

# METHODOLOGY OF RELATIONAL SOCIOLOGY APPROACHES AND ANALYSES

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The dynamically developing relational movement in social and cultural sciences is fueled by various classical and contemporary theoretical inspirations. Relational approaches propose various models of relational analyses, such as field analysis, social space analysis, network analysis, or the AGIL relational heuristic. The relational turn, which promotes interdisciplinarity in research, simultaneously reflects the drive towards an innovative reconstruction of many scientific disciplines. Contemporary relational sociology is at the forefront of this trend. The program of relational sociology is still being shaped, frequently becoming the subject of discussions with different standpoints expressed in manifestos.

The aim of the conference will be reflection on various relational approaches and models of relational analysis. Answers to two basic questions will be sought:

- Are there foundations for a methodological unity of relational sociology, despite the diversity of approaches?

- Does relational sociology form a new paradigm?  
To answer these questions, it is necessary to show what distinguishes the relational paradigm from the earlier, competing sociological paradigms.

The answers to key questions posed during the conference should, above all, show what innovations the methodology of relational sociology brings, i.e. what are the methodological consequences of the relational concept of the social fact, taking into account the problems faced by researchers of ever-accelerating changes and their complexity in the modern world. The broadly defined horizon of methodological issues is an introductory proposition. The conference should create an open space for discussion on various approaches and varieties of relational analysis, as well as the possibility of their methodological synthesis within relational sociology.

## SESSIONS

- NEW METHODOLOGICAL RULES OF RELATIONAL SOCIOLOGY
- RELATIONAL APPROACHES AND THE GENERATION OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE
- RELATIONAL APPROACHES: CRITICAL IMPLICATIONS
- NEW CONCEPTS AND METHODS FOR RELATIONAL ANALYSES
- RELATIONAL PARADIGM, MEANINGS OF SOCIAL LIFE AND SYMBOLIC POWER

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