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## Geographical Networks in History: case studies, methods and tools

Among historians, network terms have been used mainly metaphorically so far. A number of studies have now shown that both theories and methods derived from Social Network Analysis (SNA) can be fruitfully applied to selected bodies of historical data/records. For several of these historical research projects the analytical integration of the geographical dimension is of special interest and poses a methodological challenge. This presentation will discuss methodological approaches towards social networks and geographical issues based on selected historical case studies. As applying formal methods and theories of SNA on historical topics is still a challenge, the talk also discusses recent developments in software solutions to lower the hurdles for exploring social and in particular geographical networks.



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