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Post Praeceptorem Germaniae: Scholarly Networks and Transfer of Melanchthon's Natural Philosophy in Central Europe from the 1540s onwards. The main goal of the STMS was to develop the postdoctoral project which investigates the correspondence networks between collaborators of Philipp Melanchthon and the Central European scholars, who were directly influenced by his educational model, and reconstructs the ways in which particular knowledge, here Melanchthon's natural philosophy, was transmitted and transformed within the framework of this cultural exchange. The topic of "confessionalized" scholarly networks is regarded as one of the ways how to reconsider the place of the Republic of Letters in a broader cultural history of Europe in the 16th and early 17th centuries. During the STSM I discussed the digital infrastructures and techniques necessary to analyse and visualize my data with members of the research team of the Cultures of Knowledge in Oxford; I also researched extensively in Oxford libraries concerning (i) Melanchthon's natural philosophy and its transformations and (ii) the latest applications of social network analysis on early modern scholarly communication. I further worked on the first phase of the annotated bibliography which will collect the secondary literature on early modern scholarly networking and will be built collaboratively in the future. In this respect, the STSM wants to contribute to discussions about Action's Historiographical Agenda and find its use while preparing the for the Action's Warsaw Conference in June 2016.