A Graduate Student Project:

Exploring Networked, Organizational Structures

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In addressing agility and responsiveness, networked, virtual and online organizations have surpassed traditional organizations (<u>Agronoff, 2007</u>). Along with this revolution, novel management and structures of networks are required to utilize the network properties (Horling and Lesser, 2005; McLaughlan and hexmoor, 2009).

Social network analysis has provided tools and techniques to quantify interesting local as well as global properties of graphs of *nodes* and *ties* among individuals in a community (Wasserman and Faust, 1994). Despite the intuitive appeal of dynamics in networked organizations, methods for incorporating and exploring network properties are lacking. This research will address this gap.

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Approach:

- 1. Reorganization in Multi-agent Systems
- 2. Use Netlogo.