

# HIGH, INCONSISTENT AND CROSS-LEVEL STATUS IN POLITICAL NETWORKS



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**ABSTRACT** | This presentation outlines a neo-structural approach to institutional entrepreneurship. Network analyses are shown to be particularly useful in identifying actors who punch above their weight in politics thanks to their high, inconsistent (i.e. characterized by conflicts of interests) and cross-level social status. An empirical case focusing on the difficult emergence of a European intellectual property regime is used to illustrate this approach.

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