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“Weak and strong ties in musicians' networks. Evidence from Trento, Italy”

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In my talk I will discuss how some of the classic insights from Granovetter's theory of weak ties may improve our understanding of fields of cultural production. Preliminary evidence comes from a project on music schools in Trentino, led by professor Silvia Sacchetti at the Department of Sociology & social research of Trento university. I will look in particular at the collaboration networks involving 253 music teachers.

Mario Diani is Professor of Sociology at the University of Trento, which he joined in 2001. Earlier, he was Chair of Sociology at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow (1996-2001), where he also served as head of the Department of Government. Between 2010 and 2012 he was ICREA Research Professor in the Department of Political and Social Sciences, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona. His main contributions focus on social network approaches to social movements and collective action. His most recent books on the topic include *The Cement of Civil Society* (Cambridge University Press 2015) and *Multimodal Political Networks* (Cambridge University Press 2021, with D Knoke, J Hollway, and D Christopoulos). The third edition of *Social Movements*, a broad treatment of the topic co-authored with D della Porta, appeared for Blackwell in 2020. With D della Porta he also co-edited the *Oxford Handbook of Social Movements* (Oxford University Press 2015). His articles have appeared in major journals including *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Theory and Society*, *Social Networks*, *Sociological Review*, *Acta Sociologica*, *European Journal of Social Theory*, *Mobilization*, and *Voluntas*. Most recent papers address the structure of civic urban networks in Cape Town, food networks, unions as social movements, and networks of cultural production.

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