



Recent Trends in the History of Cartography: A Selective, Annotated Bibliography to the English-Language Literature

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Abstract

The history of cartography has since the 1970s significantly expanded its disciplinary reach, its theoretical directions and approaches, and its scholarship. This annotated bibliography is intended as a guide to the extended field. It seeks to remind newcomers and established map scholars alike of the field's traditional concerns (and literatures) and to inform them of its new directions and scholarship.

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Introduction

Historical map studies have exploded since 1980 and now reach across the humanities and social sciences. What had been an already dispersed and diverse scholarly literature on the history of cartography has become still more variegated and wide-ranging. The literature now transcends disciplinary boundaries and has proliferated in several languages. The result is a veritable iceberg of scholarship: only a small portion is ever directly visible from any one disciplinary perspective. As a result, newcomers to the field seem inevitably to miss the field's "core" literature even as well-established scholars can remain unaware of new and pertinent scholarship undertaken in other disciplines. The primary goal of this annotated bibliography is therefore to provide a broad-ranging overview to inform all scholars of cartographic history, both new and established, of theoretical approaches and trends within (mostly) the English-language literature.

