# The Effects of Community and Activity Characteristics on Participation Intentions: Evidence from Meetup.com PNAWS 2019

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## **AGENDA**

- Brand Communities: Research Context and Data
- Modeling ideas
- Critical points

## ABOUT ME...

- PhD Candidate at RSM
- Italian AF

#### I like:

- Applied Econometrics
- Art and literature
- Sleeping

## ABOUT THE GOOD STUFF: COMMUNITIES

#### Communities<sup>1</sup>

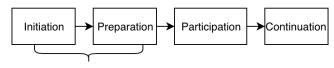
- Commercial (Brand<sup>2</sup>) and non-commercial
- Offline and online

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Hamman 2001; Hercheui 2011; Preece 2000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Muniz 2001

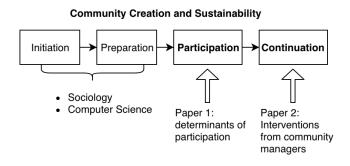
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#### **Community Creation and Sustainability**

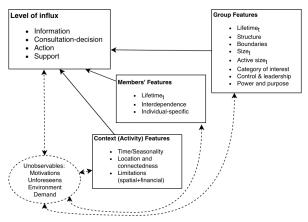


- Sociology
- Computer Science

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#### STATE OF THE ART: PARTICIPATION PHASE

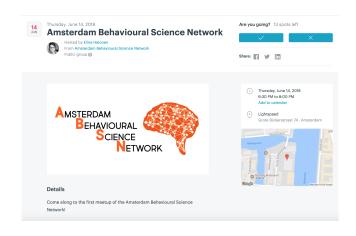


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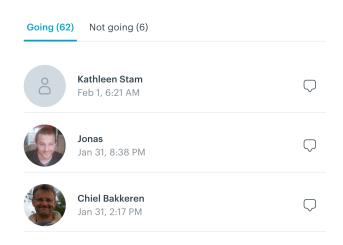
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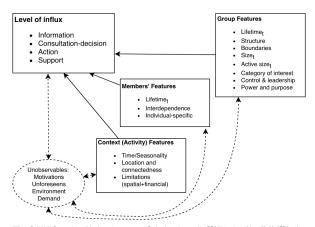
# RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- 1. Effect of context/activity features on level of activity (RSVP's)
- 2. Effect of group features on level of activity (RSVP's)
- 3. Difference in effects between commercial and non-commercial communities
- 4. Difference in effects across heterogeneous group members

## **DATA**

- 15 large cities in U.S.A.
- 33 categories of interest
- Several thousands of groups and millions of members
- Ongoing data collection

## DATA: OBSERVABLES



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# DATA: EXAMPLES

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