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The study of personal networks: social support and structure

Social support and social network analysis traditions have converged in new strategies for the study of personal networks. This module presents models and methods for personal network analysis. Recent research on personal networks and ecological transitions is summarized, paying attention to acculturation, migration and other forms of geographical mobility.

The practical training presents instruments for the evaluation of social support resources in the context of personal network analysis. Some strategies for visualizing personal networks are also shown. Relevant cases of mixing methods in social network research are reviewed. Examples of application include the use different software packages (e. g. Ucinet, VennMaker and Visone).

Theoretical presentations

- From social support to the structure of personal networks: some basic concepts for the assessment of personal networks.

- Personal networks and ecological transitions: changes in composition and structure in the context of acculturation and geographical mobility.

- Mixed methods with personal networks: visualization of personal and qualitative interviews.

Practical training

- Exercise of application and interpretation of the Social Support Interview Schedule (Barrera, 1980).

- Examples and Strategies for analyzing and visualizing personal networks: Ucinet/Netdraw, Visone and Vennmaker.

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Software (disponíveis em "free download")

Egonet - http://sourceforge.net/projects/egonet/ (need Java software to use Egonet, you can download it at: http://www.java.com/en/download/index.jsp)

Visone: http://visone.info/

VennMaker: http://www.vennmaker.com/en/