

## 3.1 Collective Behavior

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### 1. SESSION A (LECTURE)

Collective behavior: from contagion to thresholds.


- Historical approaches: Le Bon's crowd psychology, modern collective behavior theory.
- Threshold models: Granovetter's framework for understanding collective action.
- Applications: riots, social movements, technology adoption.

 [Collective Behavior \(Slides\)](#)

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### 2. SESSION B (SRG)

Discussion of readings.

 Granovetter (1978) "Threshold Models of Collective Behavior".

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#### REFERENCES

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