

The internationalization process through social networks and its impact on social progress

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The world economy is changing rapidly through new patterns and it implies new adaptation processes for national economies. One of this new patterns, vast literature has identified it, is how increasing productivity will conduct the country to an internationalization process gaining welfare at the same time.

The main objective of this work in progress research is to study the increasing of productivity and its consequent internationalization process from a social capital and social networks point of view. Trying to measure the impact of an internationalization process in welfare and progress of society. Understanding welfare and progress as education levels of society, compared education levels by generations, health situation of the population and levels of social participation.

We are using data from the *European Social Survey* that is an academically-driven social survey designed to chart and explain the interaction between Europe's changing institutions and the attitudes, beliefs and behaviour patterns of its diverse populations. Now in its fourth round, the survey covers over 30 nations. It has been funded through the European Commission's Framework Programmes, the European Science Foundation and national funding bodies in each country; and we are also using the *Amadeus* database that is a comprehensive, pan-European database containing financial information on over 11 million public and private companies in 41 European countries. With the combination of these two databases we have built all the necessary statistic indicators. The analysis has a cross-national perspective, in order to see how this is a widespread process or it is a local phenomenon.