studied Sociology at the University of Groningen and became specialized in Criminology. Currently, I am involved in a longitudinal survey conducted among pupils of secondary schools for lower levels of education. One of the aims of this study is to get more insight in the role of school networks in delinquent behavior, and the SIENA program can be very useful to analyze influence and selection effects. In my free time I like to watch birds and play volleyball.

My name is **Utz Weitzel** and I am an assistant professor at the Utrecht School of Economics (Utrecht University). I grew up in Namibia before I came to Europe, where I studied Economics in Augsburg (GER), Bonn (GER), and Reading (UK), obtained a PhD at the Humboldt University in Berlin. After that I spent a research year at the Kellogg Business School in Evanston (Chicago) and worked some time in IT and media. My research interests are in firm and industry dynamics, international trade and development, mergers and acquisitions, as well as networks - naturally. In these fields I mostly work empirically or by means of simulation.



Bethany Wotal. I'm currently a Ph.D. student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I won't tell what year I am though I have gotten an M.A. in Quantitative Psychology and an M.S. in Statistics so far. I am currently a pre-doctoral trainee on an NIMH Training Grant in the Quantitative Psychology division. My interests broadly include the analysis of the structure of networks over time and multilevel modeling. When not sitting in front of a computer, I spend time with my kids (which are two cats adopted

from the humane society but who are full of trouble) and my fiancee of two weeks!

Mengxiao Zhu is a graduate student in the Department of Speech Communication at University of Illinois, at Urbana-Champaign. She holds degrees in Science and English (B.S.) and Computer Science (B.E. & M.E.). She is currently a Master's student focusing on Organizational Communication, Social Network Analysis, Multi-agent System Modeling and Complex Systems. She is also member of the Team Engineering



Collaboratory (TECLab) and is currently participating in the National Science Foundation-funded project of IT-Based Collaboration Framework for Preparing against, Responding to, and Recovering from Disasters Involving Critical Physical Infrastructures.