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The co-evolution of trust and advice

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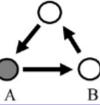
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- Burt's structural holes (1992)
- Networks as access to resources (Lin, 1999; Brass, 1984)

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 => HIERARCHICAL



A former alpha male who has lost his status in a fight is either cast out or remains in the group as a shadow of his former self. (www.guardian.co.uk/science/2010/apr/29/leaders-debate-naked-politician)

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"The Answer you seek is 'No.' When asked, 'Does this make me look fat?' the Universal Answer is invariably 'No.' "

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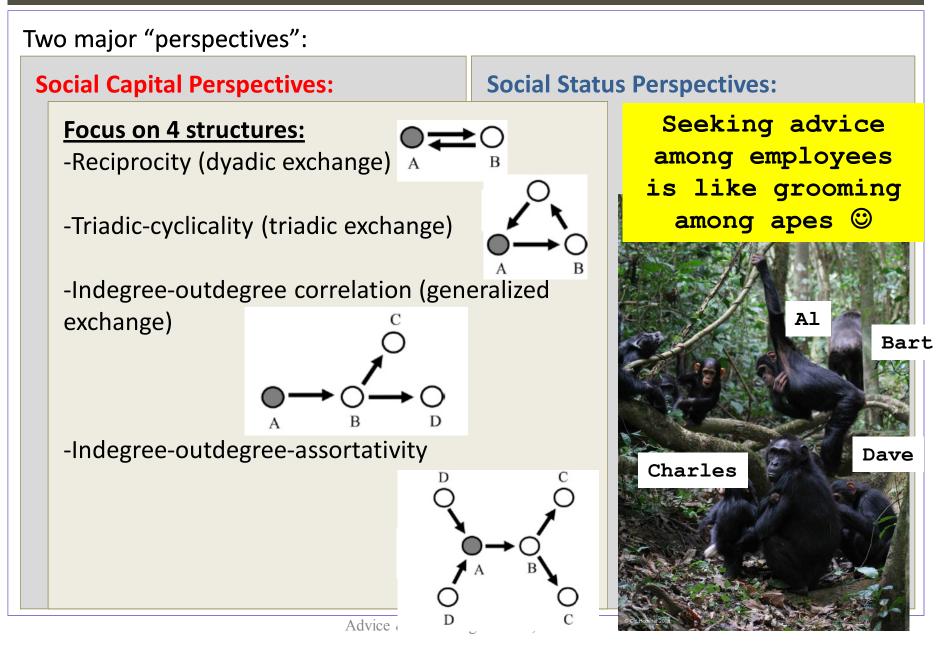
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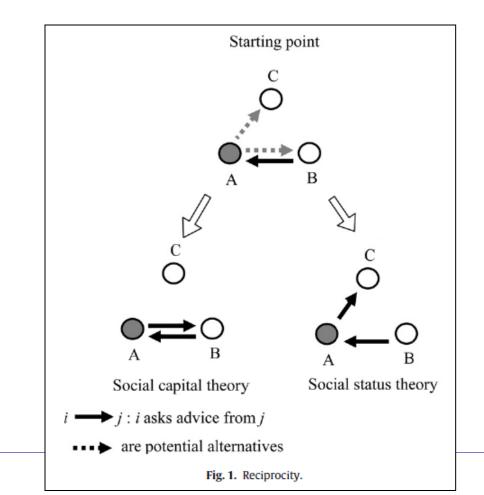
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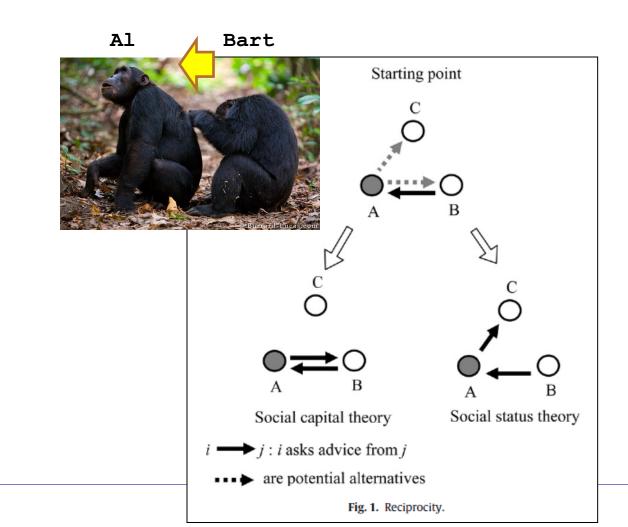
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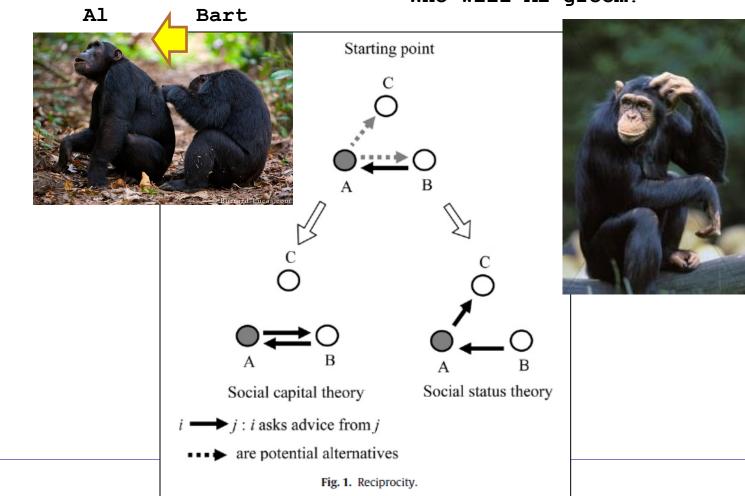
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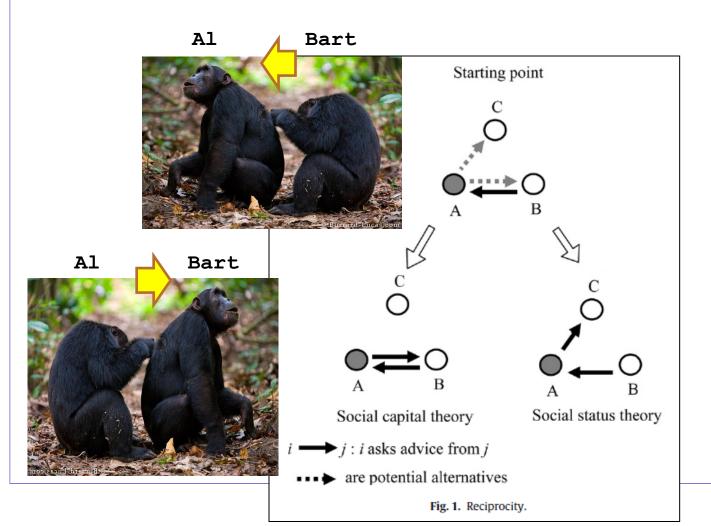


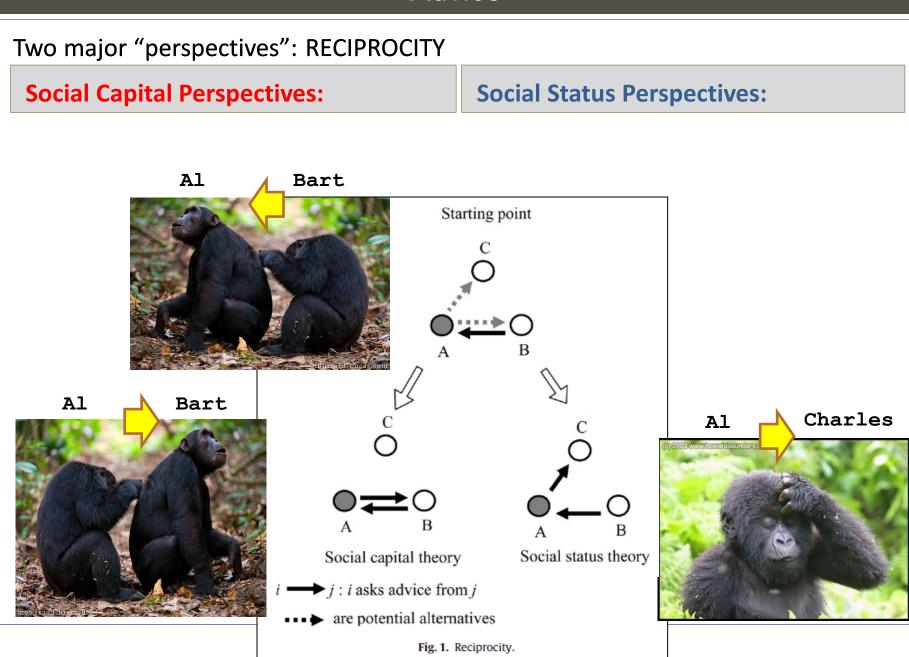
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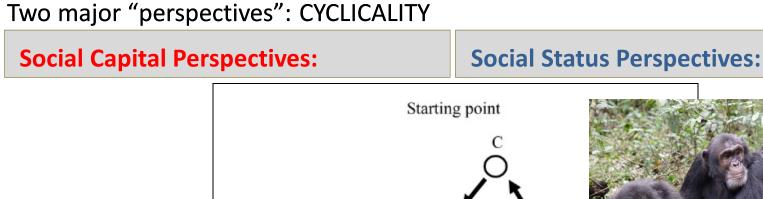
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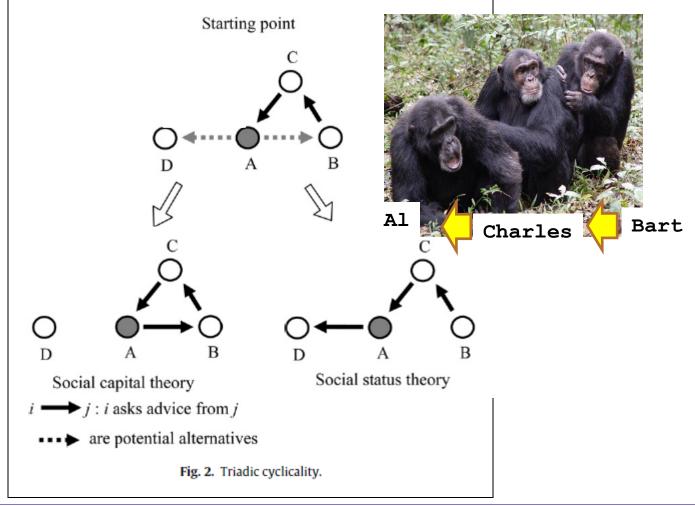
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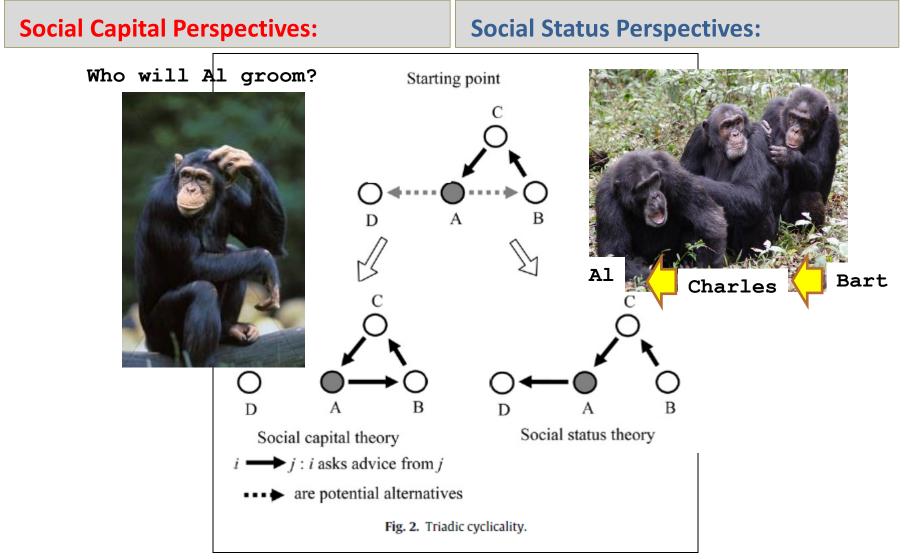


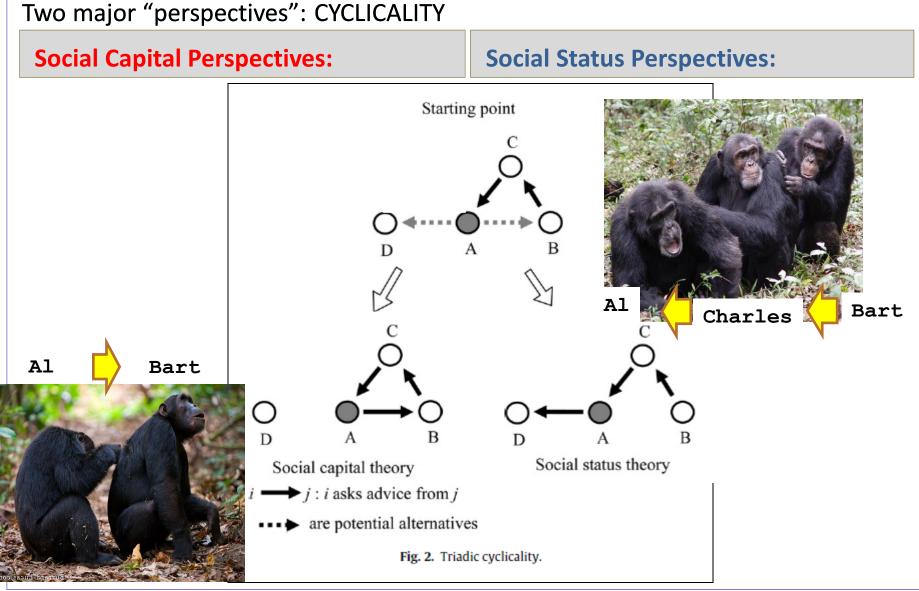


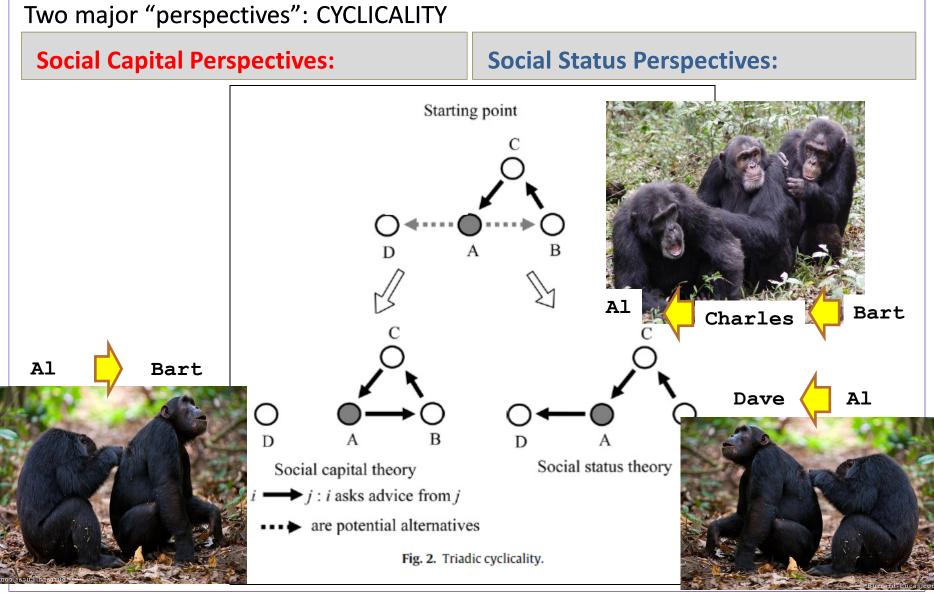


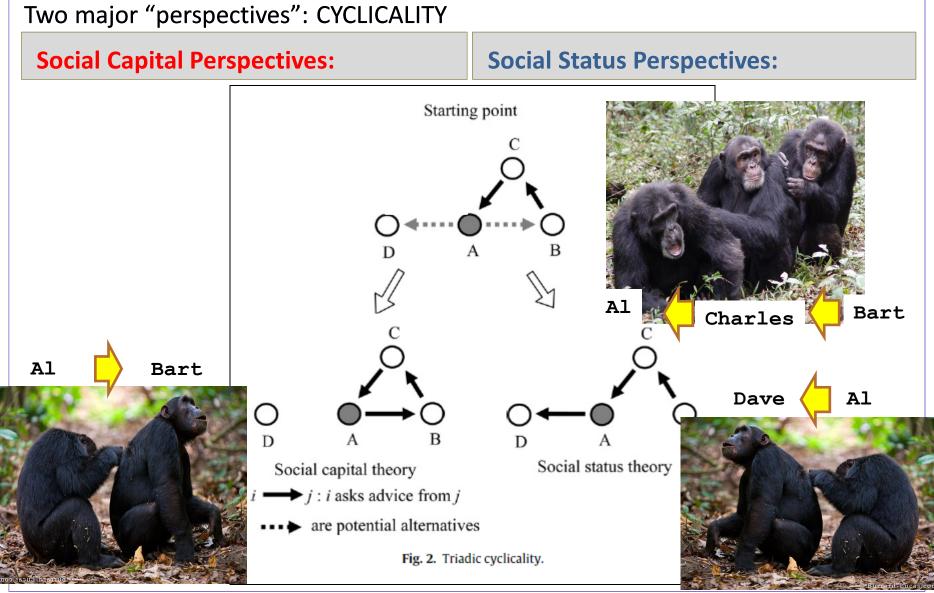




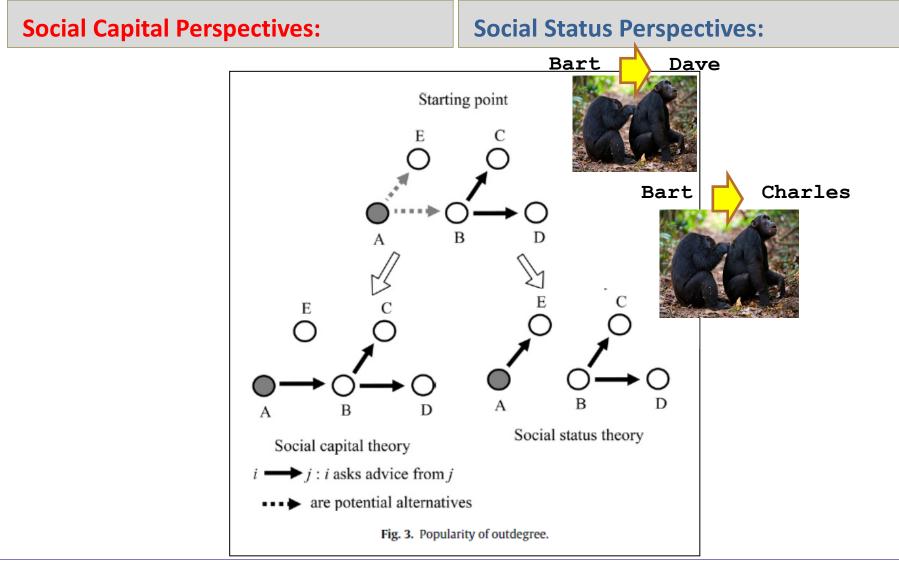






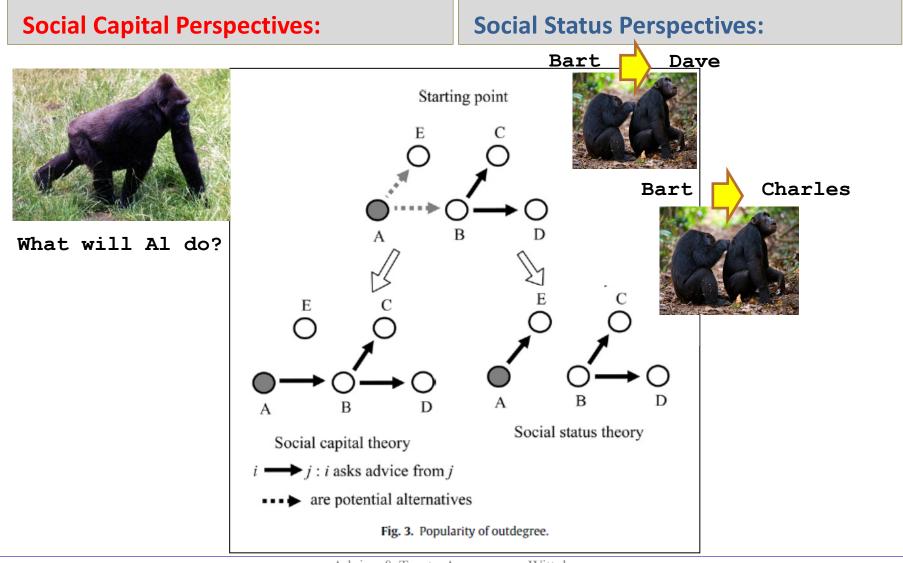


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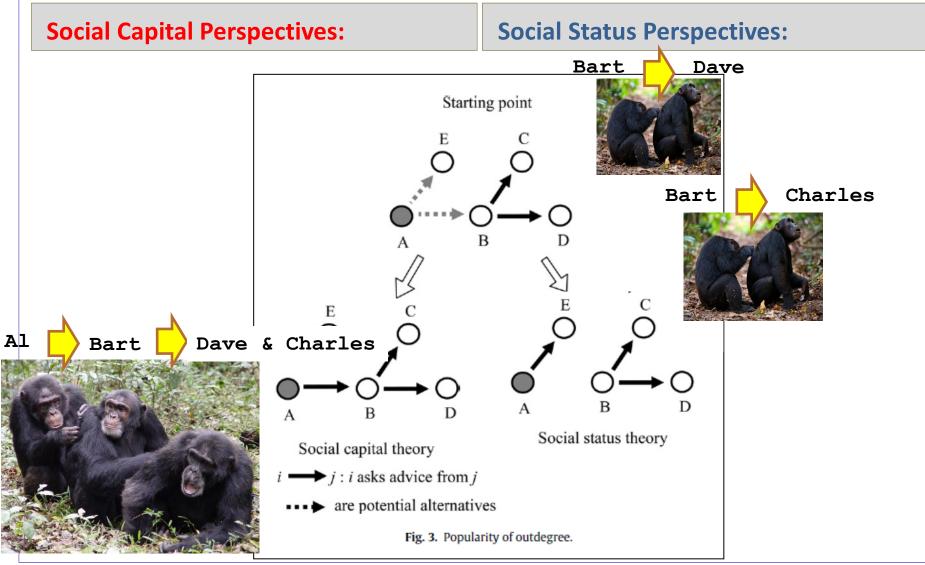
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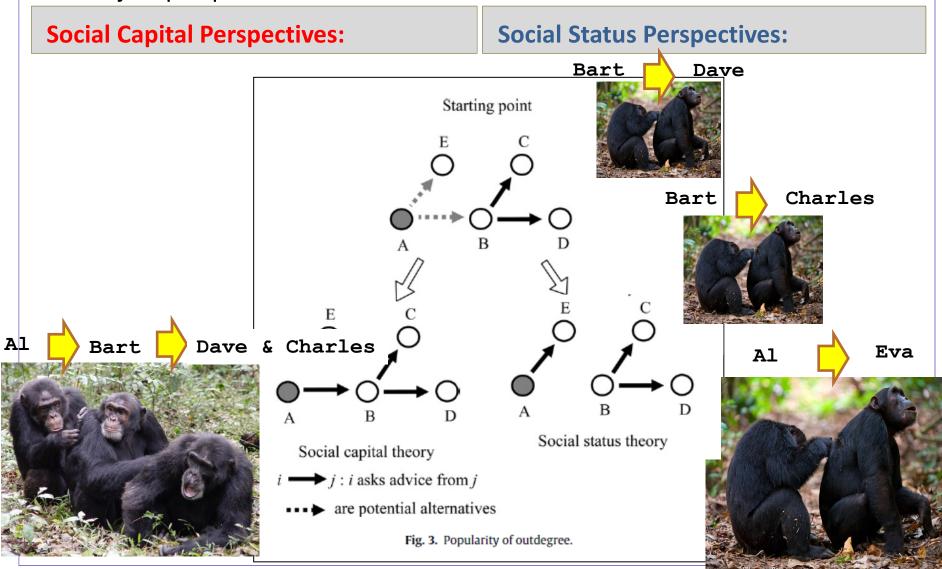


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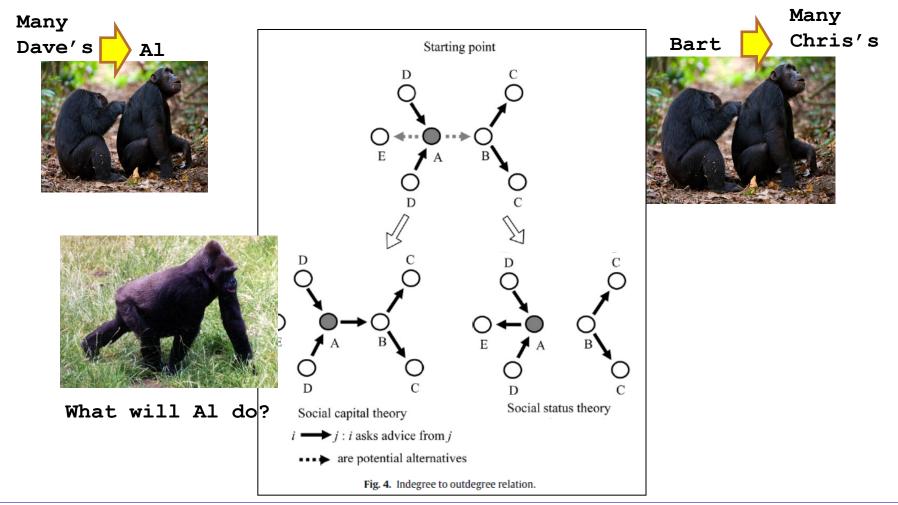
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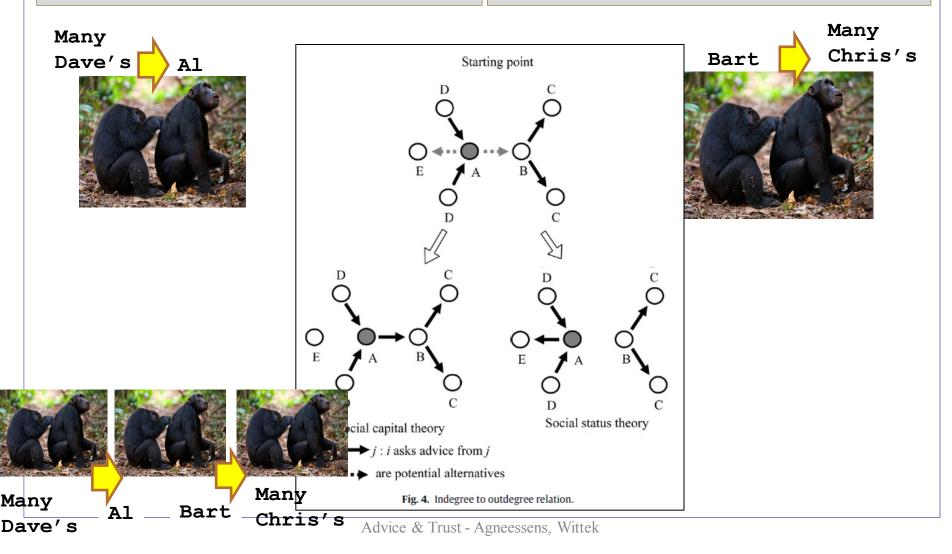
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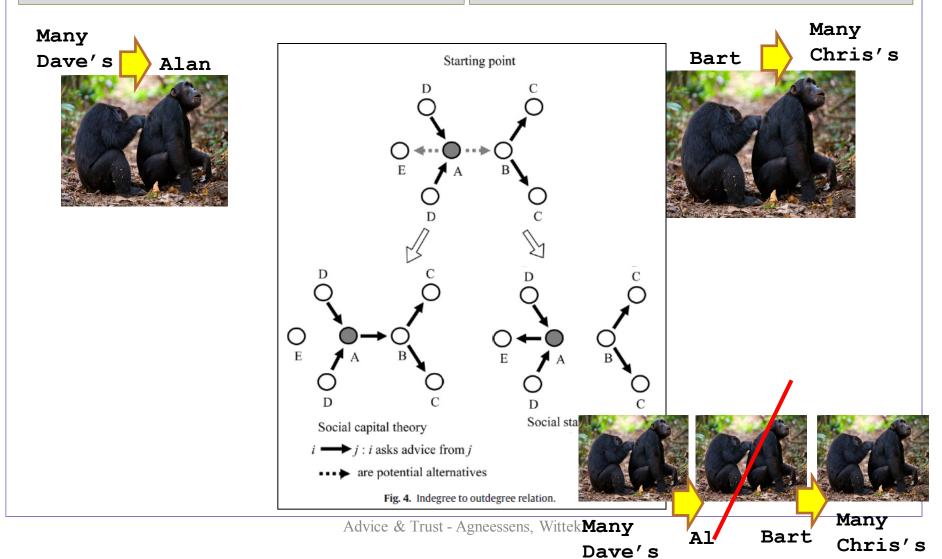
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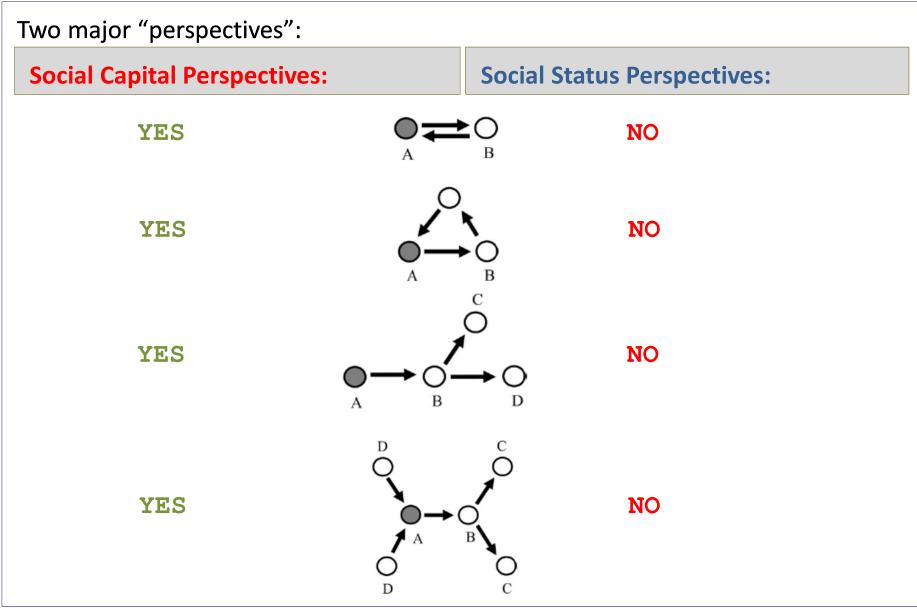


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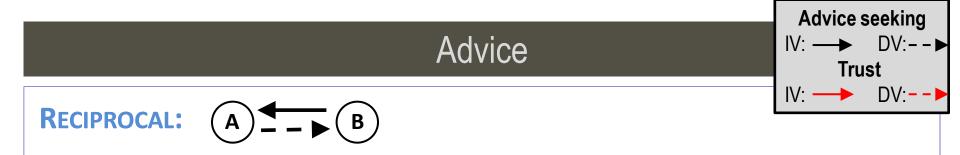
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Technique:

- Longitudinal network analysis with RSiena
- Multiplex network analysis: Interaction between advice and trust

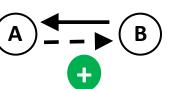
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Advice seeking

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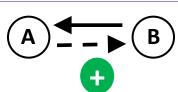
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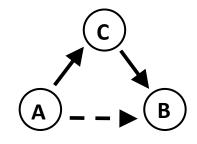
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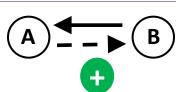
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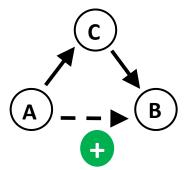
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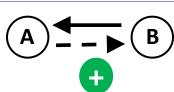
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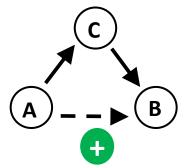
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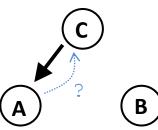
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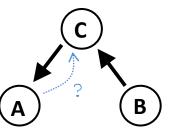
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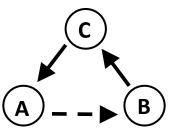
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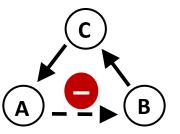


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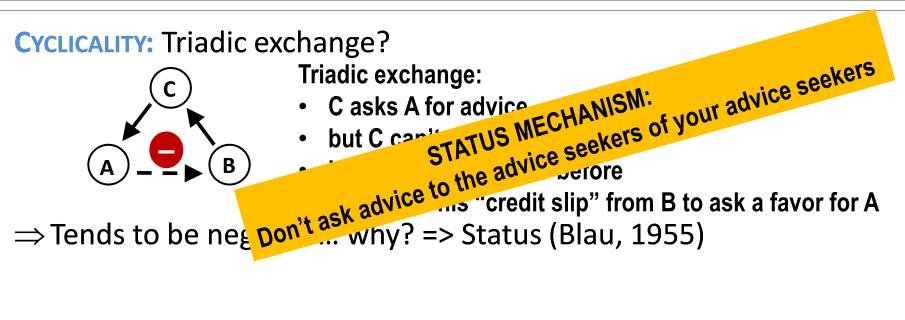
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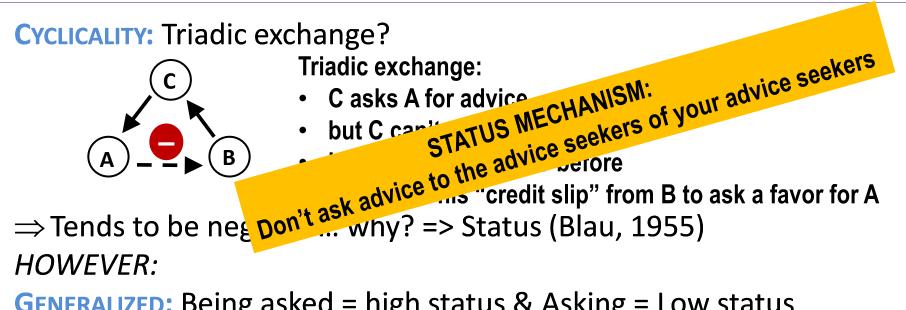


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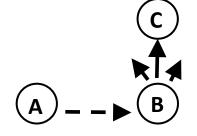
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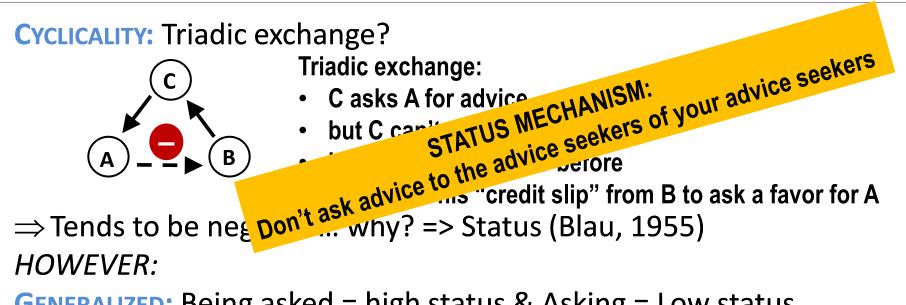
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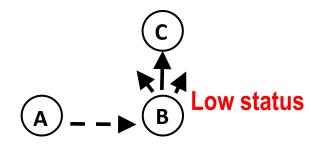


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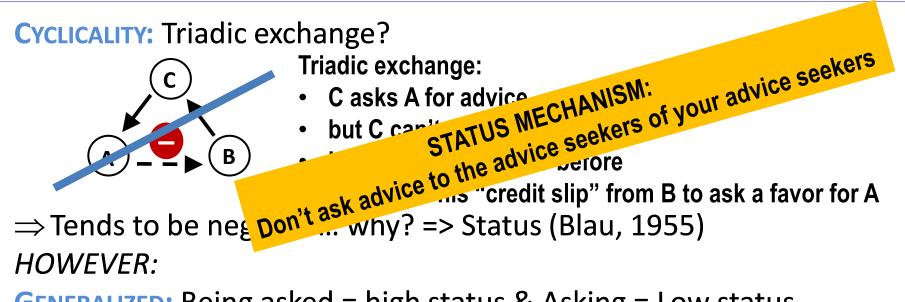




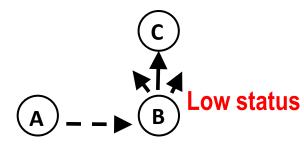
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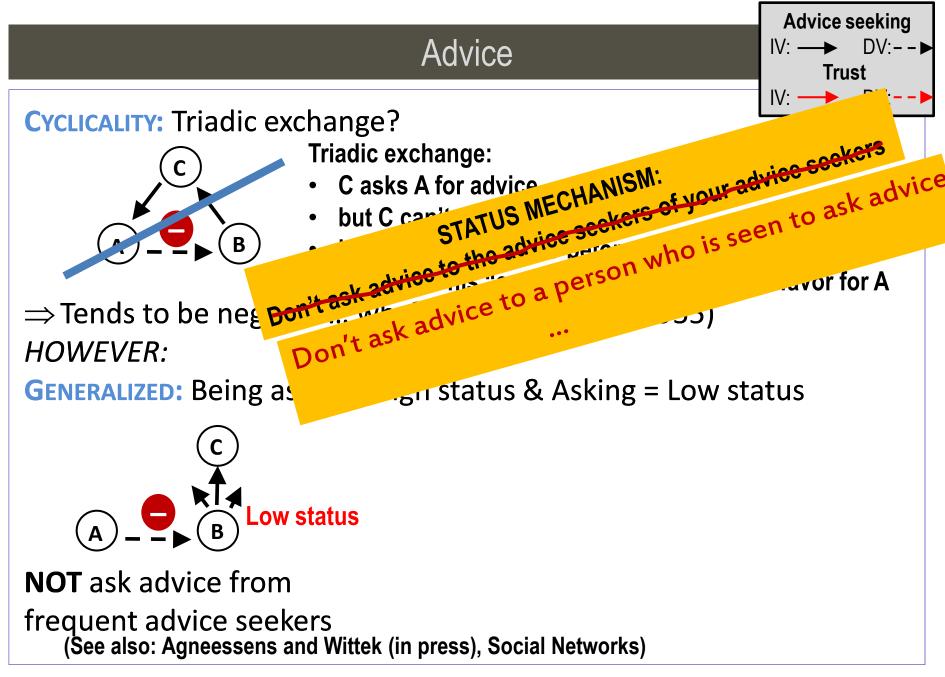


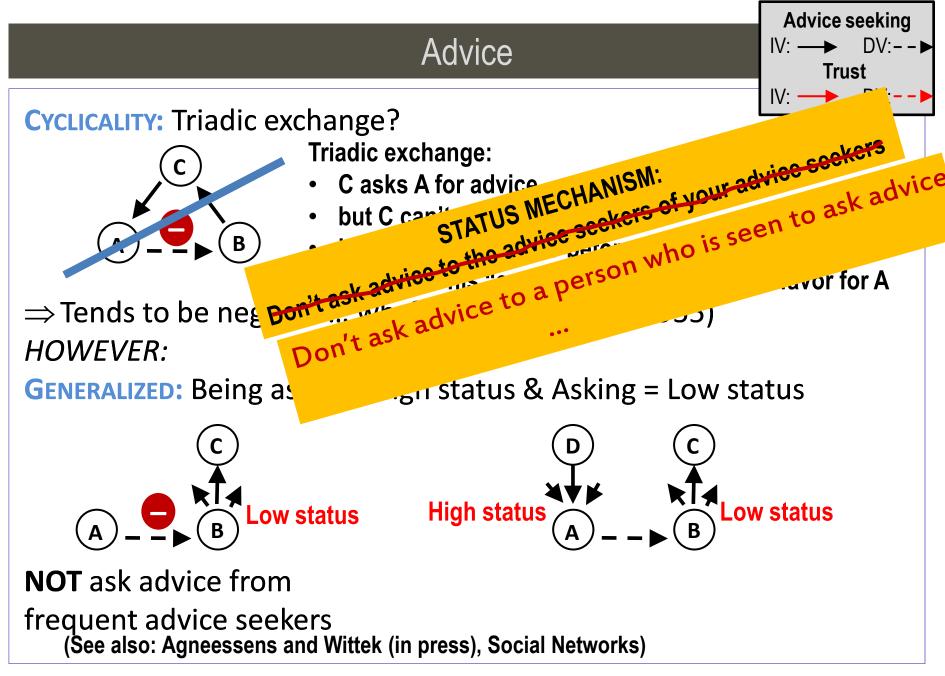
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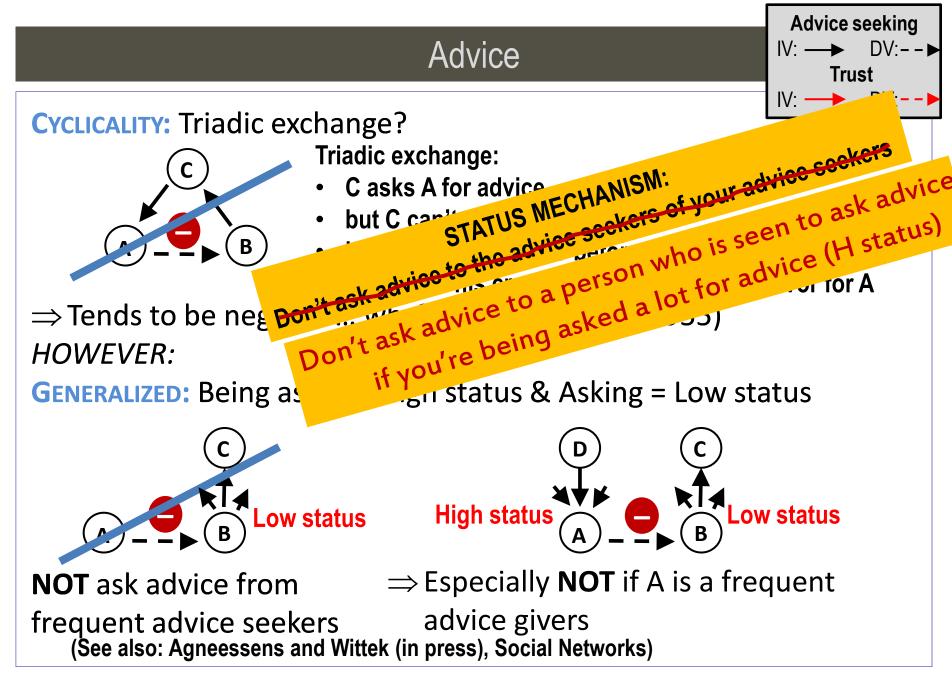
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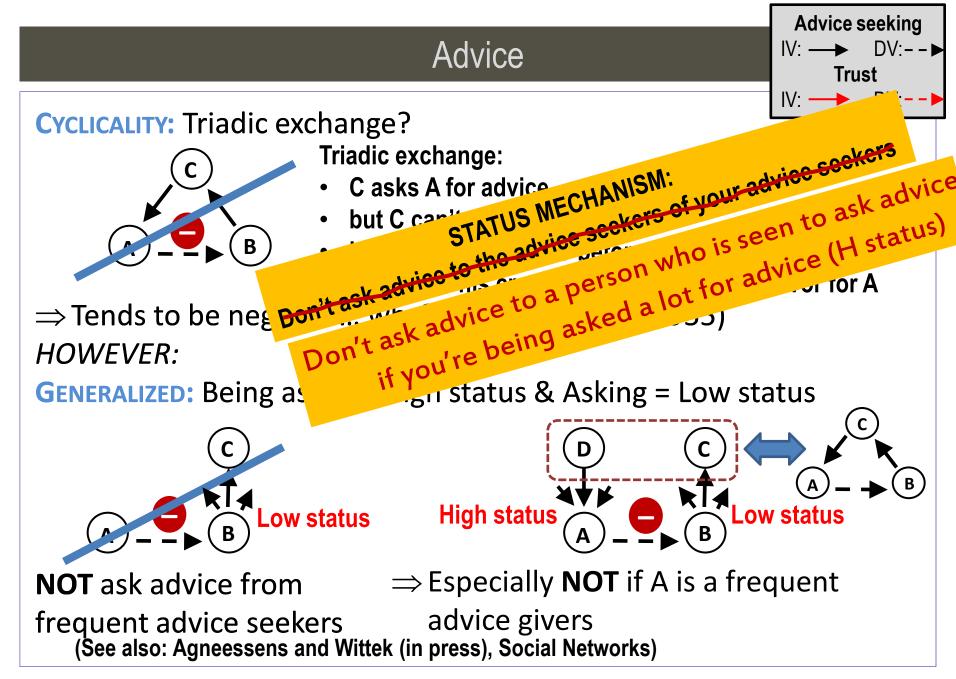
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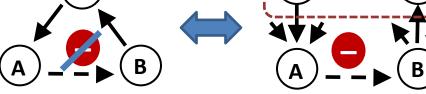


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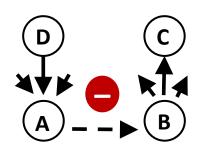
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HIERARCHY AND EXCHANGE



=> Violates the graph efficiency criterion of ideal-typical hierarchies (Krackhardt, 1994).

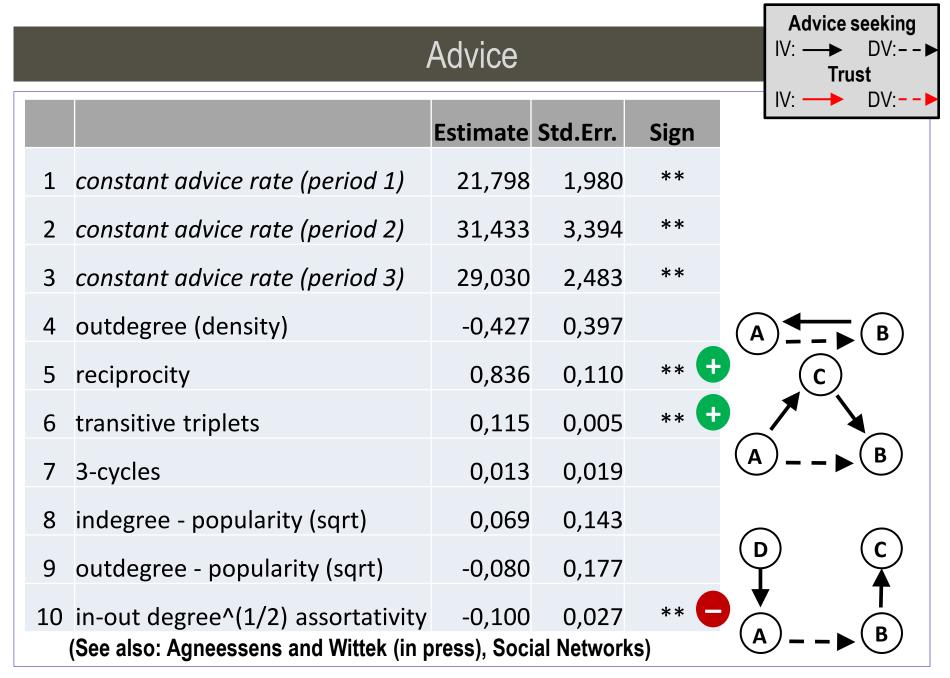
"Thus, advice networks tend to be both hierarchical and cohesive (at least within the subset of peers), with the hierarchical dimension usually stronger than the cohesive one" (Lazega et al., 2011, p. 115).



Trust and advice?

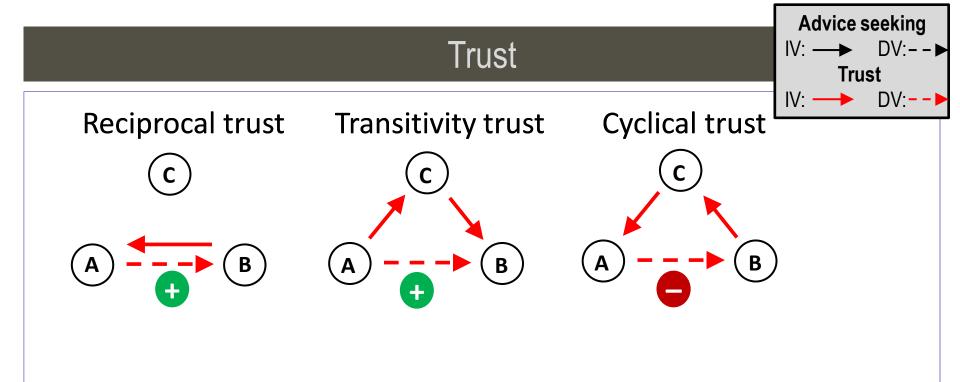
Advice seeking IV: → DV:--► Trust IV: → DV:--►

		Estimate	Std.Err.	Sign			
11	To hierarchical superior	1,139	0,217	**			
12	From hierarchical superior	0,917	0,217	**			
13	Same team	0,267	0,069	**			
14	HIERARCHICAL LEVEL alter	-0,001	0,034				
15	HIERARCHICAL LEVEL ego	0,006	0,036				
16	HIERARCHICAL LEVEL similarity	0,119	0,147				
17	AGE alter	-0,013	0,003	**			
18	AGE ego	0,004	0,004				
19	AGE similarity	0,147	0,140				
20	GENDER alter	-0,133	0,052	*			
21	GENDER ego	-0,160	0,048	**			
22	GENDER similarity	0,039	0,039				
	(See also: Agneessens and Wittek (in press), Social Networks)						



	Trust		Advice seeking IV: → DV:► Trust
		Estimate	Stahuaru Sign
			Error
34	trust: outdegree (density)	-2,338	0,144 **
38	HIERARCHICAL LEVEL alter	0,642	0,368
39	HIERARCHICAL LEVEL ego	0,109	0,331
40	HIERARCHICAL LEVEL similarity	0,434	0,157 **
41	AGE alter	0,047	0,070
42	AGE ego	-0,059	0,082
43	AGE similarity	0,310	0,287
44	GENDER alter	-0,008	0,003 *
45	GENDER ego	0,004	0,003
46	GENDER similarity	0,411	0,156 **
47	HIERARCHICAL LEVEL alter	0,016	0,115
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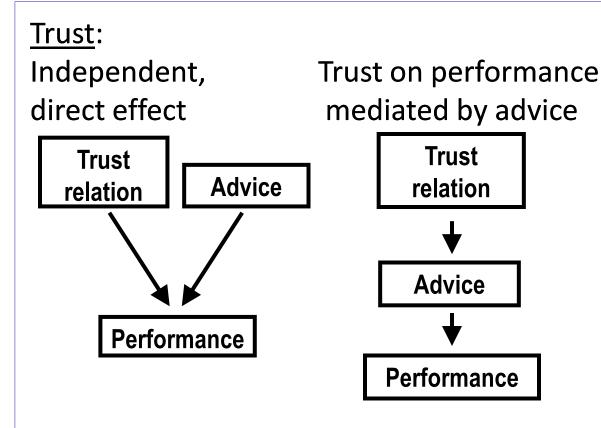
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			Error
34	trust: outdegree (density)	-2,338	0,144 **
35	trust: reciprocity	0,673	0,112 **
36	trust: transitive triplets	0,109	0,006 **
37	trust: 3-cycles	-0,109	0,010 **
38	HIERARCHICAL LEVEL alter	0,642	0,368
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So, what about trust on advice?

Trust and advice

Trust and advice



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Trust and advice

<u>Trust is mediated by communication/advice</u>:

Table 1

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Research Examining Main Effects of Trust on Workplace Behaviors and Outcomes

Study Primary Thesis Related to Trust		Sig.	r
Communication			
Boss 1980	Trust within group has (+) effect on openness in communication	р	0.37 to 0.59
)e Dreu et al. 1998	Trust between negotiators mediates the effects of social motives and punitive capability on info. exchange	ns	0.20
)irks 1999	Trust within group has (+) effect on info. sharing in group	ns	0.00
immel et al. 1980	Trust between negotiators has (+) effect on info. exchange in dyad	ns	n/a
fellinger 1959	Trust has (+) effect on accuracy of info. shared with superior	р	n/a
Reilly and Roberts 1974	Trust has (+) effect on amount of info. sent to superior	р	n/a
)'Reilly 1978	Trust has (+) effect on amount of info sent to superior	р	0.32 to 0.48
oberts and O'Reilly 1974	Trust has (+) effect on amount of info. sent to superior	ns	n/a
mith and Barclay 1985	Trust has (+) effect on openness in communication in interorganizational relationship	р	0.47
and 1972	Trust has (+) effect on openness in communication in group	р	0.41 to 0.63

Effect of trust on advice?

Trust on advice

Advice seeking IV: → DV:--► Trust IV: → DV:--►

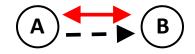
Dyadic:

SAME DIRECTION, REVERSE OR MUTUAL?

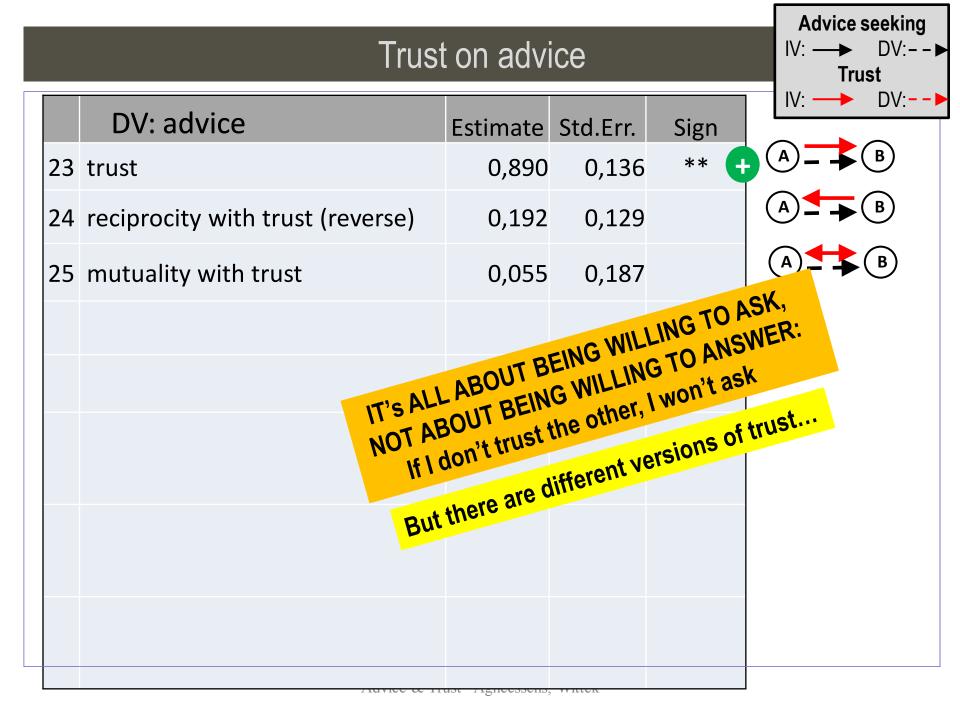


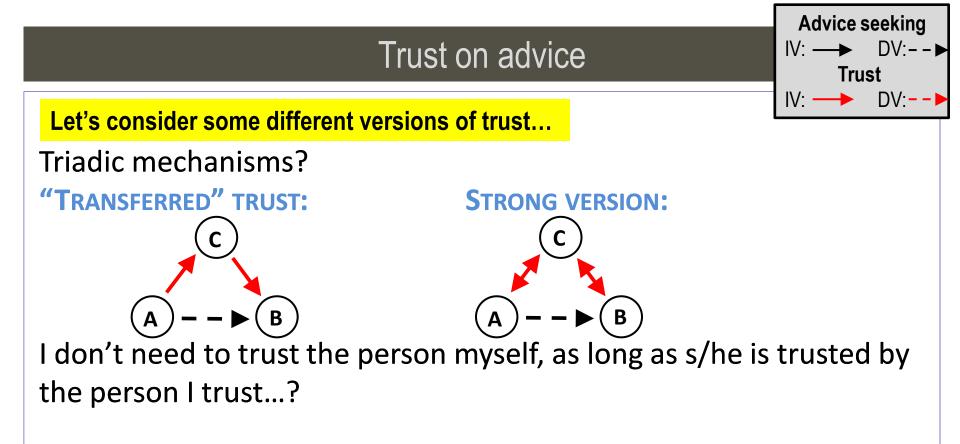
Trust of advice seeker in potential advice giver generates advice Trust of potential advice giver in advice seeker generates advice

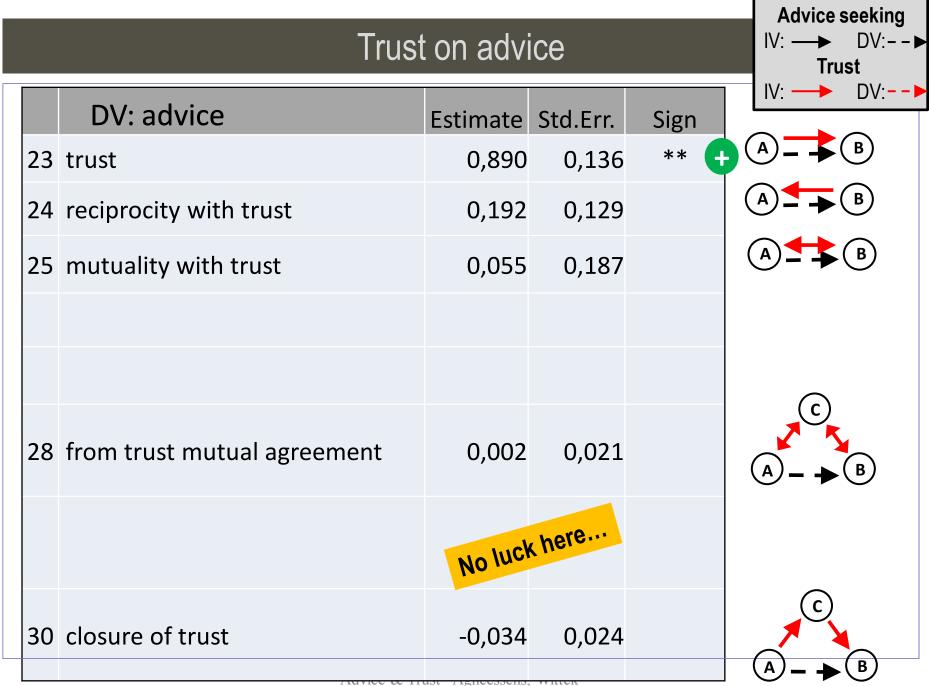
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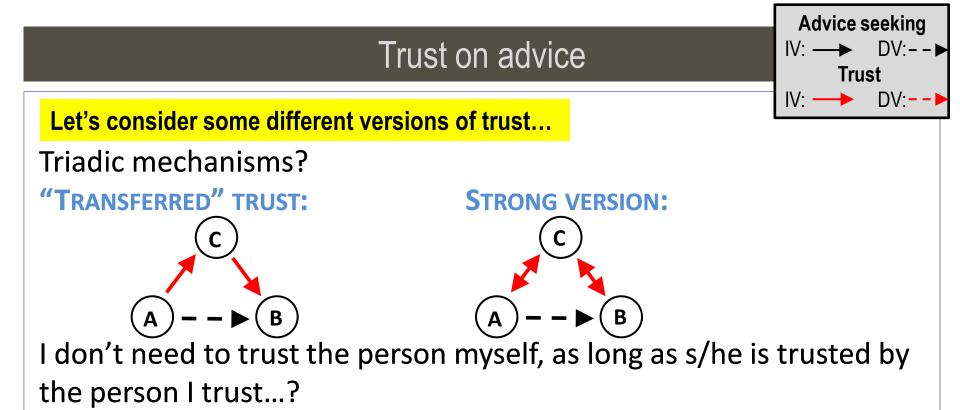


Mutual trust between advice seeker and potential advice giver generates advice

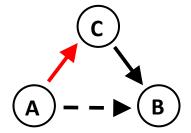




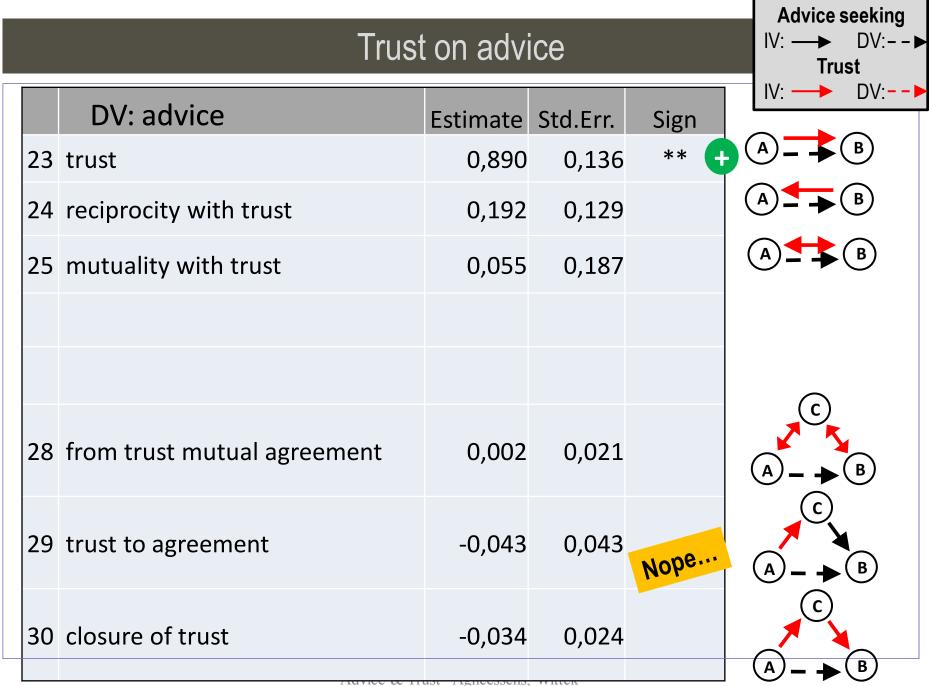




TRANSFERRED TRUST (version 2): Copy behavior of those one trusts



Maybe I ask persons for advice, if s/he's also asked by persons I trust?



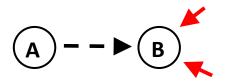
Trust on advice

Advice seeking IV: ----Trust IV: ----

Let's consider some different versions of trust...

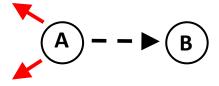
Last chance:

- Generalized mechanisms?
- **BEING TRUSTED BY OTHERS:**



Maybe if people are trusted a lot in general in the organisation?

TRUSTING OTHERS:



Or... maybe it's all due to general differences in trusting others?

	Advice seeking IV: → DV:► Trust				
	DV: advice	Estimate	Std.Err.	Sign	IV:
23	B trust	0,890	0,136	**	(A) _ → (B)
24	reciprocity with trust	0,192	0,129		
25	5 mutuality with trust	0,055	0,187		
26	5 indegree^(1/2) trust popularity	0,063	0,082		
27	outdegree^(1/2) trust activity	0,093	0,053	(*) 1.7	A - → B
28	3 from trust mutual agreement	0,002	0,021		C A – • B
29	trust to agreement	-0,043	0,043		$ \begin{array}{c} (c) \\ (c) $
30) closure of trust	-0,034	0,024		C (A) → (B)



Some different versions of trust...

CONCLUSION:

- It's all about direct trust, not generalized, or even triadic
- \Rightarrow (cf. Flynn. If only you ask you get advice)

LIMITATIONS:

- What type of trust?
- Trust in capabilities of others OR Trust in getting an answer in the first place?
- What type of advice (Cross et al.)
- How does trust come about? ... next slides

Maybe it's the reverse?

Effect of advice on trust?

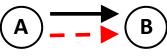
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Advice on trust



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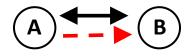
Same direction, reciprocal or mutual?





Asking advice generates trust

Being asked for advice generates trust

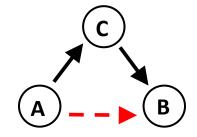


Reciprocal advice generates trust

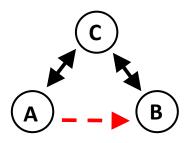


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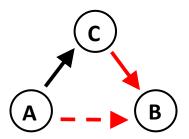
Triadic?



"Advice of advice" generates trust



Common advice among people generates trust



Advice seeking

Trust

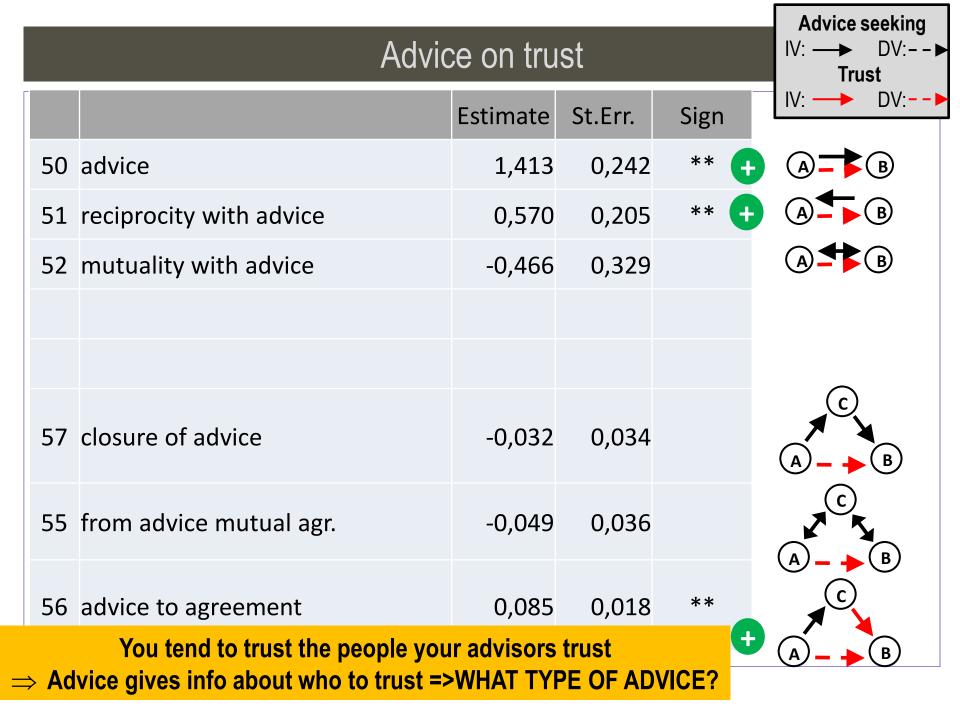
IV: →

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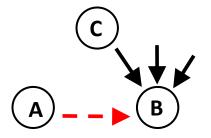
Trust of those A asks advice generates trust



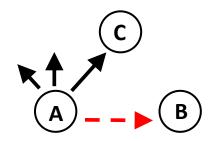
Advice on trust



Generalized basis of trust?



(A) tends to trust a person (B)if that person (B) is askedby many others (C) for advice



(A) tends to trust a person (B)if that person (A) is askingmany others (C) for advice

	Advice seeking IV: → DV:► Trust							
		Estimate	St.Err.	Sign	IV: → DV:►			
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51	reciprocity with advice	0,570	0,205	** 🕂				
52	mutuality with advice	-0,466	0,329		(A ≤ B			
53	indegree^(1/2) advice popularity	-0,269	0,070	**=>0				
54	outdegree^(1/2) advice activity	-0,300	0,064	**				
57	closure of advice	-0,032	0,034	(*)				
55	from advice mutual agr.	-0,049	0,036					
56	advice to agreement	0,085	0,018	**	Ċ			
You tend to trust the people your advisors trust \Rightarrow Advice gives info about who to trust =>WHAT TYPE OF ADVICE?								

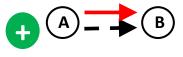
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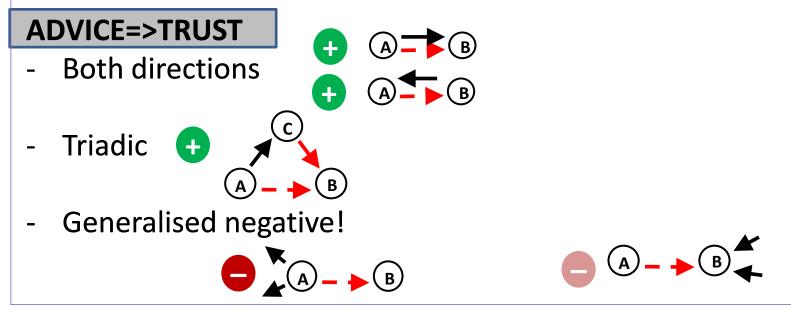
CONCLUSION (2):

- Advice generates trust in different ways, while trust only is dyadic

TRUST=>ADVICE

- It's all about direct trust, not generalized, or even triadic
- And trust is related with asking (not giving)
- \Rightarrow (cf. Flynn. If only you ask you get advice)



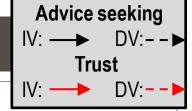


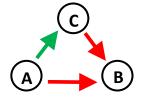
CONCLUSION: Trust on advice

LIMITATIONS AND FUTURE RESEARCH:

- What type of trust?
- Trust in capabilities of others OR Trust in getting an answer in the first place?
- What type of advice (Cross et al.)
- How does trust come about? ... next slides
- What about negative ties? Negative trust/distrust?
 - Asymmetry (Labianca & Brass)
 - Trust and distrust







Thank you for your attention...

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