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Linking the Late Imperial Chinese Book: Network Models of the Ming and early Qing Information Ecosystem

Paul Vierthaler will discuss his recent work in developing network-based models that facilitate tracking information in and about late imperial books. He will discuss work he has done developing algorithms to detect textual reuse, focusing on the utility this approach has for his current monograph project, which analyzes the movement of historical information in untrustworthy texts. He will conclude with a discussion of bibliographic information as a contextualizing resource and share his progress in developing a network-based bibliographic database that provides public access to bibliographic data and facilitates quantitative research.