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NEWSLETTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF MAP

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From the Chair

Dear Member,

As members of ISHMap you are all vital in supporting a community for the study of maps and their histories. The trustees, officers, and I would like to thank all of you because the study of maps needs your support! It can be hard to find a community as a young or emerging map scholar, without formal departments or even any faculty really interested in maps in any given university. ISHMap strives to help connect these scholars and make sure all our research can benefit from contributions from scholars all over the world at many stages in their careers.

Building on the success of our workshops and symposia, ISHMap is exploring new ways of promoting and sustaining new scholarship. We have been discussing ideas such as reading and writing workshops help remotely as well as smaller, discrete events similar to last year's "Where Does Map History Go Now?" If there is something you feel like would support your work or a kind of event you would like to see, please reach out to us and let us know!

Our general meeting in 2026 will take place at the International Conference on the History of Cartography in Prague and Brno. The GM will be hybrid with a meeting room at ICHC and access through Zoom. We are also excited for our next workshop and symposium to be held in Barcelona, Spain, in 2027. We are also looking for anyone interested in hosting future meetings, beginning in 2029.

I want to thank the ISHMap Officers and Trustees for everything they do to expand and strengthen ISHMap. Their dedicated, hard work keeps us going. And again, thanks to you, our members, for your support, for participating in our activities, for renewing your membership, and for attending our symposia and events. Feel free to contact us anytime at ishmap.society@gmail.com to share information, updates, and anything you'd like to see from the society in the future.

Hope to see you all in Prague!

With the best wishes,

David Weimer, Chair

ISHMap Workshop III and Symposium VIII

We were thrilled to run our 2025 Workshop and Symposium in France this year, primarily at the Campus Condorcet in Aubervilliers, with additional activities at the Archives nationales (AN) and the Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF) in Paris. The workshop was held directly before the symposium. The workshops we run just before our symposium allows early career scholars to find mentorship with established scholars and build community with peers working on a variety of topics. The ISHMap trustees, led by **Mirela Altic**, worked closely with the hosts, **Juliette Dumasy-Rabineau** and representatives from the AN, BnF, and the Chine, Corée, Japon Research Center at l'École des Hautes en Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), to create a successful and thought-provoking event.

ISHMap Workshop III, 8-9 July 2025

With twenty participants from countries in Asia, Europe, North America, and South America, the workshop met in four sessions to discuss a wide variety of cartographic projects. The workshop leaders and local map librarians and archivists provided hands-on experience with maps in the AN, the BnF, and the Campus Condorcet. These sessions included:

- ‘Maps and Materiality’ led by **Camille Serchuk** and **Nadine Gastaldi** (AN) with assistance of **Bertrand Sainte-Marthe** (head of the Restoration Department of the AN)
- ‘Deconstructing the Colonial Map’ led by **Kory Olson** and **Olivier Loiseaux** (BnF)
- ‘East and South-East Asia as a Mapping Crossroads: Examples from the BnF Map Collection’ led by **Paola Calanca** and **Vera Dorofeeva-Lichtmann**
- ‘Curating Born Digital Maps’ led by **Martin Davis** and **Pierre Bonneau** (BnF).

In addition to the four workshops, participants also benefited from mentoring sessions with the workshop leaders. In these small groups, workshop leaders and participants met on an informal basis to discuss research, publishing, careers, and the upcoming symposium.



ISHMap Symposium VIII, 9-11 July 2025

The Symposium's theme this year was 'Mapping the Cultural Crossroads.' Under that topic, the symposium gathered close to 80 scholars to present and discuss the history of maps and mapping. The scientific committee, consisting of **Mirela Altic**, **Juliette Dumasy-Rabineau**, **Kory Olson**, and **David Weimer**, selected 46 papers and ten posters along with one keynote speaker. This keynote, delivered by **Max Moerman** at the BnF on the evening of 9 July, was titled 'The Japanese Buddhist World Map and its Parisian Reception: A Case Study in the Transcultural Circulation of Cartography.' Dr. Moerman's lecture discussed the origins and reception, especially among nineteenth-century European scholars, of the large Buddhist world maps produced in the early-eighteenth century.



Over the following two days at the Campus Condorcet, presenters shared research in panels and on posters on topics ranging from exhibiting maps; Indigenous mapping in a variety of contexts and places including the Americas, South Asia, and East Asia; colonial and post-colonial mapping in Africa, India, and the Ottoman Empire; as well as the broader cultural exchange of cartographic information and styles across the world.



On the Saturday following the symposium, many participants traveled to Vincennes to tour the map collections of the Service historique de la défense. **Olivier Accarie Pierson** (Division des archives techniques et de l'information géographique) graciously organised and personally led a guided tour through a large number of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century manuscript maps. The group also saw some twentieth-century military maneuvering and intelligence maps that are not widely known nor accessible online.



The ISHMap General Meeting was held in Aubervilliers on 10 July 2025 where a new slate of officers and trustees were elected. For the 2025–26 term, **David Weimer** will serve as Chair, **Kory Olson** as Vice-Chair and Secretary, and **Elizabeth Chant** as Treasurer. The elected members of the Board of Trustees are **Andrea Doré** (Brazil), **Carolina Martínez** (Argentina), **Sayantani Mukherjee** (India), **André Reyes Novaes** (Brazil), **Anne-Sophie Pratte** (Qatar), **Oyndrila Sarkar** (India), **Anne-Rieke van Schaik** (Netherlands), while the Advisory Board consists of **Matthew Edney** (US), **Jordana Dym** (US), **Mirela Altic** (Croatia), and **Carla Lois** (Argentina).

As part of the Chair report, **Mirela Altic** reported on organizational activities for the 2027 Symposium and Workshop to be held in Barcelona, Spain. The Treasurer's report presented by **Kory Olson** confirmed the stable financial standing of the Society as well as the continuous increase in the number of members.

Best Papers Delivered in 2025 by Participants in the ISHMap Biennial Symposium

The trustees appointed **Anne-Rieke van Schaik**, Trustee, to chair the anonymous Best Paper Prize Committee, whose members reviewed all papers presented at the ISHMap conference in Paris, evaluating research, originality, clarity of map interpretation, significance of findings, and presentation quality. The Trustees endorsed the committee's recommendations and the two prize winners and the one honorable mention were:

Best paper by a scholar with a terminal degree: **Zeinab Azarbadegan**, 'The Domain of Two Sovereigns: Ottoman Mapping of Iraq.'

Best paper by a scholar without a terminal degree: **Dominic Keyßner**, 'Cartographies of Anti-Imperialism? Mapping a (Post-)Colonial World in the Socialist East (1960s–1970s).'

Honorable mention for best poster by a scholar without a terminal degree: **Milena Natividade da Cruz**, 'Historical Cartography and Processes of Racialization: The Case of the Mural Maps by Longchamps and Janvier (1754).'

31st International Conference on the History of Cartography (ICHC)

7-11 July, Prague and Brno, Czech Republic



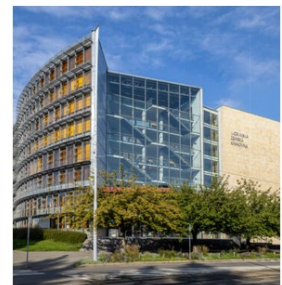
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ISHMap Prize for Projects in Map History 2026

The ISHMap Prize in for Projects in Map History, awarded every two years and presented at the ISHMap General Assembly, will recognize a project that explores the history of maps and mapping outside of the format of an academic paper, book, or edited collection in a way that increases accessibility and engagement with maps and map history through innovative presentations. The prize will uplift projects that seek to expand the subjects, audience, scope, and/or methodology of engaging with the history of maps and mapping. Projects can take many forms including, but in no way limited to, physical exhibitions, datasets, online exhibitions, multimedia projects such as podcasts and films, thematic maps, games, and digital products.

The prize, to be announced at the Society's General Meeting during the ICHC in July 2026, will consider projects that debuted or were substantively updated in 2024 and 2025.

Please use this [submission form to apply](#).

Deadline for nominations and self-nominations is December 31, 2025