



Mapping Manuscript Migrations: an international project funded by the Trans-Atlantic Platform

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Mapping Manuscript Migrations: Digging Into Data For The History And Provenance Of Pre-Modern European Manuscripts

Abstract

Hundreds of thousands of pre-modern European manuscripts have survived until the present day. As the result of changes in their ownership over the centuries, they are now spread all over the world. Collectively they constitute a great cultural and scholarly treasure. There are many sources of data relating to them, and new sources continue to proliferate in the digital environment. This project will link disparate datasets from Europe and North America to provide an international view of the history and provenance of these manuscripts. The aggregated data will enable researchers to analyse and visualize these topics at scales ranging from individual manuscripts to thousands of manuscripts. Our research will address their origins and movements, and the collectors and owners involved in their history. We will be able to show how these manuscripts have traveled across time and space to their current locations, where they continue to find new audiences.

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The Project

- Collect and transform heterogeneous data to a common Data Model
- Expose the combined data in a Linked Data environment
- Implement a software interface for browsing and searching the combined data
- Explore research questions relating to the history and provenance of manuscripts on a large scale
- Visualize the data
 - geographical relationships
 - network relationships

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The Schoenberg Database of Manuscripts aggregates observations of pre-modern manuscripts drawn from over 12,000 auction and sales catalogues, inventories, catalogues from institutional and private collections, and other sources that document sales and locations of these books from around the world.

Search the Database

Everyone is invited to search the database. Use the search bar below, or click the facets to the right.

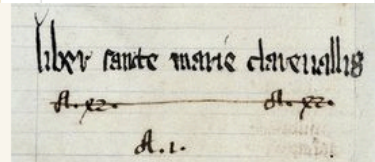
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Author	
Saint Augustine (S. Augustinus), Bishop of Hippo (354-430)	5,142
Jerome, Saint (S. Hieronymus) (347-419/420)	3,723
Cicero, Marcus Tullius (106-43 BC)	3,310

Bibale

Historic Collections, Provenance, and Medieval Text Transmission





Medium

- édition avancée

Répertoire des manuscrits reproduits et recensés

IRHT

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MEDIEVAL
MANUSCRIPTS
IN OXFORD LIBRARIES

A catalogue of Western manuscripts at the Bodleian Libraries and selected Oxford colleges

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ADVANCED SEARCH

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Data Sources

Schoenberg Database of Manuscripts	Own data model	225,000 records containing provenance-related observations of manuscript histories
Bodleian Library Medieval Manuscript Catalogues	Text Encoding Initiative (TEI)	9,500 catalogue records; about 1,000 with detailed provenance information
Bibale (IRHT) Medium (IRHT)	Own data model	<i>Bibale</i> : more than 5,000 MSS with provenance information <i>Medium</i> : brief records for more than 109,000 MSS, with links to other sources of information

Research Questions

- A general analysis of the history and movement of medieval and Renaissance manuscripts over the centuries, including such questions as: how many manuscripts have survived; where they are now; and which people and institutions have been involved in their history;
- A more specific analysis of the mobility of manuscripts and its traceability, within and from French space, since the Wars of Religion;
- A comparison of the respective significance of institutional and individual manuscript collectors in the 19th and 20th centuries;
- Trace the history and movement across time and space of a group of manuscripts, selected using one or more of the following criteria: place of origin; current location; language; subject; text; period of origin; current or previous owner(s); in the same collection at the same time

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Phillipps MS 8025 bis [edit](#)

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Phillipps number 8025 bis

Material Vellum

Folios 43 leaves

Height 390 mm

Width 300 mm

ID /mss/phillipps/8025b

Digital copy link <http://www.themorgan.org/collection/Crusader-Bible/thumbs>

Notes Known as: The Crusader Bible. Has Phillipps number on the volume, but does not appear in his Catalogus

Sub-Objects: Overview

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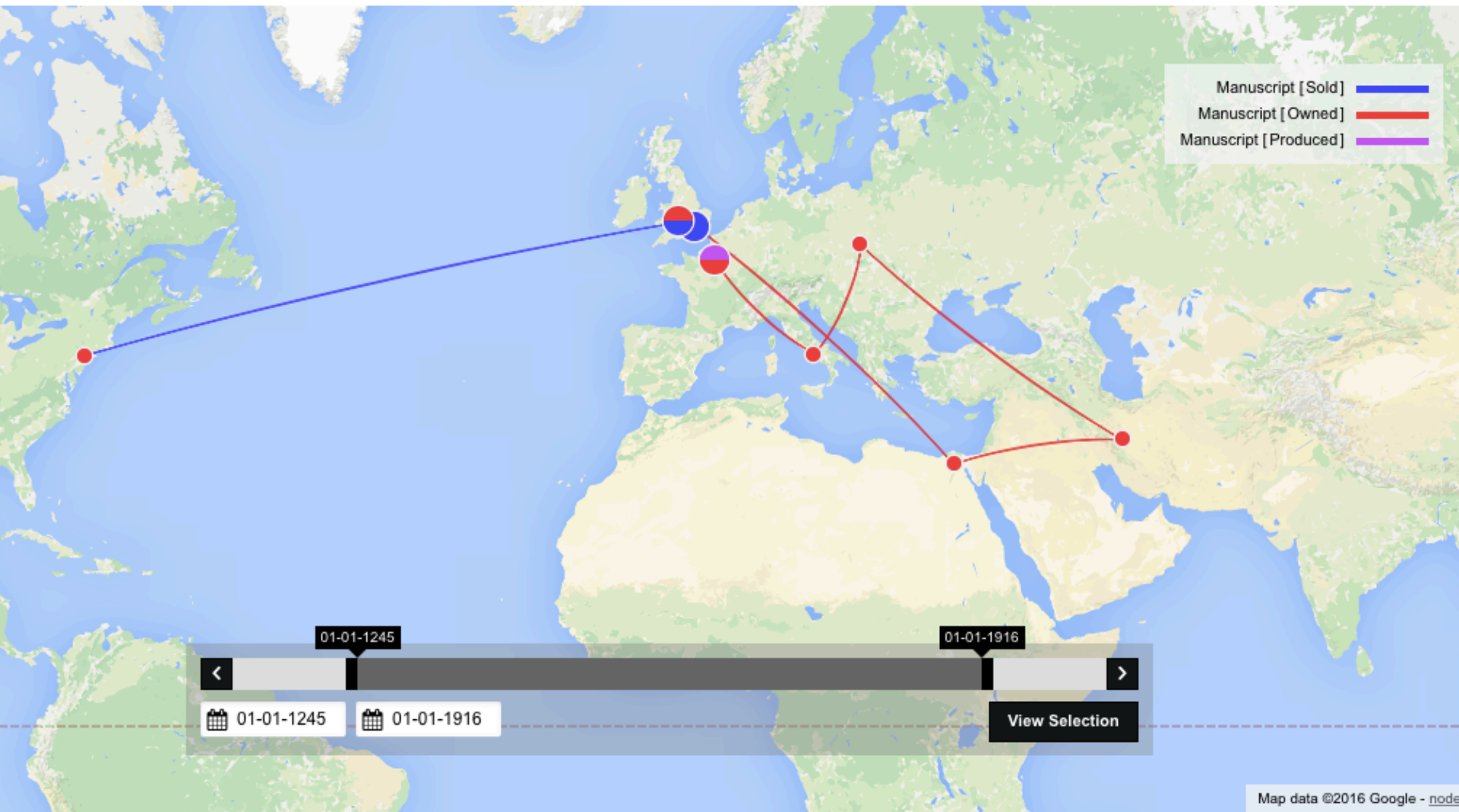


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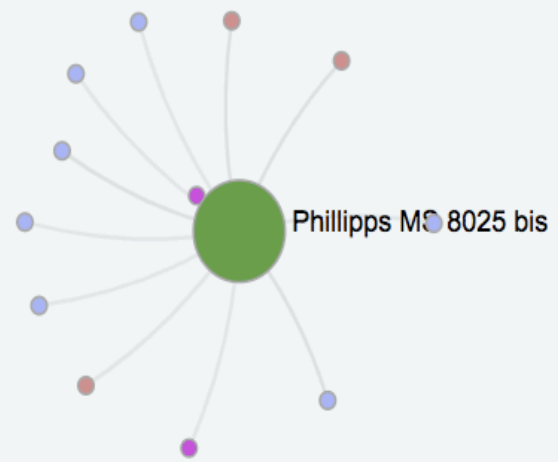
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[Owned]	1300	-	City [Located]	Napoli (IT)
[Owned]	1604	-	City [Located]	Kraków (PL)
[Owned]	1608	-	City [Located]	Eşfahân (IR)
[Owned]	1833	-	City [Located]	Cairo (EG)
[Sold]	15-03-1833	-	City [Located]	London (GB)
[Sold]	1834	-	City [Located]	London (GB)
[Owned]	1834	1872	City [Located]	Cheltenham (GB)
[Sold]	1916	-	City [Located]	Cheltenham (GB)
[Owned]	1916	∞	City [Located]	New York City (US)



- Manuscript
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- Source of Data
- Text



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Phillipps MS 8025 bis	out-Links	12/12
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Manuscript [Sold]	2	
Manuscript [Owned]	5	
Manuscript [Owned]	1	
Manuscript [Owned]	7	
Manuscript [Produced]	1	
in-Links	0/0	
CORSAIR	9 (1)	
Payne & Foss	2 (1)	
Phillipps, Thomas, Sir	2 (1)	
Pierpont Morgan Library	2 (1)	
D'Athanasi, John	2 (1)	
Fenwick, Thomas FitzRoy P...	1 (1)	
Sotheby's	1 (1)	
Louis IX of France	1 (1)	node

New Selection 1

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- Organization
- Person
- Source of Data
- Text

Catalogue of the topographical collecti...

out-Links 0/0

in-Links 1170/1170

Manuscript [Owned] 1170

Phillipps MS 19884 1 (3)

Phillipps MS 3 1 (3)

Phillipps MS 57 1 (3)

Phillipps MS 66 1 (3)

Phillipps MS 92 1 (3)

Phillipps MS 108 1 (3)

Phillipps MS 140 1 (3)

Phillipps MS 141 1 (3)

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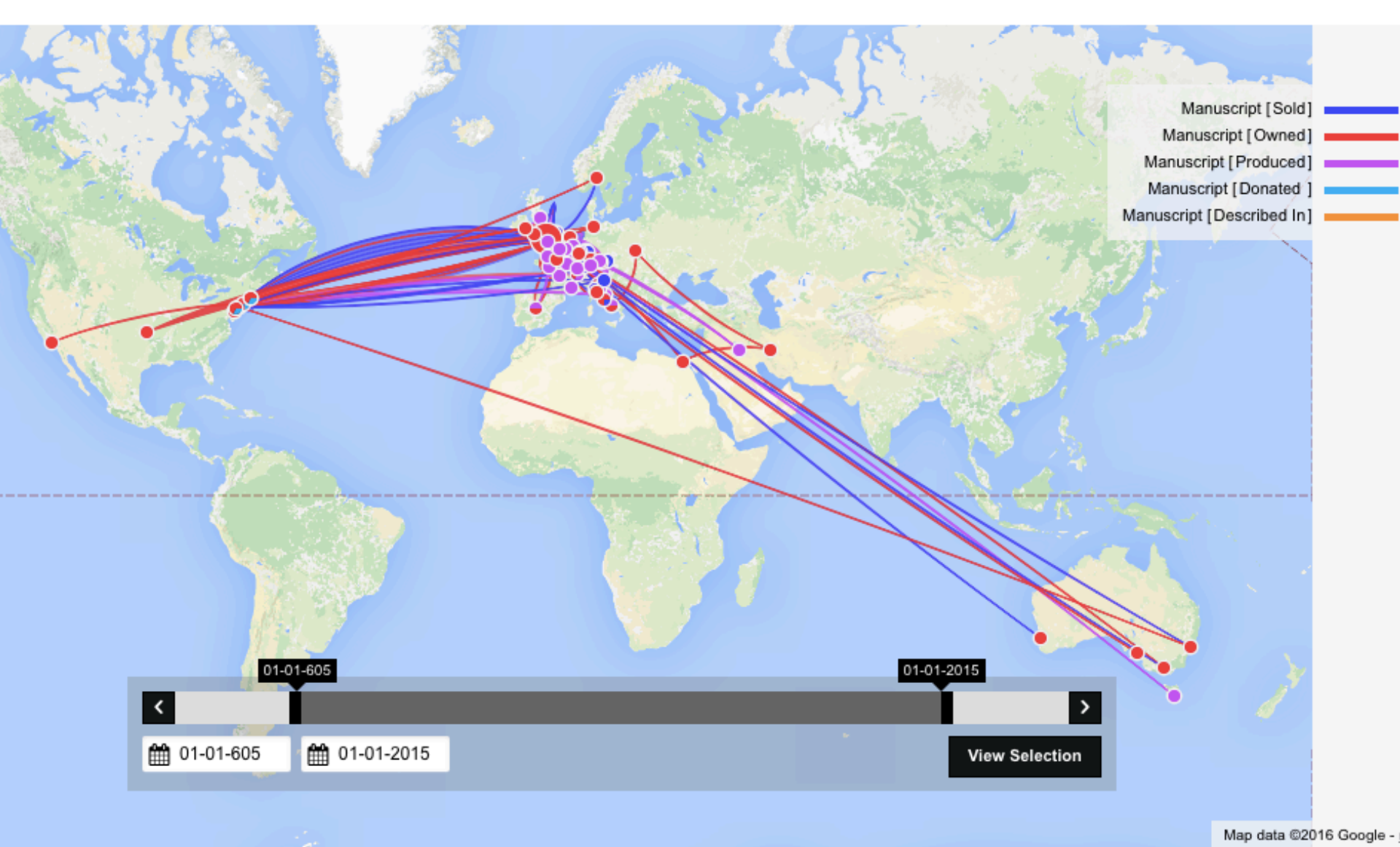
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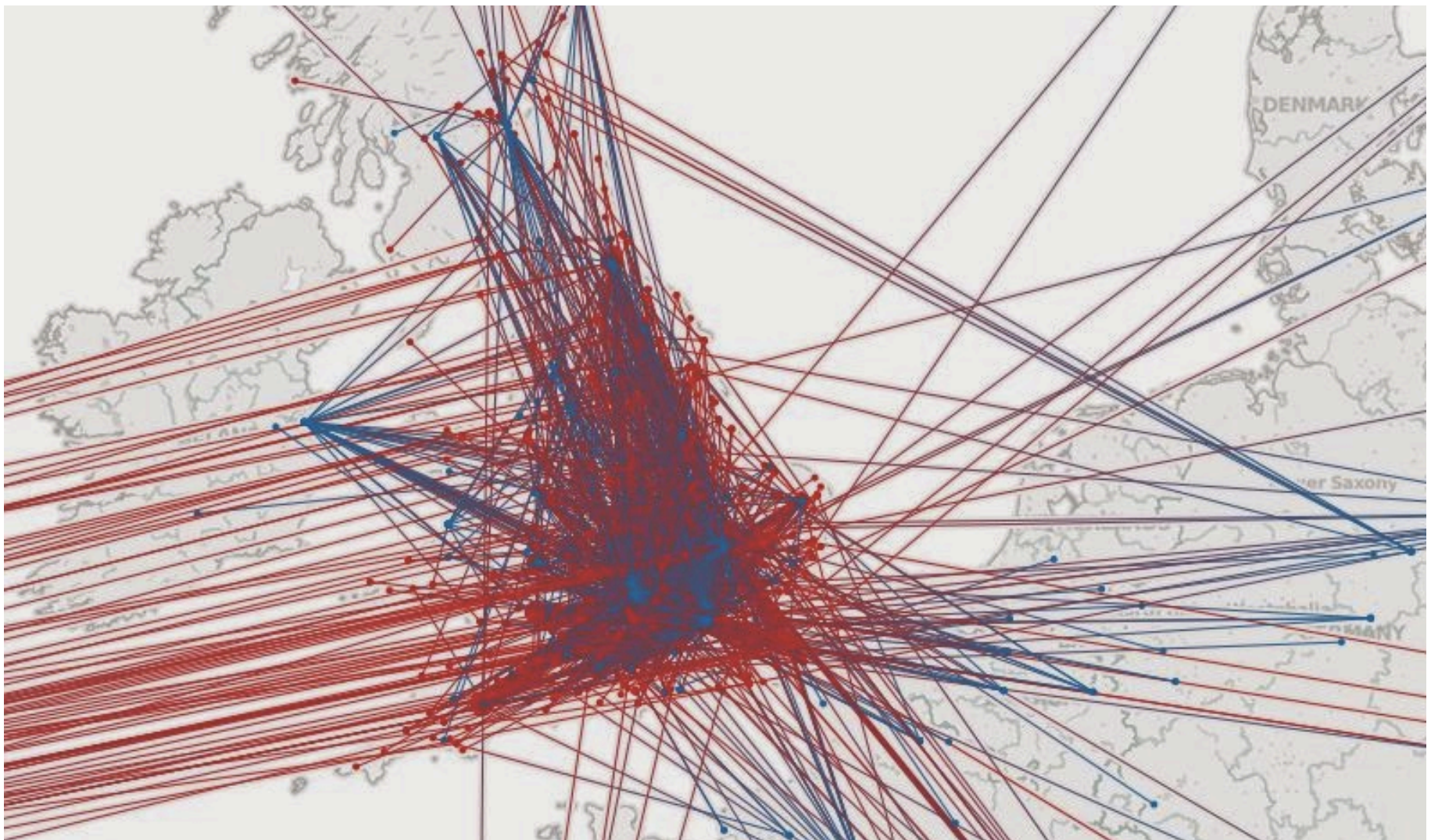
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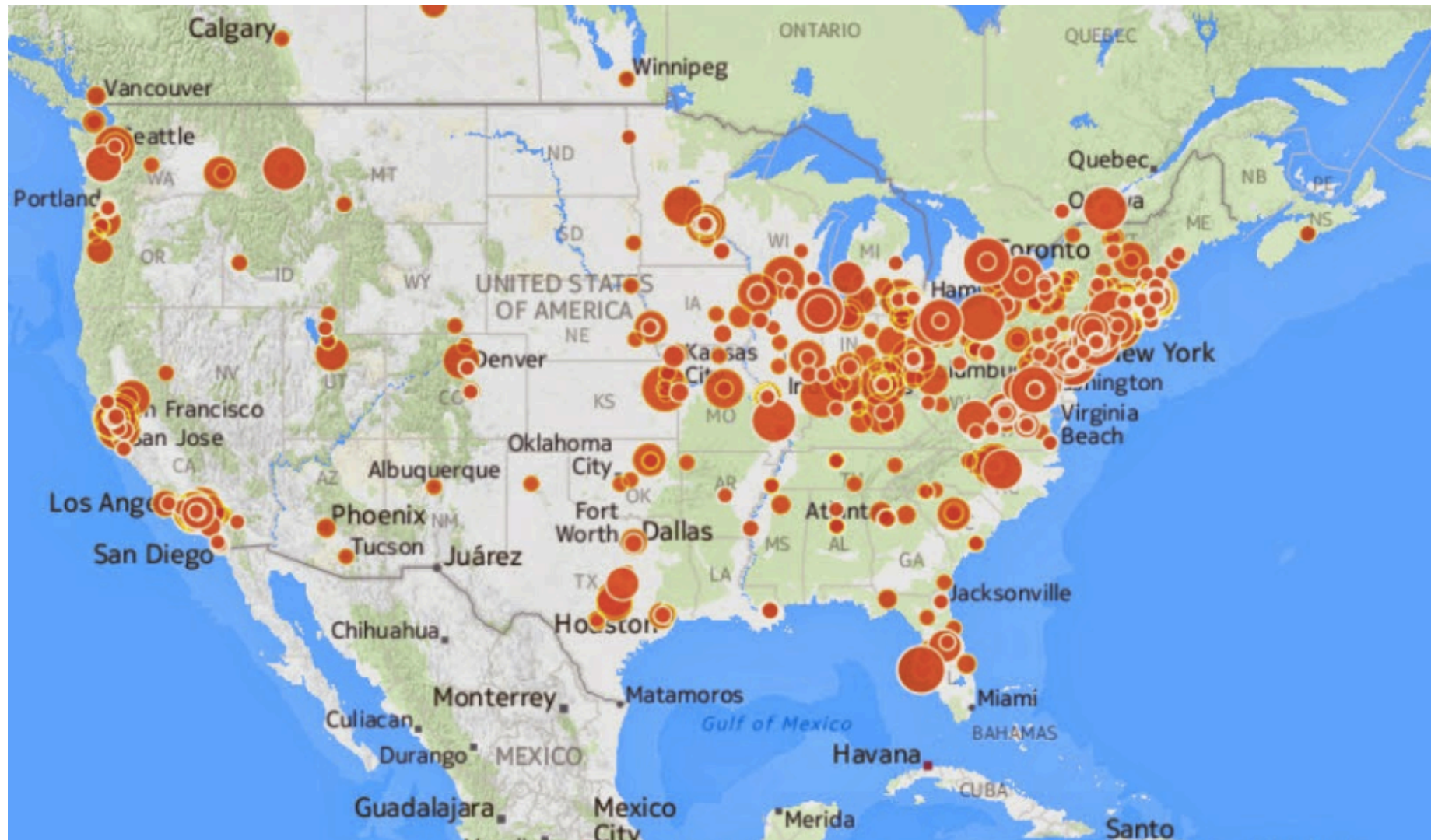
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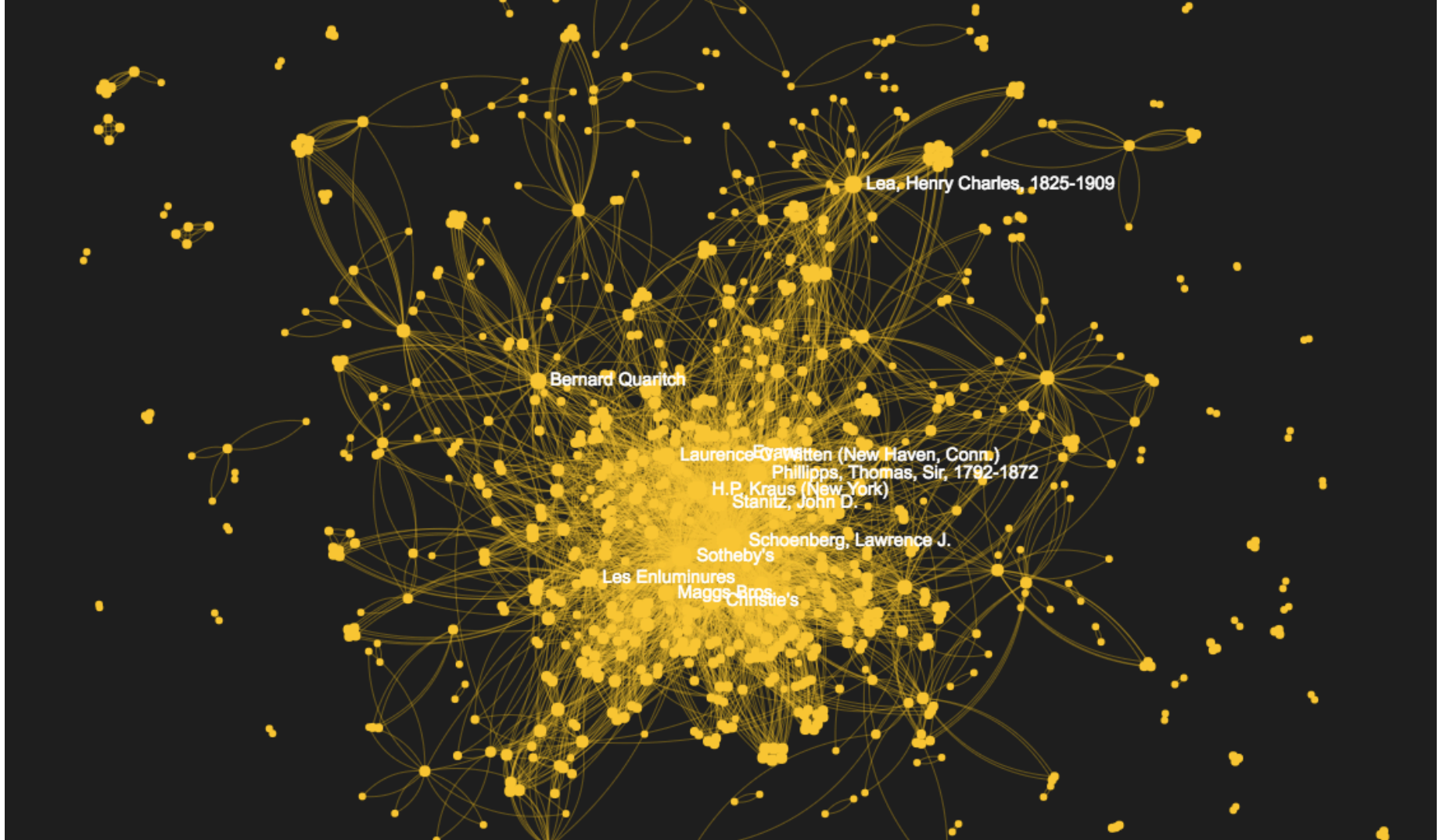
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- More information at:
<https://www.oerc.ox.ac.uk/projects/mapping-manuscript-migrations%20>
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