



What do we know about personal networks?

Keynote speech José Luis Molina

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Egocentric/personal networks informed social network thinking from its inception but only recently the availability of personal network data with both strong and weak ties have contributed to the development of a growing number of contributions in this area. Drawing on more than a decade of research collecting personal networks with a large number of alters, this presentation aims to take stock of the main lessons learned about the contribution of structure, composition and the combination of both on a range of individual outcomes.

Finally, some thoughts about what is the theoretical contribution of personal networks to the understanding of social structures and its dynamics will be suggested.

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