Workshop

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New Perspectives to the Historical Wall Maps Studies

8-9 October 2025

Società Geografica Italiana, Rome (Italy)

PROGRAMME

8 October 2025

10:30 Introduction; Authorities

11:00 Historical Wall Maps Research Group presentation

11:30 Keynote lecture

BRÜCKNER Martin
University of Delaware (USA)
Why Do Wall Maps Matter? A Case Study in Nineteenth-Century Technology, Education, and Politics

12:30–14:00 Light Lunch

Session 1: Unrolling the World
14:00–15:30 **CHAIR: Dominic Keyßner**

DONADELLI Giovanni; GALLANTI Chiara; PETERLE Giada; VAROTTO Mauro
Museo di Geografia, Padua University (Italy)
Windows in the Wall: between Conservation, History of Geography and Creative Approaches

MORRI Riccardo; LEONARDI Sandra; BILARDI Carlotta
Museo della Geografia, Sapienza University of Rome (Italy)
Wall Maps as an Archive of Disputed Territories

MEYER Philipp
Leibniz Institut für Länderkunde Leipzig (Germany)
The Earth as Walls: Dimensions of a Wallmap Collection

15:30–16:00 Coffee break

Session 2: Collecting Wall Maps
16:00–18:30 **CHAIR: Arturo Gallia**

AZZARI Margherita; PAMPANA Patrizia
Società Geografica Italiana (Italy)
Collecting Worlds, Exploring Places: Insights from the Wall Maps of the Italian Geographical Society

CAMMACK Rex G.
University of Nebraska Omaha (USA)
Challenges for Academic Department Wall Map Collections: Cataloging, and Digital Web Access

DE BIAGGI Enali; CUNTY Claire; JACQUEMINET Christine
Université Jean Moulin Lyon (France)
The Diversity of Wall Map Collections from the Various Universities in the Lyon-Saint-Etienne Area: a Legacy at Stake

GRIPPO Epifania; DE FILPO Monica
Museo della Geografia, Sapienza University of Rome (Italy)
The Wall Maps of the Geography Museum of Sapienza University: an Overview of the First Collections from their Rediscovery to their Enhancement

BERTI Camillo; DOLFI Lorenzo
University of Florence (Italy)
Exploring Geography through Wall Maps. Methodological Insights from a University of Florence Collection

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Session 3: **Materiality and Visuality of Wall Maps**
9:30–11:00 **CHAIR: Camillo Berti**

DYM Jordana
Skidmore College (USA)
On the Wall: Maps hung, drawn and painted in Guatemala since 1860

GURSEL Bahar
Middle East Technical University (Ankara, Türkiye)
The Illustrated Reference Map of the World (1883): Cultural Instruction and the Pictorial Turn in a Nineteenth-Century American Wall Map

IRWIN Seth
Irwin Paper Conservation LLC (USA)
Mapping the Crossroads: The Conservation and Preservation of the 19th Century County Wall Maps from the Indiana State Library

11:00–11:30 Coffee break

Session 4: **Wall Maps as Political Media**
11:30–13:30 **CHAIR: Jitka Močičková**

SKURNIK Johanna
University of Turku (Finland)
Reading the News with Wall Maps in the early 20th Century Grand Duchy of Finland

WANG Xiaodong
University College London (Great Britain)
Maps of World Remaking: The Treaty of Versailles in East Asian Wall Maps

CASTALDI Mirko; GALLIA Arturo
University of Roma Tre (Itally)
Representing the Nation: Gran Carta d'Italia (1845) as Risorgimental Projection

SCHRÖDER Iris
University of Erfurt, Centre for Transcultural Studies / Perthes Collection (Germany)
What ought to be seen? Two Wall Maps tackling German Politics and History – A Comparative Approach and an Exercise in Reading

Closing Remarks

14:00–16:00 Museum / Exhibition visit + Fieldwalk
Forma Urbis Museum (approx. 1 hour, guided tour in English led by a professional guide)

- 10 minutes walking distance

Fascism' Wall Maps on Fori Imperiali (approx. 30 minutes, informal guided commentary by Mirko Castaldi and Arturo Gallia)

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Informations

Venue:

Società Geografica Italiana
Via della Navicella 12, Rome (Italy)
41°53'03.2"N 12°29'40.6"E
https://maps.app.goo.gl/qV227jd4F5rgXTUF8

How to reach it

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