

Harvard Political Networks Conference



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The Harvard Political Networks Conference June 11-13, 2009

Conference registration is now open.

Update (6/10/09): An [attendee fact sheet and lunch guide](#)  is now available. Printed copies will be provided at the conference registration desk.

Update (6/10/09): Flashprint, a local printing service, has indicated that they will offer a Harvard discounted rate to conference participants. You need to mention "Harvard Political Networks Conference" to get the rate. Standard copies will be done quickly, but they prefer to print posters as overnight jobs. However, you can upload files to them in advance at their website: flashprint.com . Harvard Square also has a [Staples](#)  and a [FedEx Kinko's](#)  for your printing needs (use zip code 02138 to find our nearby locations).

Update (6/9/09): A few changes have been made to the program and poster session.

Update (6/5/09): A few changes and additions have been made to the program and poster session. Conference locations were revised on the [travel page](#), and room locations have been added throughout the program. Details for presenters have been added at the top of the [Day 2](#) and [Day 3](#) pages.

Update (5/21/09): A fourth panel has been added to the [9am presentation session on Day 3](#). Updated descriptions have been added for the workshops on the [Day 1 page](#).

Update (5/15/09): [Poster session details](#) have been added to the [Day 2 page](#).

Update (4/29/09): Poster presenters will each be provided with a 40" x 30" foam board for their presentations. The boards will be displayed in a "portrait" orientation during the poster session. More details on the poster session will be added to the Day 2 page soon.

Update (4/27/09): The [travel page](#) has been updated with expanded information. Please make sure to refresh your browser!

When you register, you will have the option to sign up for the two-day conference (June 12-13) or for the full three-day workshop and conference (June 11-13). The opening reception on the evening of the 11th is open to all conference attendees.

If you sign up for the workshop, you will be asked to choose to attend either the Introductory Workshop (Workshop for Beginners) or the Advanced Workshop (see [Day 1](#) for more information on the workshops). The workshops have an attendance limit, and a notice will be posted if either of them are filled.

You can purchase registration with a Visa, MasterCard, or American Express card. If you register after May 31, you will be required to pay an additional \$25 for late registration. There is a significant price discount if you are registering as a grad student or post doc. Please see the chart below for more information:

Registration	Before June 1	June 1 and after
Standard 2-Day (June 12-13)	\$105	\$130
Standard 3-Day (June 11-13)	\$185	\$210
Grad Student / Post Doc 2-Day (June 12-13)	\$55	\$80
Grad Student / Post Doc 3-Day (June 11-13)	\$95	\$120

[Click here to access Harvard's registration system.](#) 

Please note that the submission period for paper proposals, fellowship applications, and fellowship recommendations has now ended.

Any questions regarding the conference should be directed to david_fishman@hks.harvard.edu.

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Day 1: June 11 Workshop Sessions and Opening Reception

Workshop Information

Workshop for Beginners

Designed to teach basic principles about network and analysis. Assumes no prior experience or familiarity with networks.

"Getting Started with Social Network Analysis Using R and statnet"

Presenters

Carter Butts and Lorien Jasny

Description

This workshop will introduce the fundamentals of social network analysis in the R statistical computing platform, using the statnet software suite. Emphasis will be on basic data importation and manipulation, visualization, and classical network analysis (including computation of centrality scores, graph-level indices, and block modeling). Simple hypothesis testing and exploratory modeling strategies will also be discussed. No prior knowledge of R is assumed, although some background with standard network analytic methods will be helpful.

For more information, please see the workshop web page at <http://nips2009.statnet.org/>, or our project home page at <http://www.statnet.org/>.

Advanced Workshop

Designed to cover more advanced topics in network analysis. Good for participants who have some prior experience working with network data.

"Advanced Social Network Analysis Using R and statnet"

Presenters

Steve Goodreau and David Hunter

Description

This workshop will introduce the use of the R statistical computing platform (via the statnet software suite) for statistical modeling of social network data. Topics covered include the use of exponential random graph (ERG or p^*) models for representing structural hypotheses, model parameterization, simulation and inference, degeneracy checking, and goodness-of-fit assessment. Although a short "refresher" will be provided, some prior exposure to R and standard network analytic methods is strongly recommended.

For more information, please see the workshop web page at <http://nips2009.statnet.org/>, or our project home page at <http://www.statnet.org/>.

The workshops have an attendance limit, and a notice will be posted if either of them are filled.

8:00am-9:00am Continental Breakfast & Registration
 CGIS South Building Concourse

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9:00am-12:15pm Workshops

Workshop for Beginners

Belfer Case Study Room (Room S020)

Carter Butts

University of California, Irvine, buttsc@uci.edu

Lorien Jasny

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Advanced Workshop

Tsai Auditorium (Room S010)

Steve Goodreau

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David Hunter

Pennsylvania State University, dhunter@stat.psu.edu

12:15pm-1:30pm Break for Lunch

1:30pm-4:45pm Workshops

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4:45pm-5:00pm Break

5:00pm-6:30pm Welcome Reception, Opening Remarks, and a Special Presentation

CGIS South Building Concourse

Tsai Auditorium (Room S010)

James Fowler

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David Lazer

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Networking Networkers: An Exploration of the Patterns of Collaboration among Attendees to the First Harvard Political Networks Conference

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9:00am-10:30am Presentations

Panel 1

Tsai Auditorium (Room S010)

Healing the Rift? Social Networks and Reconciliation between Obama and Clinton Convention Delegates in 2008

Michael Heaney

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Co-Authors: Seth Masket, University of Denver; Joanne Miller, University of Minnesota; Dara Z. Strolovitch, University of Minnesota

It's Not Personal; It's Strictly Business: A Social Networks Analysis of Internal Party Cleavages, 1972-2008

Hans Noel

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Panel 2

Belfer Case Study Room (Room S020)

Social Networks and the Mass Media

David Siegel

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Social Politics: The Contagion of Political Behavior

Betsy Sinclair

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Panel 3

Room S250

Disagreeing About Disagreement

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Political influence dynamics in 14 incipient and immersive social networks

Brian Rubineau

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Co-Authors: David Lazer, Harvard University; Michael Neblo, Ohio State University

10:30am-10:45am Break

10:45am-12:15pm Presentations

Panel 1

Tsai Auditorium (Room S010)

Unsolved at any speed: the role of information flow in problem-solving and innovation

Daniel Enemark

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Expertise and Bias in Political Communication

Alex Mayer

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Co-Authors: T.K. Ahn, Korea University; Alex K. Mayer, University of California, Davis; John B. Ryan, University of California, Davis

Panel 2

Belfer Case Study Room (Room S020)

Lethal Connections: What explains why some terrorist organizations are highly networked while others are unconnected?

Victor Asal

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Revolving Doors and Foreign Policy Collective Decision-Making: A Network Analysis

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Panel 3

Room S250

Social Network Analysis in Program Evaluation: Measuring the Impact of the State Health Leadership Initiative on the Creation of Social Capital

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Network Structure and Social Capital

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Co-Authors: Ramiro Berardo, University of Arizona; Meredith Whiteman, Florida State University

12:15pm-1:30pm Break for Lunch

1:30pm-3:00pm Presentations

Panel 1

Tsai Auditorium (Room S010)

Political Discussion Networks and the Structure of Deliberation

Sandra Gonzalez-Bailon

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Surge and Decline in Facebook Support: The 2008 Congressional Election Cycle

Christine Williams

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Panel 2

Belfer Case Study Room (Room S020)

The Effect of Social Networks on the Quality of Thinking about Policies

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Sources of Salience: How Citizens' Interactions Shape Salient Economic Issues

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Panel 3

Room S250

The m-STAR Model of Dynamic, Endogenous Interdependence and Network-Behavior
Coevolution in Comparative & International Political Economy

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Rules and Relations in Comparative Politics: Connecting the dots between formal and informal
institutions

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3:00pm-3:15pm Break

3:15pm-5:15pm Presentations

Panel 1

Tsai Auditorium (Room S010)

A Social Network Analysis of American Tax Jurisprudence (1990-2008)

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The Development of Community Structure in the Supreme Court's Network of Citations

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James Spriggs, Washington University, St. Louis; James Fowler, University of California, San
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Legal Precedents, Judicial Discretion, & Diffusion of the Strict Liability Rule for Manufacturing
Defects, 1962-87

Donald Smythe

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Panel 2

Belfer Case Study Room (Room S020)

The Implications of Political Networks on the Career Decisions of State Legislators

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All Politics Is (Not) Local: The Structure of Lobbying in North Carolina

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Panel 3

Room S250

Qualitative Computational Research: An Example from Southern Thailand

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Do Self-Organizing Communities Garner More Success?

Manoj Shrestha

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5:15pm-5:30pm Set Up Posters

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5:30pm-7:30pm Happy Hour/Poster Session

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boards will be displayed in a "portrait" orientation during the poster session.

7:30pm-8:30pm Keynote Address

Tsai Auditorium (Room S010)

Outstanding Scientific Impact: Formation and Performance patterns of Scientists' Collaboration
Networks

Brian Uzzi

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Panel 1

Tsai Auditorium (Room S010)

Race, Gender, Geography and Biases in Congressional Cosponsorship Networks

Skyler Cranmer

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Sparsed Network Analysis of the Senate Voting

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Co-Authors: Alexandre d'Aspremont, Princeton University; Jee-Kwang Park, Princeton University

Panel 2

Belfer Case Study Room (Room S020)

Exceptional agency: Political brokerage in EU lobbying

Dimitrios Christopoulos

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The Beltway Network: A Network Analysis of Lobbyists' Donations to Members of Congress

Jennifer Victor

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Panel 3

Room S250

National Party Committees and 527s: Linkages in the Same Network

Seth Masket

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Co-Authors: David Dulio, Oakland University; Richard Skinner, Bowdoin College

Who's Leading Whom: Leadership PAC Networks through the Republican Era of Congress

Suzanne Robbins

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Panel 4

Room S050

Collaborative politicians- the intended consequence of the decentralization reforms: Evidence from Pakistan using social network analysis

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Human Security Networks in the Indian Ocean Tsunami

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Network Governance in Malaysia's Telecommunications Industry

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10:30am-10:45am Break

10:45am-12:15pm Presentations

Panel 1

Tsai Auditorium (Room S010)

Mapping Culture, Politics, and Religion in the Arabic Blogosphere

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Mining the Malaysian Sopo Blogosphere

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Panel 2

Belfer Case Study Room (Room S020)

Persistence of Collaborative Relationships in Post-Katrina Emergency Response

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Democracy by Design: The Institutionalization of Neighborhood Participation Networks in Los Angeles

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Co-Authors: Juliet Musso, University of Southern California; Kyu-Nahm Jun, Wayne State University

Panel 3

Room S250

Civil society campaigns and social resistance to water privatisation in Latin America: A study of policy networks

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Water Management Networks in an Ecology of Games

Mark Lubell

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12:15pm-1:30pm Break for Lunch

1:30pm-3:15pm Journal of Politics Plenary Panel Session

Tsai Auditorium (Room S010)

Networks in National Random Samples

Betsy Sinclair

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Whole Network Analysis vs. Network Sampling

Michael Heaney

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Network Data Collected through Field Experiments

David Nickerson

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Evidence for Causal Relationships in Observational Network Data

James H. Fowler

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3:15pm-3:30pm Break

3:30pm-4:30pm Keynote Address

Tsai Auditorium (Room S010)

Network Science: From the WWW to Social Networks

Albert-Laszlo Barabasi

Northeastern University

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Conference Location

The conference will be held on the Harvard Campus from June 11-13 in the CGIS South Building at 1730 Cambridge Street, in the following rooms:

- Tsai Auditorium (Room S010)
- Belfer Case Study Room (Room S020)
- Room S250
- Room S050
- CGIS South Building Concourse

Maps of Harvard can be found here: <http://map.harvard.edu/>. Information on Harvard Square restaurants, shops, and attractions is available at: <http://www.harvardsquare.com/>.

Conference Group Rate Hotels and Lodging

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at some nearby hotels and lodging spaces for the use of conference attendees. **For all hotels, guests must reference "Networks in Political Science Conference" and/or "Harvard/IQSS Room Block".**

Best Western-Hotel Tria

(with shuttle service to Harvard Square or by MBTA bus)

220 Alewife Brook Parkway

Cambridge, MA 02138

800-780-7234

www.bestwestern.com

There are 25 rooms held for the nights of June 10-June 13 at \$209.00. All reservations need to be made by May 17.

Harvard Square Hotel

(walking distance to Harvard campus)

110 Mt. Auburn Street

Cambridge, MA 02138

800-458-5886

www.harvardsquarehotel.com

There are 30 rooms held for the nights of June 10-June 12 and 20 rooms held for June 13. The rate is \$169.00 and the reservations must be made no later than May 11, 2009.

Sheraton Commander Hotel

(walking distance to Harvard campus)

16 Garden Street

Cambridge, MA 02138

617-234-1351

www.sheraton.com/commander

There are 35 rooms held on the nights of June 10-13 for \$229.00 and reservations must be made no later than May 11.

Suffolk University

(downtown Boston: [campus map and directions](#))

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Residence Life & Summer Programs

8 Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108
summerprograms@suffolk.edu
Phone: 617-305-2500
Fax: 617-305-2504
www.suffolk.edu/sumconf

A block of rooms at the Suffolk University residence halls have been reserved between the dates of June 10 and June 15. Room prices start at \$75.00. For more information on rooms and pricing, please see [this reservation form](#), which should be submitted by May 29.

Additional Hotels in the Cambridge/Boston Area

Please note: We provide this information as a service to those wishing to secure accommodations in a Cambridge/Boston hotel or hostel. We do not have special negotiated conference rates or blocks of rooms reserved in these locations, nor do we specifically endorse any of these properties. Non-conference Harvard rates are sometimes available at Cambridge-based hotels (not Boston) and should be requested while making a reservation.

The Charles Hotel

1 Bennett Street
Cambridge, MA 02138
617-864-1200
www.charleshotel.com

Marriott Boston Cambridge

Two Cambridge Center
Broadway and Third Streets
Cambridge, MA 02142
617-494-6600 or 1-800-228-9290
www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/boscb-boston-marriott-cambridge/

Hyatt Regency Cambridge

575 Memorial Drive
Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA 02139

Hyatt Regency Boston

One Avenue de Lafayette
Boston, MA 02111

Boston Park Plaza

64 Arlington Street
Boston, MA 02116

Hilton Boston Back Bay

40 Dalton Street
Boston, MA 02115

Westin Copley Place

10 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02116

Hostels

A hostel is a friendly, comfortable and environmentally sensitive place that provides lodging for the budget-minded. Hostels offer shared, dormitory-style accommodations.

Hostelling International Boston Downtown

12 Hemenway Street
Boston, MA 02115
Phone: 1-617-536-9455
Website: <http://www.bostonhostel.org/>

Airports

Boston Logan Airport is the closest major airport to the conference. However, there are two alternatives relatively nearby, which may be less expensive options: TF Green Airport, about an hour's drive south near Providence, RI, and Manchester Airport, about an hour's drive north in Manchester, NH. Southwest Airlines flies into both of these other airports, but not Logan.

Boston Logan International Airport (BOS)

1 Harborside Dr
Boston, MA 02128
800-23-LOGAN (800-235-6426)
Website: <http://www.massport.com/>

T. F. Green Airport (PVD)

2000 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886
888-268-7222
Website: <http://www.pvdairport.com/>

Manchester-Boston Regional Airport (MHT)

One Airport Road
Manchester, NH 03103
603-624-6556
Website: <http://www.flymanchester.com/> 

Transportation

Searching for street parking in Harvard Square is not recommended. However, the square has parking garages, bus lines and, most importantly, a T stop on the Red Line.

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