

Selected Research Projects by Cluster Faculty

On organizations...

- Dynamics of communication and coordination within and between organizations in response to emergency events.
- Adoption and use of online communication media by emergency management and other organizations, and the relationship of this use to the hazard context.
- Developing new techniques for modeling interaction dynamics within and between organizations, with examples ranging from classroom interactions between students to violence between street gangs.
- Global origins and substantive consequences of NGOs for state policy, social movements, and economic inequality.
- Institutions and political life: how the organizational features of modern states shape participation in voluntary association and other forms of political participation.
- Organizational complexity and the survival of charter schools. Charter schools are a new organizational form where multiple, contesting logics compete for legitimacy. The enactment and combination of those logics within organizations impacts the survival of individual organizations.
- How the social comparisons across organizations, and across organizational units, shape the propensity to engage in risky organizational change, including cases of American baseball teams, German soccer teams, and mutual fund managers.
- How the boards of directors of new ventures create opportunities -- and constraints -- for interorganizational relationships. The board serves as an important network to obtain information but also a potential dependency that restricts relationships.