What Makes a Network Work?

Some Observations More Philosophical than Empirical

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Some pretty obvious things needed to make a network work...

- Common interest or purpose
- Compensation or reward
- Channels of Communication and Exchange
- Willingness and Ability to work together
- Trust

I only wish they had been more obvious to me as I set about creating a network at USC

Network for Nano in Society

- Common Interest or Purpose
 - Fighting disciplinary gravity
- Compensation or reward
 - For a network?
- Channels of Communication and Exchange
 - Takes time and patience
- Willingness and Ability to Work together
 - For humanists, not a natural state
- Trust
 - Will rewards and labor be shared commensurately?