

Call for Papers: “Mapping relational structures in culture”

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The purpose of this special issue is to assemble, systematize and discuss contributions fostering innovative empirical work and to reunite original articles that rely on different forms of integration of network analysis and/or field-theoretical tools to map social structures in culture. We expect contributions that expand the methodological extent of these approaches conceptually and empirically.

The special issue is open to all topics that fit the general scope of this proposal but may, among others, want to address one or several of the following themes:

- Studies of interlocking boards of cultural institutions, publishers, and media outlets, in order to map network relations of cultural producers, consumers, or affiliations.
- Studies of biographical pathways into culture, to describe and analyse the timing, order, and duration of the different career steps of artists and cultural producers.
- Analysis of social capital in cultural fields and the combination of Social Network Analysis and Geometric Data Analysis techniques to map network relations in social spaces.
- Text and machine learning analysis of media discourse, in order to map particular themes related to politics, science, culture, the arts, etc.
- Analysis of large corpora of cultural production (novels, poetry, art critique) in order to establish networks of topics and visualize relations between different clusters of meaning.
- Analysis of scientific writings to show patterns of collaboration and citations among disciplines and countries.
- Mapping of cultural practices and cultural good consumption through a combination of network and geometric techniques.
- Analysis of cultural capital reproduction dynamics among social groups, and of the changing dynamics of cultural fields.

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