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# Quantifying Historical Success: Digital Prosopography and the Bureaucratic Success Index

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## **Abstract:**

This talk introduces a computational prosopographical approach to analyze elite career patterns in the Joseon Dynasty using the Bureaucratic Success Index (BSI). By measuring career advancement and transforming fragmented records into analyzable datasets, this method uncovers macro-patterns, intergenerational mobility dynamics, and the role of familial backgrounds in bureaucratic success. The BSI framework also demonstrates potential applicability to other historical administrative systems, such as imperial China.

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