

Spatial Narratives for Historical GIS

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Abstract

Over the years, Historical GIS research has made major advances in digitizing historical atlases, photographs, and data archives that have contributed greatly retrospective views of and integrated insights to the past. Historical GIS researchers are reconstructing spatial models of national heritages to raise new perspectives to histories. While GIS is being used to realize geographically integrated histories, GIS meanwhile also imposes techno-spatial views of the world that may appear forceful to some existing scholarship. Hence, this talk will counter the GIS-centric approach to accommodate GIS for historical thinking. The idea of spatial narratives is proposed to bridge GIS and History, and a case study will illustrate how the use of spatial narratives can offer new platforms for Historical GIS research.

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