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“Measuring cooperation through events: A social network analysis of cooperation between social movement and trade union organizations”

The approach presented here enables the measurement of cooperation between different social movement organizations over time and space by focusing on joint events participations. One central advantage of this network analysis is its dynamical focus on concrete action participation, instead of relying on organizations statements. The two-mode network structure shows the distribution of events over time and in reverse identify time periods with high level of cooperation activities. Understanding pattern of cooperation is thus an important empirical task in order to reconstruct and explain transnational collective action between actors from different social movements.

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