

This is the second workshop of the multidisciplinary, international network of researchers interested in the cultural and historical importance of mapping in the Nordic Countries. It continues the first meeting in Oslo, December 2012, now focusing on how maps were used to categorize space and nature, to represent topographies and landscapes, on interpreting maps as a social construction.

This time, we will ask how maps and cartographic practices (re)produced, challenged and changed the knowledge of Europe's Northern periphery. How did term and concept of the North change along with the development of maps? Which effects had increasing knowledge on the design of maps? How did maps draw the line between knowledge and nescience – and, as may be the case, to what extent did the North symbolize unknown space? We welcome especially contributions on the North Calotte and the Arctic as regions that were latecomers in modern mapping and changed their design more substantially in the course of centuries than regions further south. There is no restriction to certain historical periods.

Maps and mapping should not be treated as mere illustrations or auxiliary means, but as sources of (alleged) knowledge and subsequent action. Moreover, this workshop is not so much interested in contributions based on a wide definition of maps as all kinds of spatio-geographic conceptions (as found in travel literature, political debates etc.), but rather in contributions on concrete hand drawn or printed maps and their respective interpretation. Beside the workshop's specific questions described above, there will be time to discuss the methodological challenges, gains and limits of using maps as historical sources.

Proposals

As the workshop is interdisciplinary, we invite papers from historians, geographers, cartographers, and other researchers interested in the historical, cultural and political importance of maps and mapping.

The papers should not exceed 20 minutes in speech. Proposals should include name, affiliation, email address, title of the papers, and an abstract of no more than 100 words. The deadline for proposals and abstracts is **September 14th, 2014**.

Limited funds for reimbursement of travel expenses and accommodation are available.

Abstracts can be sent to Prof. Dr. Ralph Tuchtenhagen, Nordeuropa-Institut, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Unter den Linden 6, 10099 Berlin, rtuchtenhagen@web.de. He will also answer questions and/or provide further information. We are looking forward to meeting you in Berlin!

Workshop organizers

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