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Maps and Mapping in Global History and Culture I

Lecture Series

11 November, 5 December and
19 December 2024, 6 p. m.
Einstein-Saal

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Maps and Mapping in Global History and Culture I

Maps belong to the oldest forms of human communication and thus represent an important historical record of space. Yet, maps are much more than just a visual presentation of a territory during a certain period of time, but a reflection on historical, political, religious and cultural contexts in which they were compiled.

This series of lectures invites a critical and fresh view on mapping, its role in the global circulation of knowledge, influence on state sovereignty and royal authority, colonialism, imperialism, national identities throughout history.

Berlin is an apt place for this topic. It has historically been a meeting point of mapping practices from all over the world. The city played a key role in the genesis of the history of cartography as a distinct branch of the history of science. It hosts a huge variety of the material culture of mapping across many institutions that illustrate how a map is strongly conditioned by space and time in which it was created (historical context), by people who created it (mapmakers), and by the audience and purpose for which it was intended (users). Map is, therefore, understood as a complex social construct representing a power of knowledge.

Germany is now a major repository of mapping efforts through history, making Berlin a perfect setting for this lecture series.

The lecture series will be continued (Part II) from January 2025 onwards.

MONDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2024, 6 P. M.

Welcome

Christoph Markschies

President of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW)

Introduction & Chair

Dagmar Schäfer

Member of BBAW, Max-Planck-Institute for the History of Science

Maps and Mapping in Global Cultural Perspectives: Temporality in Map History

Mirella Altic

University of Zagreb, ISHMap President

Discussant:

Markus Heinz

Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin – PK

THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2024, 6 P. M.

Visualising Time-Space in East Asia:
Mapping 'Round Heavens & Square Earth'
from Ancient Rotating Devices to Late
Modern Commercial Maps

Vera Dorofeeva-Lichtmann

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Discussant:

Stamatina Mastoraku

Max-Planck-Institute for the History of Science

THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2024, 6 P. M.

Transcultural Cartographies:
The Japanese Buddhist World Map and
the Birth of Asian Studies in Europe

D. Max Moerman

Columbia University, New York

Discussant:

Diana Lange

Universität Hamburg
