Workshop and Conference

Reconstructing Historical Networks Digitally: New Approaches, Opportunities and Epistemological Implications of Social Network Analysis

Third Annual GHI Conference on Digital Humanities and Digital History

October 25 – 27, 2018

Conveners:
Matthew Hiebert (GHI)
Simone Lässig (GHI)
Katherine McDonough (Stanford University)
Thursday, October 25

Workshops

9:30-10:00  Welcome (Hiebert and Lässig)

10:00-12:00  Nodegoat: Manage, Analyse, and Visualise Historical Networks
             Pim van Bree and Geert Kessels (Nodegoat)

10:00-12:00  Building Networks from Text Corpora and Visualizing with Gephi
             Daniel Burckhardt (GHI)

12:00-13:00  Lunch

13:00-15:00  MyNetworkmap as a tool for digital historical SNA
             Martin Stark (University of Trier)

13:00-15:00  Curating Historical Entities
             Arno Bosse (Oxford University)

15:15-15:30  Coffee

15:30-17:30  Introduction to Epistemic Network Analysis
             Andrew R. Ruis (University of Wisconsin)

17:30-18:30  Light Reception
**Friday, October 26**

9:00-9:30  Conference introduction (Hiebert and Lässig)

9:30-11:30  Panel 1: *Capacities and Limitations of SNA Models for History*  
Chair: Katherine McDonough (Stanford University)

- Mollie Ables  Wabash College  *Musicians’ Networks and the Tourism Industry in Early Modern Venice*

- Rachel Midura  Stanford University  *Mapping the Post: Networks of Published Postal Itineraries, 1545-1684*

- Martin Stark  University of Trier  *Modeling the Dynamics of a Rural Credit Market in the 19th Century*

11:30-12:30  Lunch

12:30-14:30  Panel 2: *Collaborative Approaches*  
Chair: Seth Denbo (American Historical Association)

- Dr. Suzanne Sutherland  Middle Tennessee State University  *Discovering Microhistories in Big Data: Network Mapping and Humanities Projects*

- Dr. James Boyd  University of Bristol  *Sourcing Historical Networks: Contemporary Networks and Controlled Crowdsourcing*
Dr. Jessica Otis Carnegie Mellon University
Six Degrees of Francis Bacon: Gender, Social Network Analysis, and Early Modern Britain

14:30-15:00 Coffee

15:00-17:00 Panel 3: Technical and Methodological Innovation
Chair: Jens Pohlmann (GHI)

Mark Hill and Ville Vaara University of Helsinki
Intellectual and Material Networks in Eighteenth Century Britain: the ESTC as Historic Relic

Thorsten Wübbena and Fabian Cremer DFK Paris and MWF Bonn
Concepts and Potentials of Graph-based Data Structures for Analyses of Historical Networks

Scott Weingart Carnegie Mellon University
An Ideal Historical Network Analysis Toolkit

18:30 Conference dinner

Saturday, October 26

9:00-11:00 Panel 4: Subversive Connections
Chair:

Alessandra Celati University of Verona
A network of dissident physicians in the confessional age; Research perspectives and methodological challenges
Oliver Kiechle  Heinrich-Heine-
University Düsseldorf  The emergence of a digital social
network - Communication and cooperation in early Usenet

Justin Stover  Idaho State University  Guerrilla Networks, Mobility, & Environmental Damage during the Irish Revolution

11:00-11:15  Coffee

11:15-13:15  Panel 5: Implications for Historical Inquiry
            Chair: Jennifer Serventi (National Endowment for the Humanities)

Tom Ewing  Virginia Tech  Using Digital Humanities Tools and Network Analysis to Understand a Global Influenza Epidemic, 1889-1890

Duygu Yildirim  Stanford University  Scholarly Engagements and the Nature of Knowledge Construction in the Seventeenth Century Constantinople

Lisa Gerlach  Ruhr University Bochum  Academic Networks at Hebrew University (Jerusalem), 1925-1945

13:15-14:15  Lunch

14:15-15:15  Concluding Discussion