Historical Network Analysis in the Study of Chinese Religion

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Historical network analysis is a method that uses metrics and visualization techniques from graph theory to deepen our understanding of the past. Increasingly, over the last three decades, historical sources have been digitized and aggregated. There is a growing number of datasets that enable us to apply network analysis and reveal patterns that can corroborate or contradict existing historical narratives. Although the term "network" is often used in the study of religion, there have been few efforts to utilize the recent advances in data and the availability of tools to apply formal network analysis to the field. This Special Issue invites articles that use network data, metrics, and visualizations to gain new insights into religious history.

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