



## Knowledge renewal in social networks

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The focus of this track is the *renewal of knowledge in social networks* and we aim to develop insights into (i) how knowledge behaves in networks, (ii) how it is refined and (iii) how it is reconfigured.

The track provides a rich forum for discussion on the interconnections between '*composition*' and '*configuration*' in social networks, and their effect on knowledge and learning. Any social network can be defined as a finite set of actors and their associated ties: its *composition* refers to the set of elements which the social network comprises while the term *configuration* applies to the particular arrangement or pattern of these elements. In particular, we aim to draw together research at both the inter- and intra-organisational levels which addresses the (i) structural, (ii) relational and (iii) cognitive perspectives of social networks (See Figure 1).

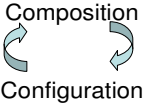
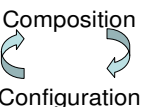
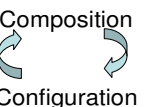
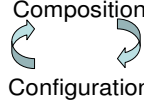
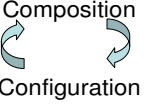
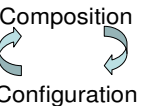
We are interested in theory-building and theory-testing papers from diverse perspectives and invite paper submissions based on social network analysis methods (UCINET, Pajek) as well as qualitative and knowledge modelling. Submissions are welcomed on, but are not restricted to the following issues:

- The network perspective on intra- and inter-organisational learning
- The impact of individual (nodes) on learning and knowledge renewal
- The effects of context on knowledge and learning networks
- The impact of the network configuration on knowledge performance
- The interrelationship between the structural, relational and cognitive dimensions of the knowledge and learning network
- The nature and dynamics of knowledge creation and learning in networks.
- How knowledge renewal in social networks provides a basis for responding to the current debate on rigour, relevance and impact in management research

A plenary discussion will also be held on current and future research challenges.

It is envisaged that the best papers will be published in a Journal Special Issue.

# Figure 1: Theoretical track structure

	Structural	Relational	Cognitive
Intra-organisational	 <p>Composition Configuration</p>	 <p>Composition Configuration</p>	 <p>Composition Configuration</p>
Inter-organisational	 <p>Composition Configuration</p>	 <p>Composition Configuration</p>	 <p>Composition Configuration</p>