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Prof. Mizushima has edited and published a number of books and articles on Asia based on historical GIS including *Place, Space, and Time: Asian Hinterlands and Political Economic Development in the Long Eighteenth Century* (Brill, forthcoming) and "Transformation of South Indian local Society in the Late Pre-colonial Period, *Journal of Asian Network for GIS-based Historical Studies*, vol. 1, November 2013 (http://www.l.u-tokyo.ac.jp/~angisj/jangis_j.html), he has compiled a gazetteer of around one million place names in India directly from 5,000 topographical maps of India and put up "India Place Finder" on the web. (<http://india.csis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>), and has put a provisional "Global Place Finder" in the web.