

Linkages between civil and political society in Poland: Women’s mobilisation and liberal democracy



Context



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Aims and Objectives



Research Problems

1. What explains the rise of illiberalism in Poland?
2. What is civil society good for in a liberal democracy?

Research Questions

1. What is the configuration of the social network between civic and political actors in the field of women's mobilisation?
2. Which forms of linkages exist between civic and political actors? Which ones are more effective to translate demands from the civil to the political society?

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Research Questions

3. Which actors within the network are more powerful?
4. Do civic and political actors bridge ideological cleavages in their cooperation?
 - 4.a If so under which circumstances?
 - 4.b If not, why do they refuse to cooperate?
5. How do activists that mobilise around one issue, in this project women's mobilisation, relate their engagement to rule of law issues and illiberal policies?

Analytical Framework

Civil Society (Linz/Stepan, 1996)

Political Society (ibid.)

Women's Mobilisation



Analytical Framework: Tripartite ideological division



Left

- Post-Communist and New Left
- Strong mobilisation
- **Hypothesised relationship political and civil society:** mixed record; reluctance to cooperate with post-Socialist political parties



Constitutional Liberals

- “Reformists” (Aronoff/Kubik, 2014)
- Mobilisation in times of crisis
- Procedural democracy and rule of law
- **Hypothesised relationship political and civil society:** weak ties, stress on political independence of civic actors



Right

- “Revolutionaries”
- Strong mobilisation
- **Hypothesised relationship political and civil society:** strong ties (Hanley, 2018)

Analytical Framework: Tripartite ideological division within women's mobilisation



Radical Feminists



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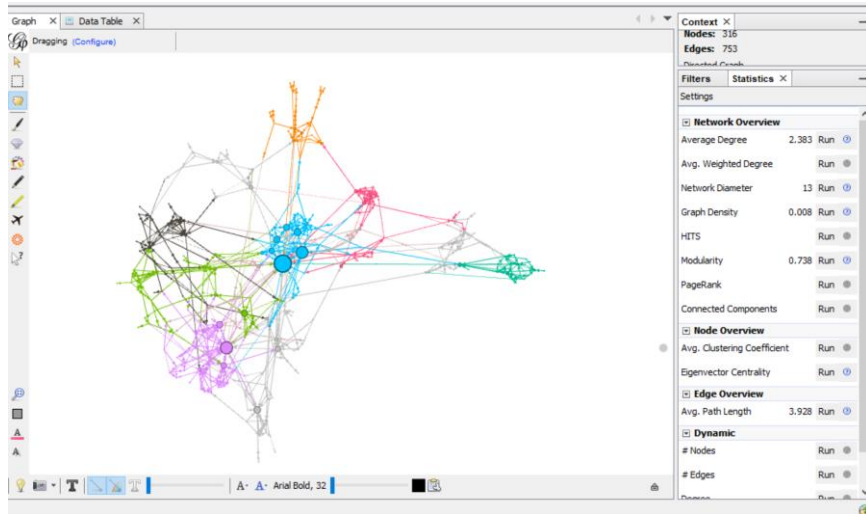
Liberal Feminists



Conservative Civil Society

Methodology

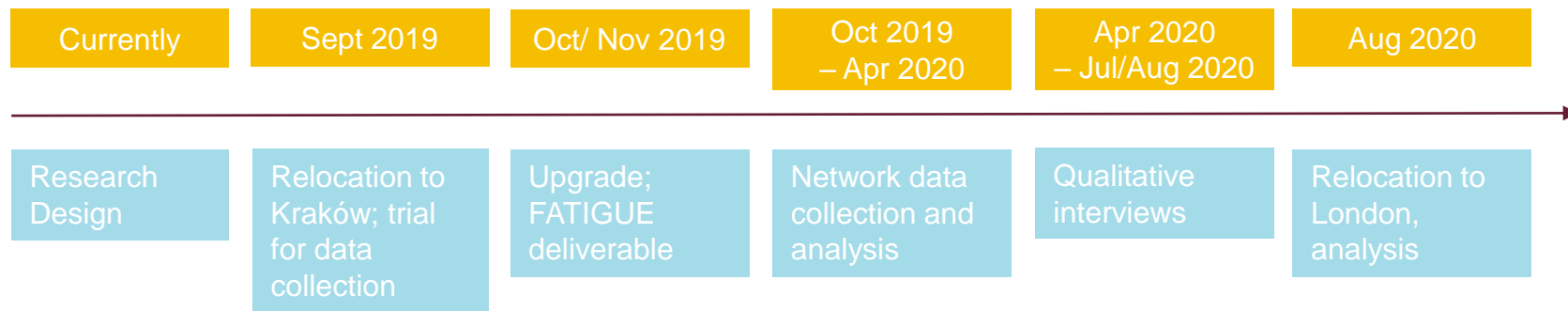
Social Network Analysis



Qualitative in-depth interviews



Time line



Next steps and challenges



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