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Network Analysis in complex and dynamic cases: Elites in Medieval Times



Outline



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- 2. Reconstructing Networks in Medieval History
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- 5. Dynamic changes of networks
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Introduction



Types of historical sources for Social Network Analysis:

Charters



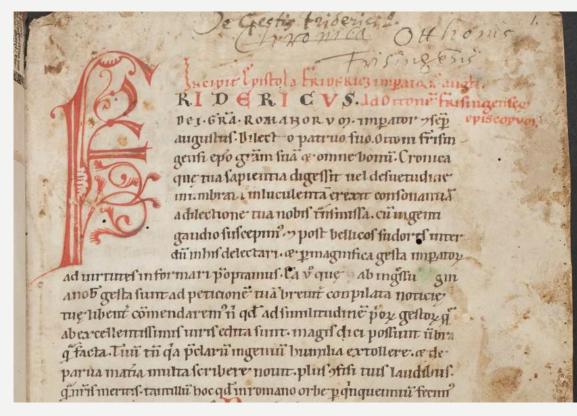


Introduction



Types of historical sources for Social Network Analysis:

 Historical writing (chronicles, etc.)



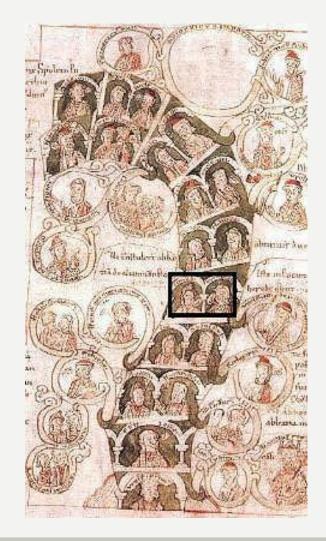


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Types of historical sources for Social Network Analysis

Genealogy trees

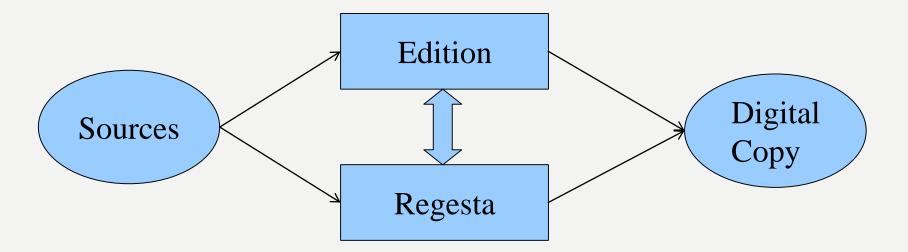




Introduction



Processing historical sources





Reconstructing Networks in Medieval History



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Reconstructing Networks in Medieval History







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Relation (Witnessing)

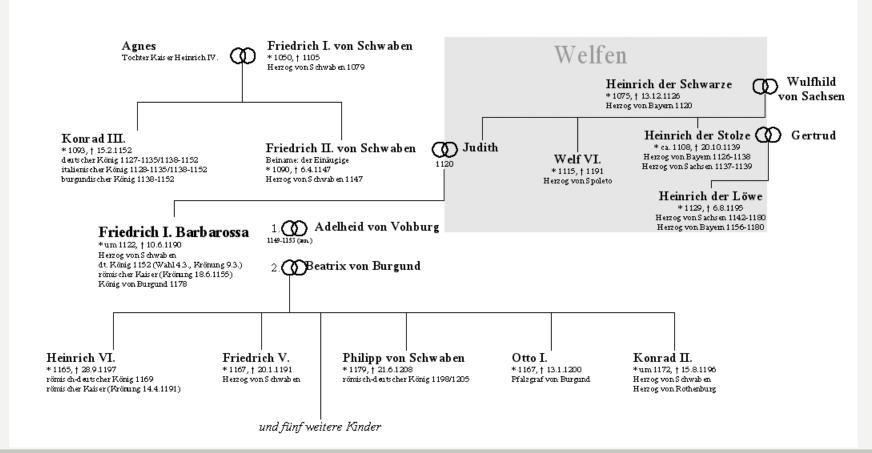


Reconstructing Networks in Medieval History



Extract of genealogy tree of Friderick I. Barbarossa

Ausschnitt aus der Stammtafel Friedrich I. Barbarossas





PhD Study



PhD Study:

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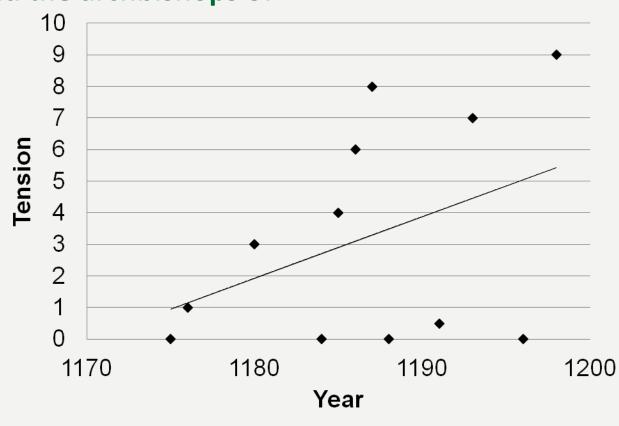


PhD Study



Relationsship between German Emperor and the archbishops of

Cologne (Draft)





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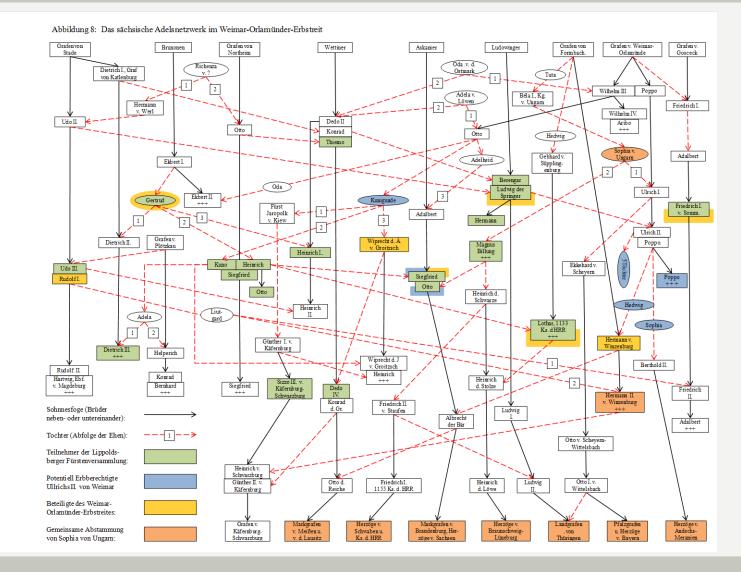
Thesis: Political changeovers can be explained with the influence of dynamic changes in the network of the archbishops of Cologne



Marriage Networks



Source: P. Rentsch (2012)





Marriage Networks



Marriage Networks

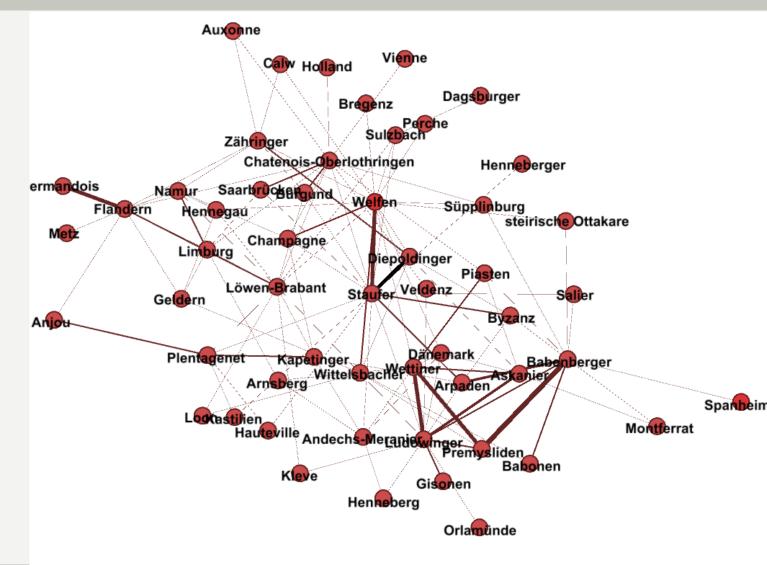
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- Analysis with Gephi



Marriage Networks



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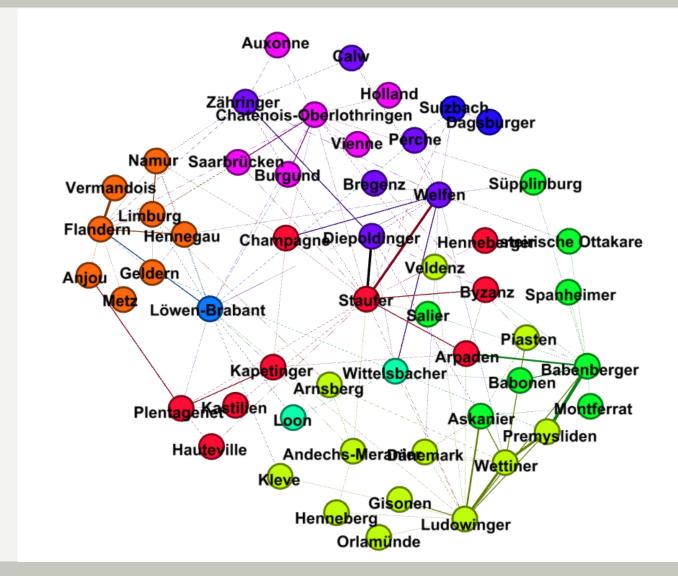




Marriage Networks



Marriage Networks after clustering

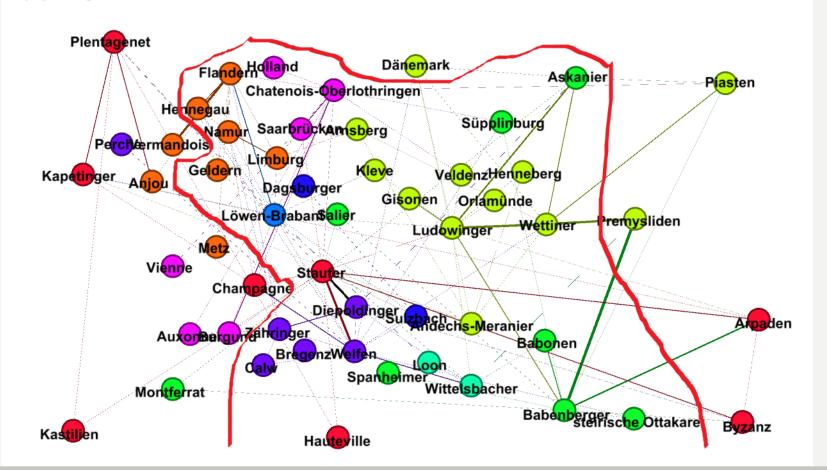




Marriage Networks



Marriage Networks after clustering and regional mapping





Marriage Networks



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• Endogamy = "practice of marrying within a specific ethnic group, class or social group, rejecting others on such a basis as being unsuitable for marriage or for oother close persoonal relationsships"



Dynamic changes of networks



Clustering the Elites in Medieval Times

- Three Types of relationsships (edges) between persons (nodes):
- → friendly
- → neutral and
- → hostile



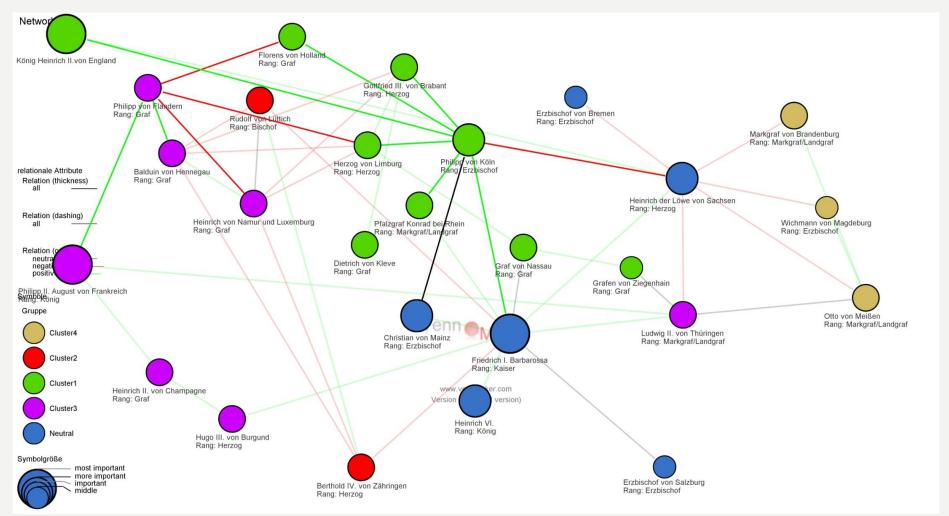
- Cluster defined between persons, who have only friendly or neutral relationsships
- Visualization with VennMaker



Dynamic changes of networks



Networks in 1170

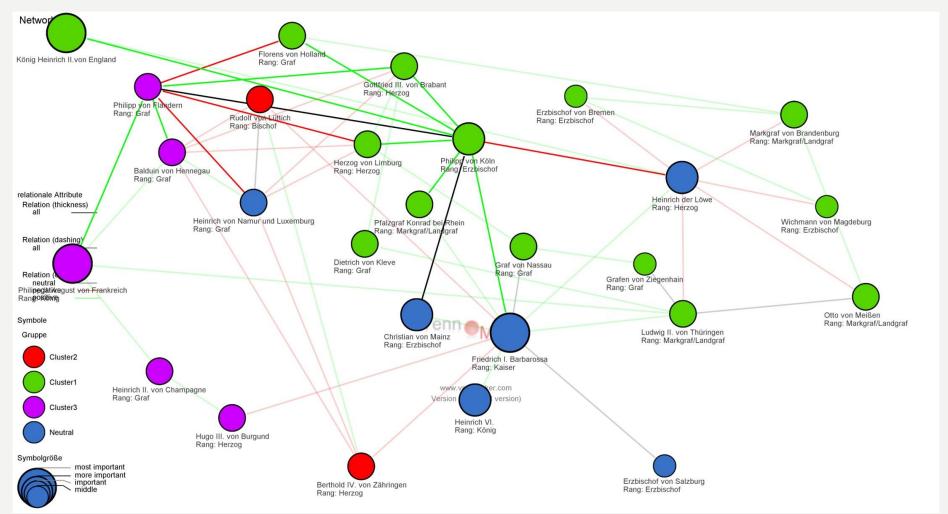




Dynamic changes of networks



Networks in 1180

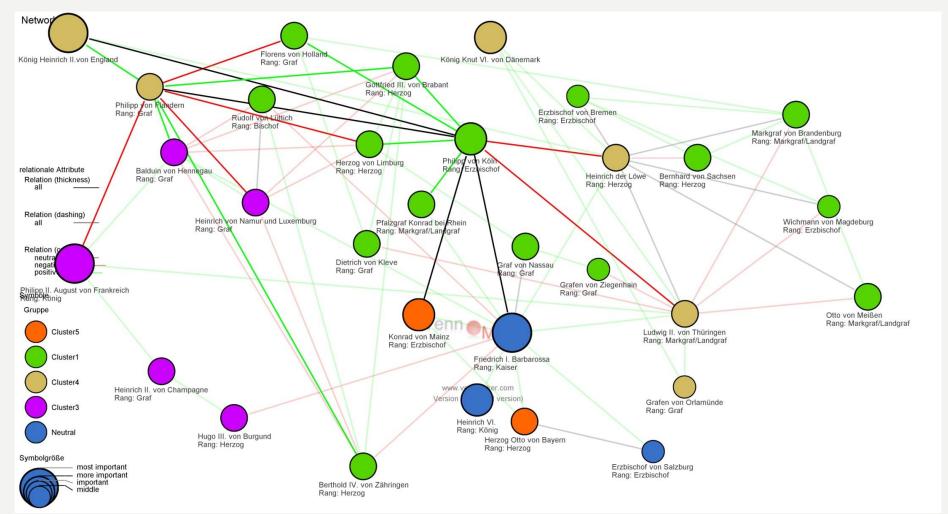




Dynamic changes of networks



Networks in 1184

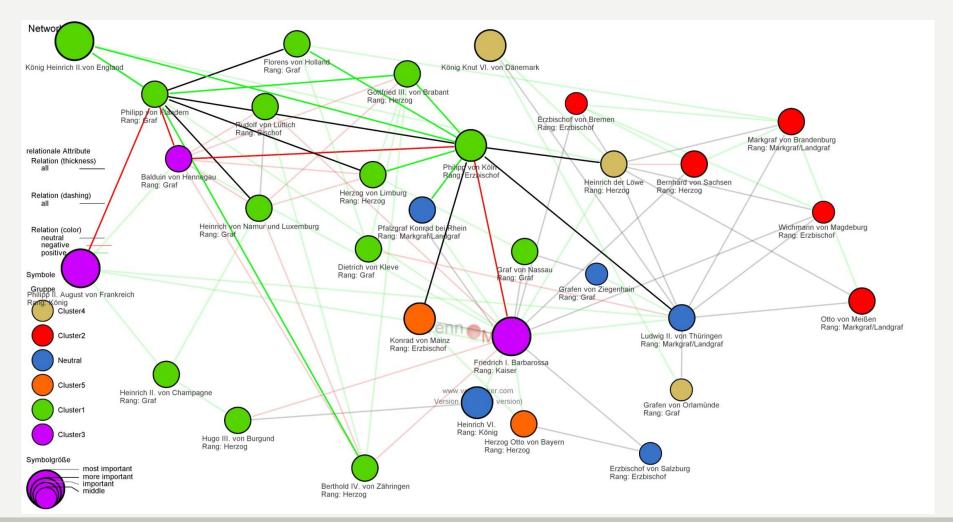




Dynamic changes of networks



Networks in 1187





Problems and outlook



Problems and outlook

- Processing Big Data and Clustering
- Missing Data