The objective of this colloquium is to explore the “black box” of micro-level interactions in inter-organisational and cross-sector relations, for example, amongst public and third sector actors. These networks or partnerships emerge, or are mandated, to deal with complex problems in the context of, for example, the coproduction of social services, new forms of territorial or environmental governance, or advocacy and citizens’ rights movements. Actors’ repertoires of interaction can be understood as the stock of skills, behaviors, tactics and discourses that people use to sustain and control ongoing mutual exchanges (Berger and Luckmann, 1967). While they are almost always structured by institutional and organisational norms and power differences, the constructivist, micro-level approach recognizes that agency is not the preserve of the institutionally powerful (Scott, 1990). Regardless of the models, structures and systems prescribed or put in place, cross-sector relations are ultimately accomplished through situated interactions amongst actors in local sites (Fine, 2014).

By focusing on micro-level dynamics (e.g. Vaara and Whittington, 2012; Fine and Tavory, 2019; Emirbayer, 1997), colloquium papers will empirically contribute to our understanding of how change is constructed or resisted through the creative routines of collaboration and negotiation, or through disruptive practices (e.g. Chalmers & Balan-Vnuk, 2013; Lee & Zhang, 2013). They may employ – and make contributions to – relational and agency-based approaches, such as interactionism and the negotiated order (Bishop and Waring, 2016); practice-based analysis (Tello-Rozas et al., 2015) and strategy-as-practice (Johnson and al, 2007), sense-making (Weik and al., 2005), advocacy coalitions (Sabatier, 2007; Hadden, 2018), field analysis (Emirbayer and Johnson, 2008; Fligstein and McAdam, 2011; Macmillan, 2015), network theory (Fine and Kleinman, 1983; Diani, 2015 ; Bottero and Crossley, 2011) and actor-network theory (Mouritsen and al., 2010; Bilodeau and al., 2019; Touati and Maillet, 2018), the dynamics of contention (McAdam and al., 2003) and many other perspectives that either call for, or allow for, micro-level analyses.

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