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**Network Politics and International  
Collaboration: a View from the  
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Founded in 1923, the Social Science Research Council is an independent, non-profit institution committed to the organization of international research in the social sciences through its research programs, summer institutes, workshops, and fellowships. Tracing a brief history of the Council's activities, this paper outlines the Council's more recent efforts to organize international networks and collaborative research.

Specifically, I consider the multiple political dimensions of network activity, ranging from relations to funders to the "micro-politics" of building networks, considered in relation to the Council's stated mission of "bringing necessary knowledge to public issues".