

# Book editors as nodes in a collaboration network in the Social Sciences and Humanities

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Edited books comprise a considerable share of the publication output of many Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) disciplines (Engels, Ossenblok, & Spruyt, 2012; Hicks, 2004). In spite of this, their role within the scholarly communication system remains undervalued by informetric research (Ossenblok & Engels, 2012) and this seems to be particularly true for book editors, who may be invisible in informetric analyses that either exclude edited books or that only consider chapter authors. In response, we analyse the role played by book editors in SSH collaboration networks. Our quantitative analysis is based on comprehensive publication data on co-authorship and editorship in the SSH as practiced at the Flemish universities in Belgium. Three types of network will be analysed with density and centrality metrics: 1) the article, monographs and book chapter co-authorship network; 2) network 1 with co-editors added as extra connections; 3) network 2 with additional links for collaborations between editors and their contributing chapter authors. For each of these three networks, a comparison will be made between: a) the aggregated Social Sciences and Humanities, respectively, b) individual disciplines belonging to the SSH, c) two subperiods, 2000-2005 and 2006-2012 and d) weighted and unweighted networks.

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