

# **The Failure of Student Accommodation's Social Networking System, Taking Burgmann College at Australian National University as an Example**

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## **Abstract**

This paper combines a 14-month field study at Burgmann College, an accommodation at the Australian National University (ANU), with philosophical and sociological theories. The aim is to critically examine the inherent self-contradictions within collegiate social life and to deduce its tangible effects on individuals. Through the application of Hegelian frameworks, this analysis explores the mechanisms of clique formation, social integration, and the pressures associated with maintaining social norms within the microcosm of a college community. This paper endeavors to apply the dialectical method of Carl Schmitt, Slavoj Zizek, and G.W.F. Hegel. And thought experiments such as the outcome of certain actions under such accommodation environments, along with case studies and the author's field research, to uncover the mechanisms behind clique formation within college accommodations. It seeks to highlight the inherent self-contradictions in social integration and discuss the long-term effects these dynamics may have on individuals.

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