

Significance of Numbers for Social Structure

- **Dyad** – fragile, no supra-personal level
- **Triad** – first suggestions of social structure, the supra-personal possibility of coalitions, combinations
- **Quadrad** – first real emergence of social structure
- **Small Group** –
 - total involvement of the individual
 - personal valuation
 - intense, frequent interaction
 - highly personal
 - emotional, subjective
- **Large Group** –
 - greater social distance
 - reduced intimacy
 - greater freedom
 - increase in delegation, formality, formal offices
 - increase in inequality
 - segmental involvement
 - greater resilience to internal conflict
 - power alien and/or distant