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***HeidelGram*: Network analysis of grammarians' references in 19th-century British grammars – a corpus-based pilot study**

This pilot study brings together historical corpus linguistics and applied network theory. It investigates a network of grammarians' references in a corpus of representative 19th-century British grammar books, examining and categorising connections between grammarians. Based on this network, we scrutinise established assumptions on the history of grammar writing, showing that particularly the turn from prescriptive to descriptive grammar writing is a discursively much more complex process than usually acknowledged, requiring a reassessment of the common notions of 'prescriptive' and 'descriptive' grammars and their alleged representative authorities.