

Social Network Mechanisms

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This series examines how social networks form, endure, and have consequences for people, groups, organizations, and institutions. The focus on mechanisms signals a fundamental interest in questions of how — including questions about process, about the precise links between cause and effect, about the attainment of equilibria, and about the dynamics behind influence, diffusion, brokerage, formation, dissolution, mobilization, or other network phenomena. Given this interest, the aim is to publish both quantitative and qualitative studies. In service of those aspirations, the book series will include elements of a peer-reviewed journal and a top university research workshop. The intellectual heart of the series, the Social Network Mechanisms Workshop will bring prominent and emerging researchers anchored on an editorial board (listed below) to discuss proposed manuscripts in a lively, constructive context intended to not only to improve the quality of the final products, but also foster an international intellectual community centered on the study of network mechanisms. In recent years, research on complexity has brought new skills and perspectives to network problems, but often with limited understanding, from sociological, psychological, or management research, of the social processes at play. The series aims to bring an understanding of social network mechanisms to the fore, in the hopes that the books will help inform, while being stimulated by, the larger community of scholars now doing network-related work.

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