



Between economic crisis and war: Dynamics of migration plans of Ukrainians in Spain

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Theoretical and analytical framework

-> Migration plan as a process

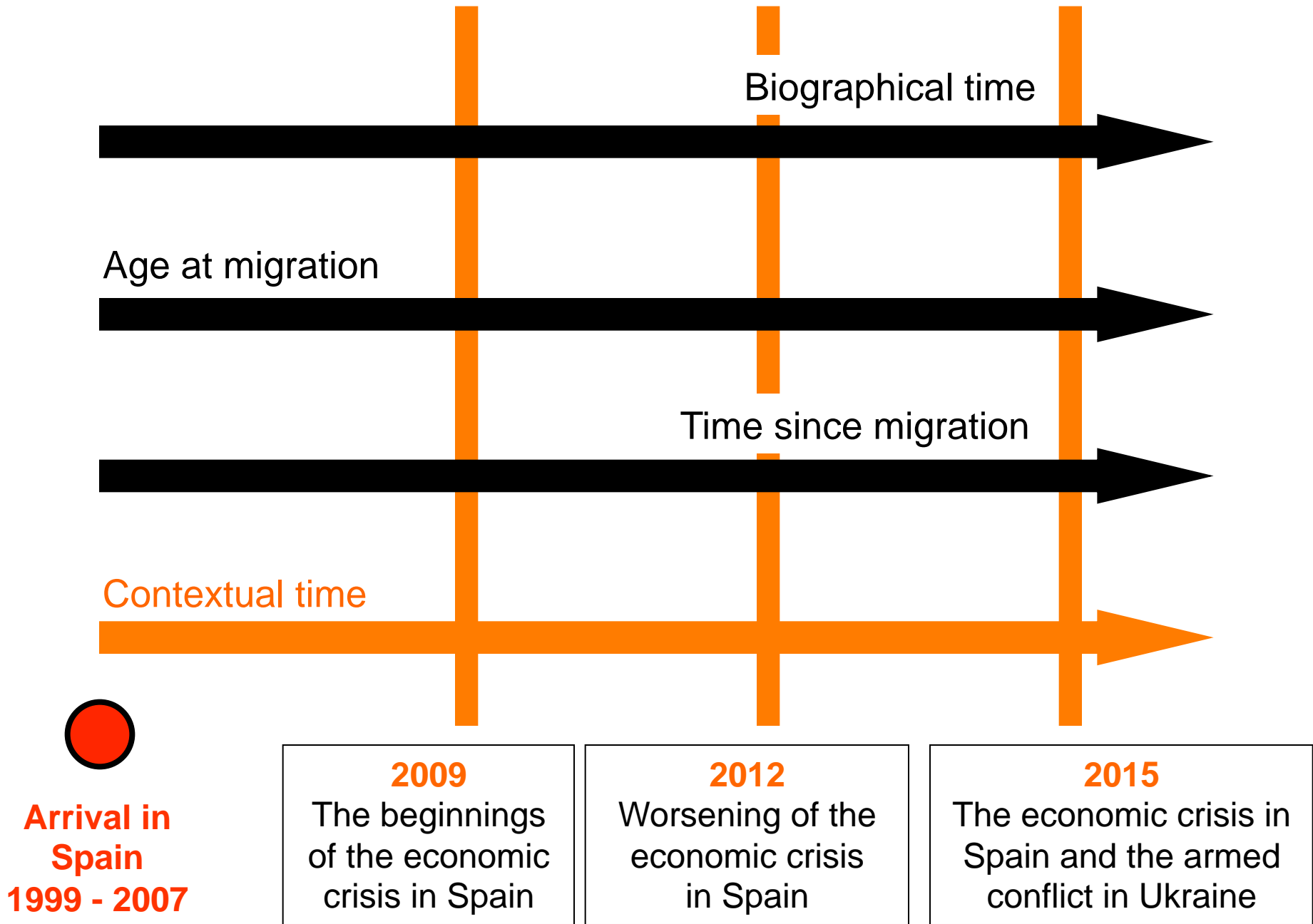
Focus on: formation, variation and persistence of long-term intentions to stay or leave Spain (next 15 years)

-> Temporal approach (Erdal and Ezzati 2015; King and Skeldon 2010; Kley 2011)

Three time-related dimensions:

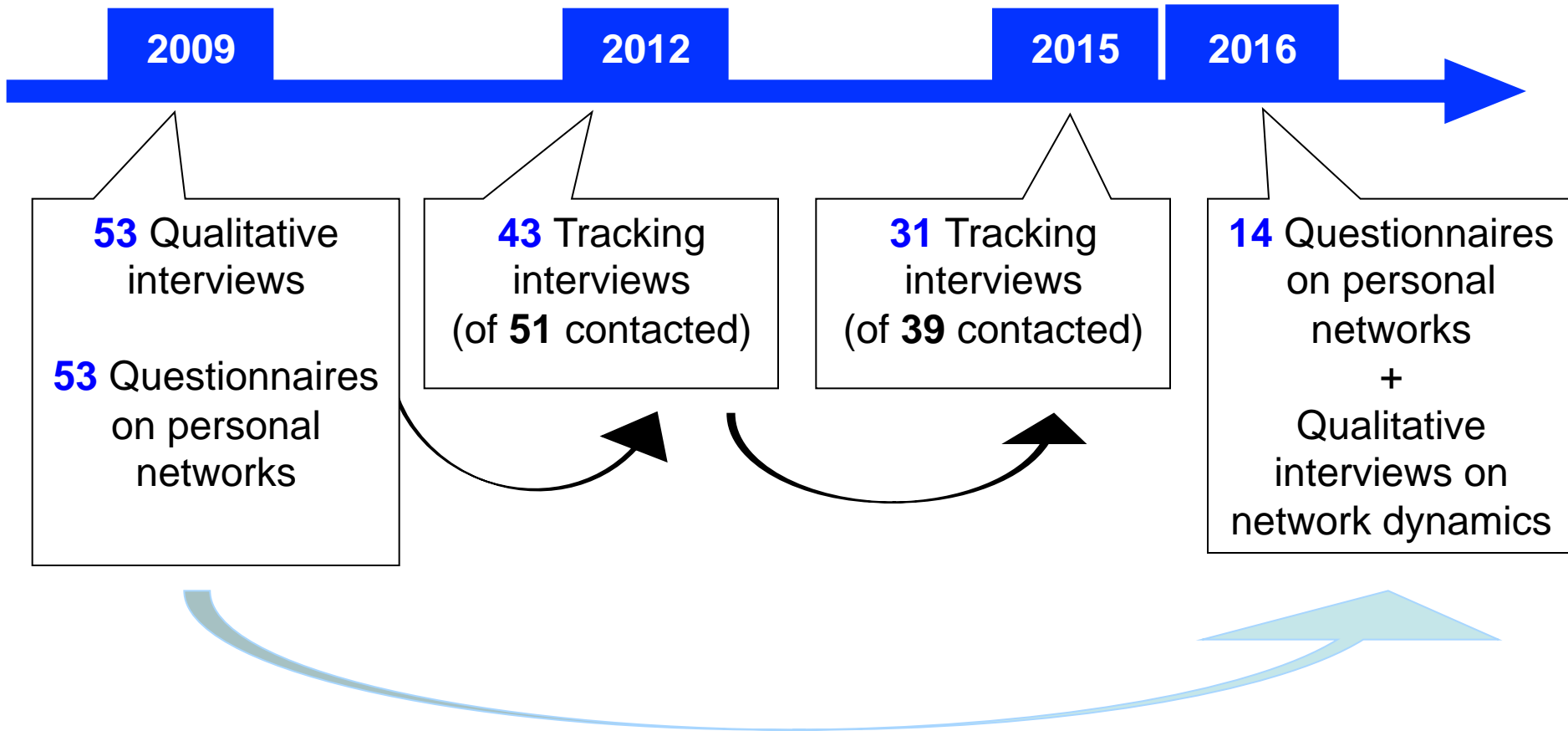
1. Time since migration
2. Age at migration
3. Bibliographical time (Life-cycle phases)

+ we add a fourth dimension...

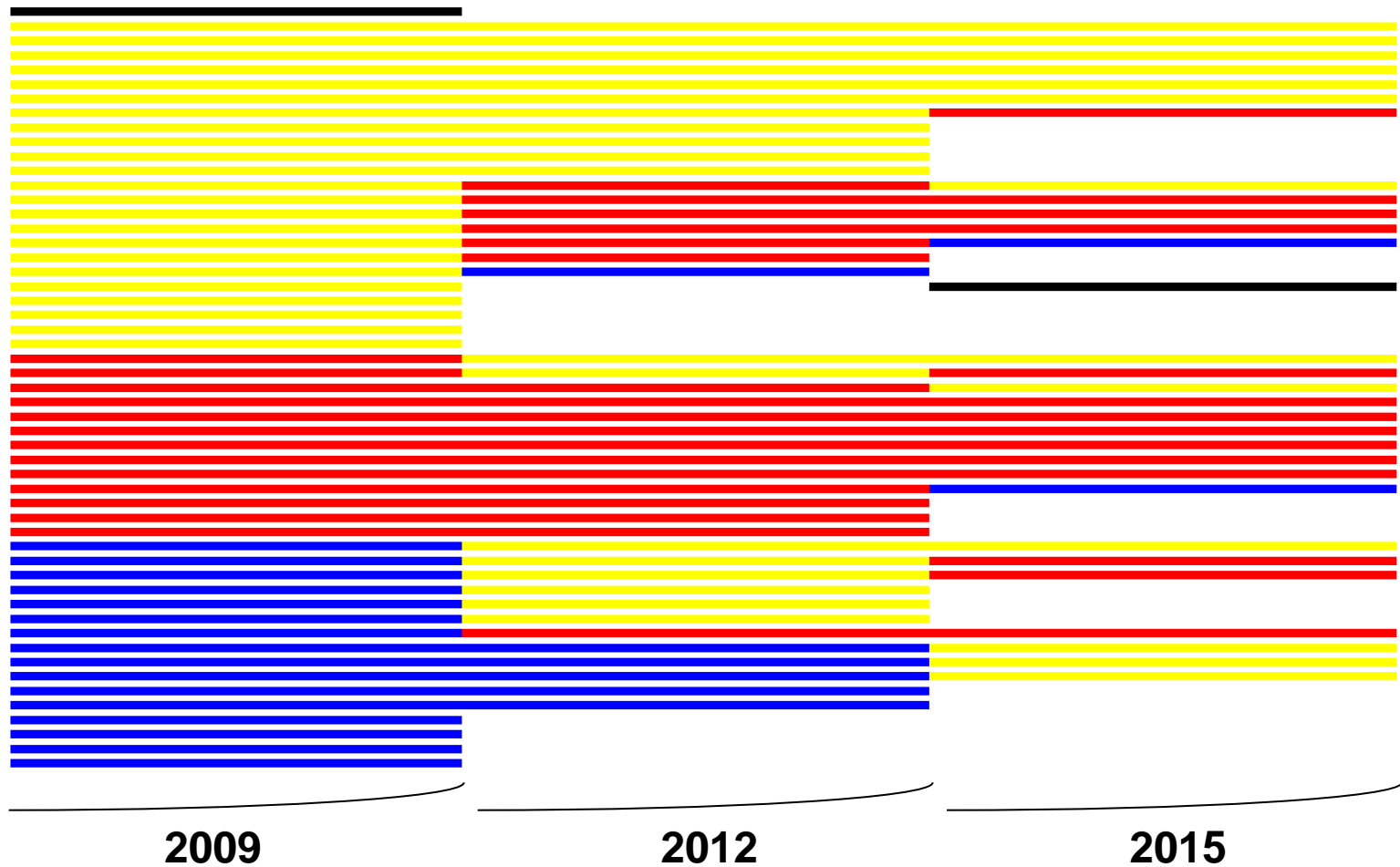


Data



- Four waves of interviews with migrants residing in Madrid





Evolution of long-term migration plans



Legend:

 Stay in Spain
 Return to Ukraine

 Undecided
 Re-emigrate

Typology of evolution of long-term migration plans of Ukrainians

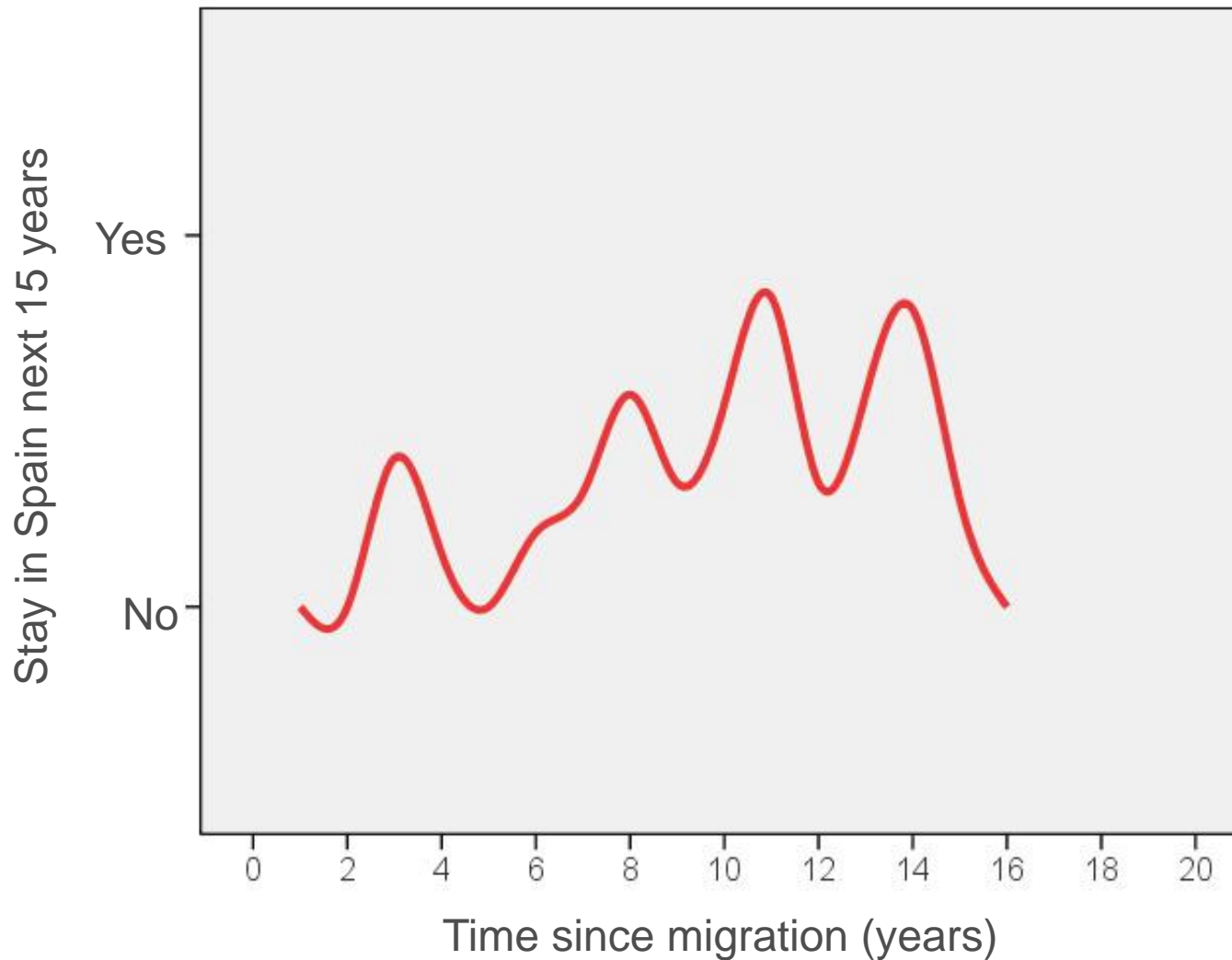
Typology		2009-2012	2009-2012-2015
		N	N
Persistence of plans	Planners (stay in Spain)	11	7
	Planners (return to Ukraine)	5	
	Undecided	11	6
	Total	27	13
Modification of plans	Change between 2009 and 2012	15	6
	Change between 2012 and 2015		7
	Change between 2009 - 2012 and 2015		5
	Total	15	18
Total		42	31

Can we understand / describe the different profiles of migrant through the proposed temporal dimension?

Each migrant's profile by different temporal dimensions

	Persistence :		Change :	
	Planners - Spain (7)	Undecided (6)	towards staying in Spain (8)	others plans (10)
Time since migration	14 (12-15)	12 (7,5-15)	12 (7,5-16)	
Age at migration	34 (18-54)	25 (17-31)	27 (16-44)	
Biographical time				
Phase of the life cycle	Mostly consolidation phase	Mostly consolidation phase	Young adulthood / Family phase	Family / Consolidation phase
Family life	Couple reunification / formation in Spain	Different situations	Couple / Family formation in Spain	Different situations
Professional experience	Ukraine and Spain	Mostly Spain	Mostly Spain	Different situations

Long-term settlement intentions according to the time since migration



N=126

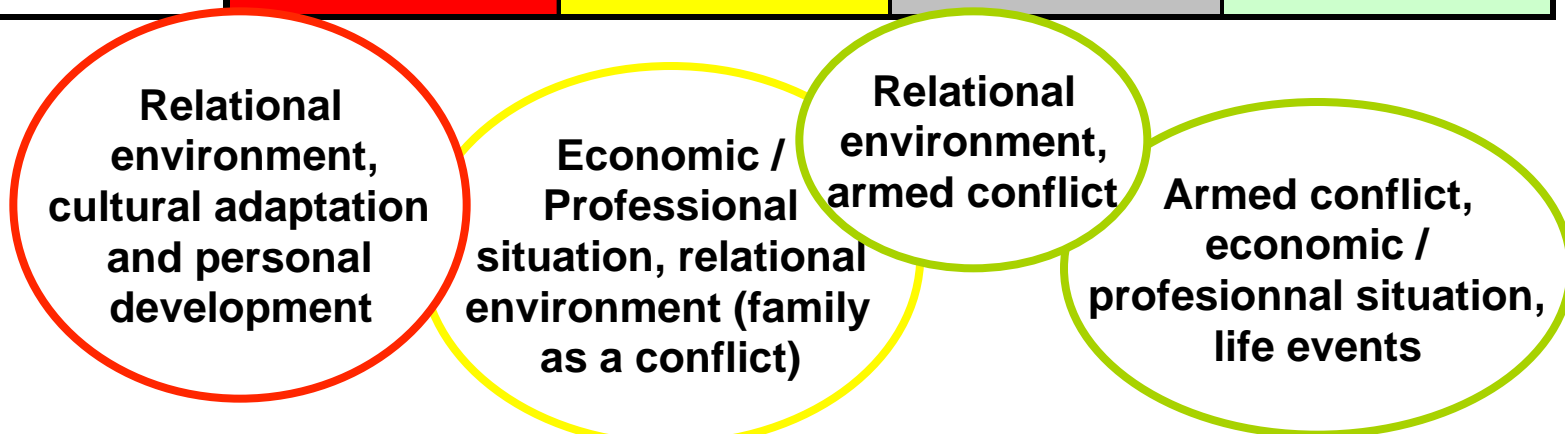
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Contextual time	Persistence :		Change :	
	Planners - Spain (7)	Undecided (6)	towards staying in Spain (8)	others plans (10)
The armed conflict in Ukraine	Absence	Absence	Absence / Presence	Presence
The economic crisis in Spain (2012)	"That doesn't worry me much"	"I cannot plan"	"That doesn't worry me much" / "It is difficult, exasperating"	"That doesn't worry me much" / "It is difficult, exasperating" / "It is worse in Ukraine"
The economic crisis in Spain (2015)	"I feel fortunate" / "That doesn't worry me much"	"I don't know if I can grow professionally / economically in Spain"	Absence	Absence / Presence ("It is worse in Ukraine")

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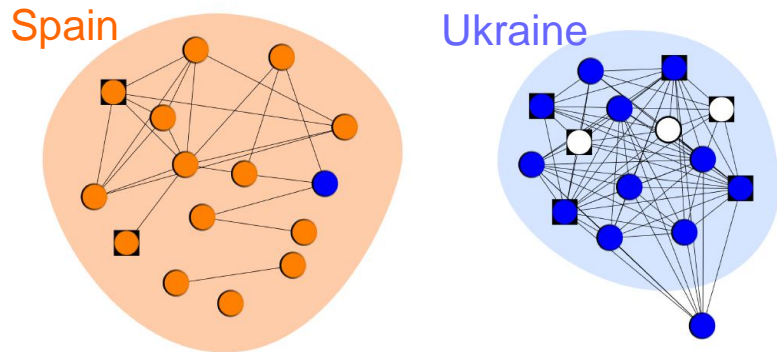
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The discursive domains



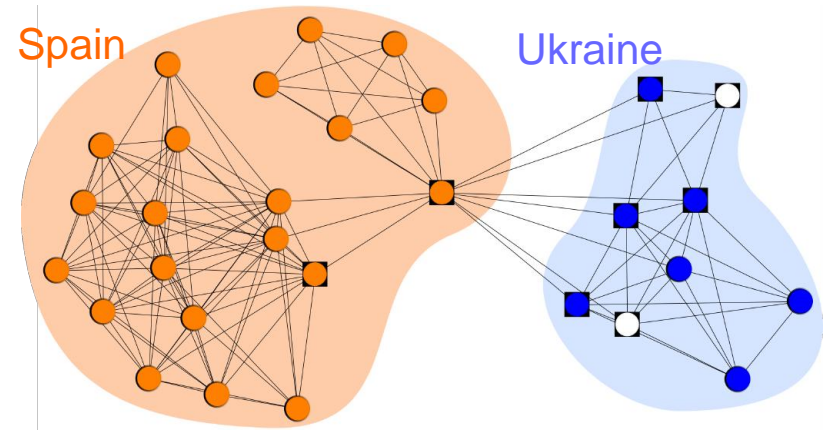
2009: Stay in Spain

Female, 49 years old
8 years in Spain



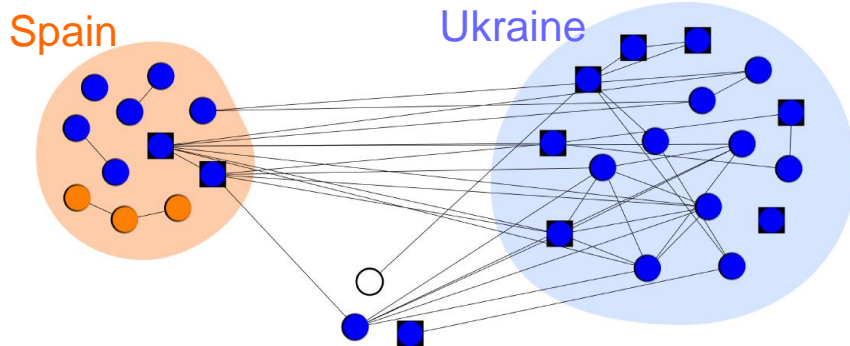
2016: Stay in Spain

Female, 56 years old
15 years in Spain



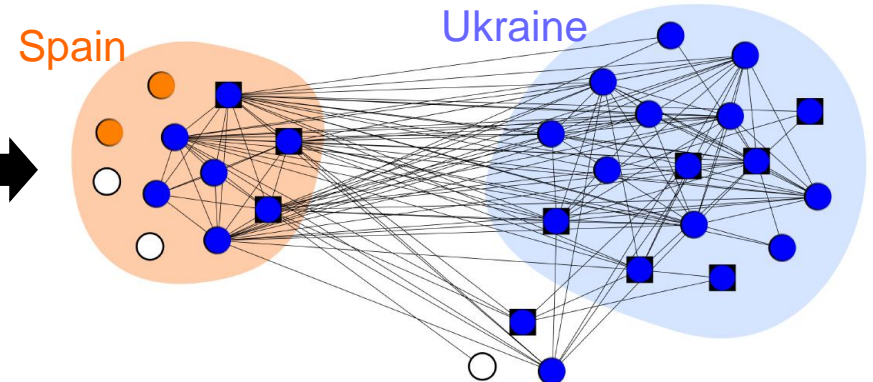
2009: Return to Ukraine

Male, 27 years old
1,5 years in Spain



2016: I don't know

Male, 34 years old
7,5 years in Spain



Legend: ● Ukrainians ● Spaniards ○ Other nationalities ●● Presence in both waves

Conclusions

The armed conflict:

- Varied impacts on migration plans
- If the armed conflict appears in the discourse of those who plan to stay in Spain: it is one factor among others, but never as a only trigger

The economic crisis:

- The crises is one of the cause of migration plans changes of the youngest migrants, of those who recently formed family and those with low-level of relational integration in Spain
- The crisis leads to indecision rather than to return

The temporal approach:

- Real time VERSUS consciousness taking of the time well / badly exploited
- The TA helps to better understand the evolution of migration plans during the times of uncertainty

A longitudinal perspective of personal networks can shed more light on migration plans dynamics

Thank you !