Martin Stark studied social and economic history at the University of Hamburg. He obtained his PhD in Modern History at University of Trier as a member of the research cluster "Societal Dependencies and Social Networks". His research focuses on Historical Network Research, Digital Humanities and visual methods. He is a member of the Historical Network Research initiative, founding editor of the Journal of Historical Network Research and part of the developer team of the software VennMaker, a tool for visual data collection and quantitative and qualitative analysis of social networks. He worked as academic coordinator for an interdisciplinary research initiative on "Network Dynamics and Networked Governance" at the University of Hamburg. He is senior researcher in a joint project on social networks and governance processes in urban climate change at ILS – Research Institute for Regional and Urban Development in Aachen.

Recognizing the growing importance of digital research tools and methods in the humanities and social science, the workshop aims at exploring the potential of processing and visualizing network data for the broader field of the study of history and culture. The speaker, Dr. Martin Stark, is an internationally recognized scholar in the field. He will host a two-part-series of events. On the first day, Dr. Stark will introduce his research and relevant concepts, methods and theories in the framework of a public lecture, followed by a discussion.
Lecture

HISTORICAL NETWORK RESEARCH
The case of a RURAL CREDIT MARKET in the 19th CENTURY

15 November 2017
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

International Graduate Center for the Study of Culture
GISSSEN

The lecture is open to the public.

Over the last decade, Historical Network Research has established itself as a minor but attractive methodological approach in historical research, that goes beyond a purely metaphorical use of the network term. A substantial number of studies on different topics and periods have shown that network theories and formal network methods derived from other disciplines can be fruitfully applied to selected bodies of historical sources. The lecture will introduce and discuss important concepts, methods and theories in the study of historical social networks. The discussion will be based on a case study about the importance of kinship relations in the practices of rural credit lending in the Kingdom of Wurttemberg in Southwestern Germany in the 19th Century.

Workshop

DATA COLLECTION + VISUALIZATION of NETWORKS in HISTORY + CULTURE

16 November 2017
9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe
MARBURG

On the second day, Dr. Stark will hold a hands-on workshop at the Herder Institute, which aims at providing registered participants the possibility to adapt the digital methods presented in the lecture via applying online and open source tools to their own research questions and projects. With Dr. Stark’s assistance, each participant is invited to bring his or her research data and work with his or her own findings.

Please register by 5 November with victoria.harms@herder-institut.de.
See the section on the right for details.
Max. Number of participants: 30.

REGISTRATION

The workshop is open to all graduate students, researchers, and staff interested in digital history. No prior knowledge of digital history is required. Participants are expected to bring their own laptops. Material to process will be provided, but individual findings can be used, too. Please indicate your preference in your registration email. Please send a short email summarizing your study/research interests and motivation to participate in this workshop by November 5, 2017, to victoria.harms@herder-institut.de. This informal email will only be used to better service your needs.

For further information, please contact any one of the organizers.

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