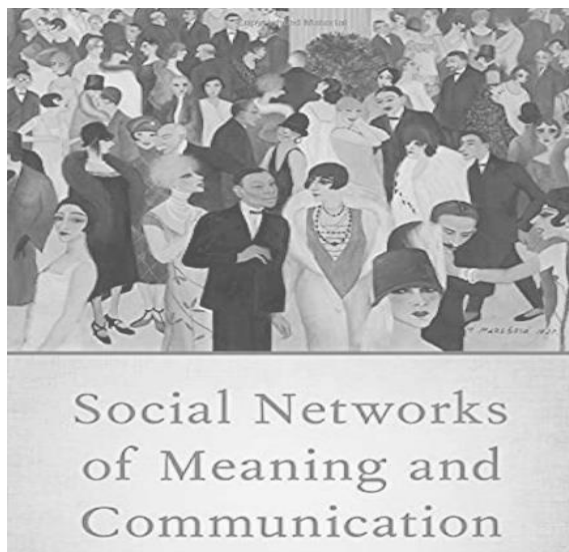


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Jan Fuhse (Humboldt University of Berlin)



Book presentation: “Social Networks of Meaning and Communication”

In *Social Networks of Meaning and Communication*, Jan A. Fuhse offers a coherent theory of social structures as networks of relations interwoven with meaning. Drawing upon and extending the relational sociology of Harrison White and Charles Tilly, Fuhse seeks to establish a theory of social networks. Using a broad range of classic and contemporary social theory, he reconceptualizes social networks as constituted in patterns of expectations that form, reproduce, and change over the course of communicative events. These events, he argues, are the basic building blocks of the social world. They lead to expectations about the actor’s behavior and their interaction with others – the meaning structure making for observable regularities of communication in social network.

Social Networks of Meaning and Communication lays out a relational and constructivist perspective of social networks, highlighting a number of implications for: social relationships, groups, and collective actors, as well as ethnic categories and cultural differences, roles and institutions, gender and family relations, and methods of social network analyses. Its framework bridges the gap in social network research between technically sophisticated analyzes and complex, elusive theorizing.

