Exploring the Spatial Humanities



Spatial Techniques for the Digital Humanities 13 Aug 2012

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movement from

introverted projects by individual scholars ->

collaborative cross-disciplinary projects ->

exposing data and methods to wider academic communities & the public.

Challenes in Digital Humanities

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One Culture

Computationally Intensive Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences

A Report on the Experiences of First Respondents to the Digging into Data Challenge

by Christa Williford and Charles Henry Research Design by Amy Friedlander June 2012



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From raw data -> well organized information -> analysis -> knowledge

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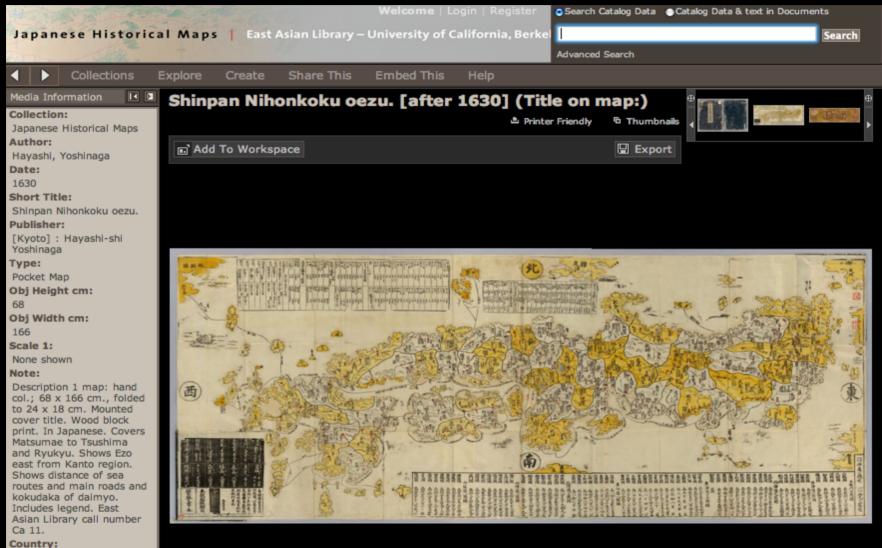
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Discussion about metadata for historical and spatial data

- Implementation of software
- Exposing collections

ECAI example: Japan Maps



Japan

Privately developed software and website hosts Univ collection

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Greg Crane's "million words" problem. When attempting computationally intensive research with texts:

insufficient funding for digital text repositories, variable quality and granularity of repository content, inaccuracies arising from errors made in optical character recognition (OCR) and metadata generation, research plans that are too narrowly defined to appeal to a broad audience, and access restrictions imposed by paid subscription and copyright laws.

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History experts + NLP researchers + GIS analysts = gazetteers & TEI texts

GIS Examples in the Spatial Humanities

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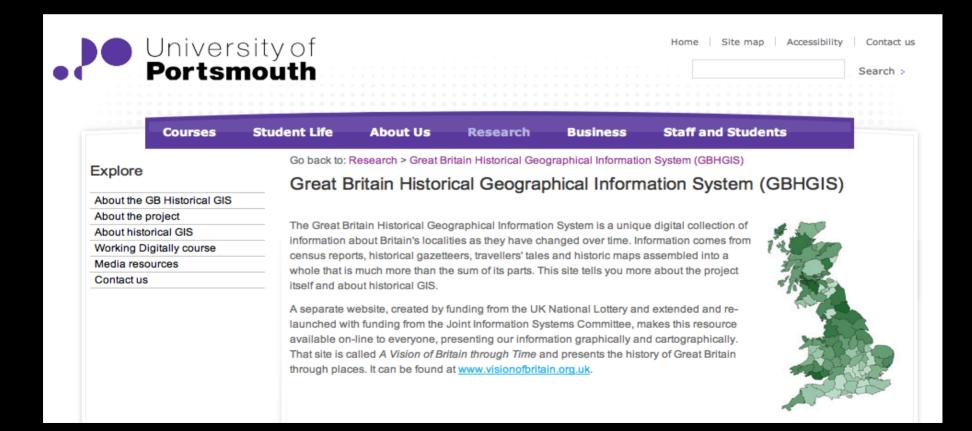
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Outcomes:

- 1) publicly available datasets
- 2) metadata and database schemas for handling change over time
- 3) gazetteers, web-services, and methods for geo-temporal queries
- 4) spatial data for development of analysis tools and models

GIS Examples: Great Britain HGIS

- (a) pioneer of HGIS, developed database of historical boundaries
- (b) built originally as a spatial analog to map existing census datasets
- (c) evolved through several major updates and repurposings

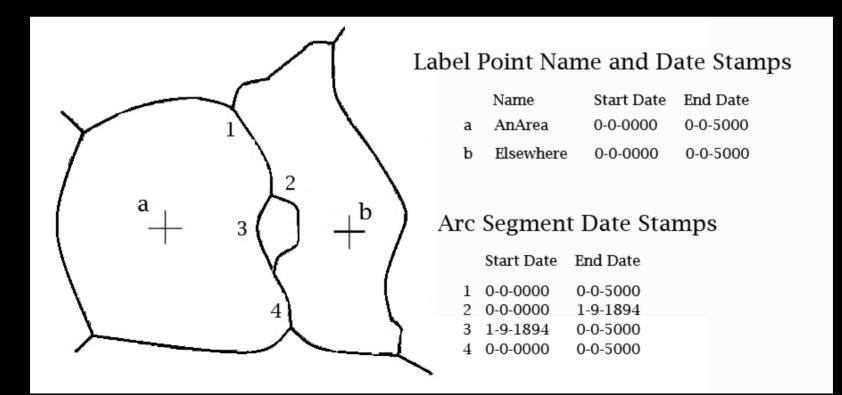


GIS Examples: GBHGIS Data Compilation

Smallest geogrpahic units: parishes (~14,000)

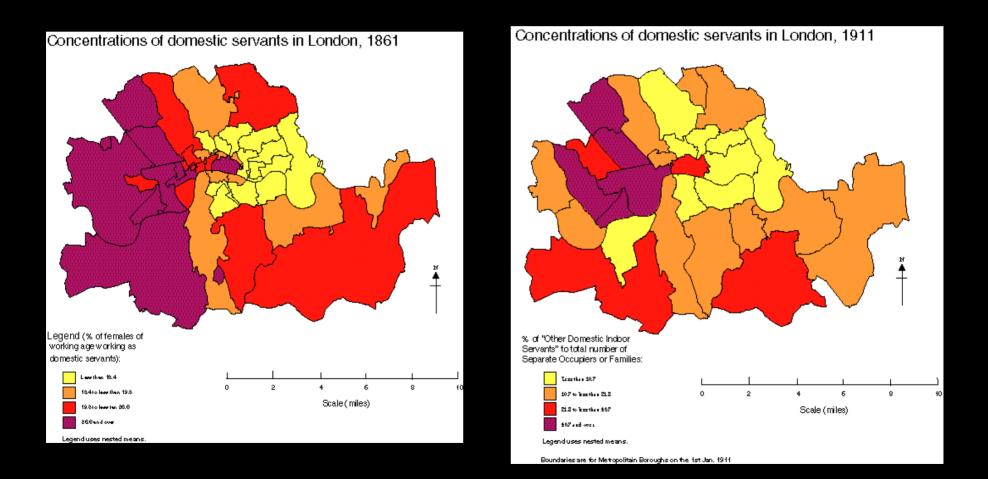
Boundaries constructed from multiple map sources into timestamped arc segements

Relational tables used to compile Space Time Composite polygons and Label Points for various levels of aggregation to show Local Government Districts

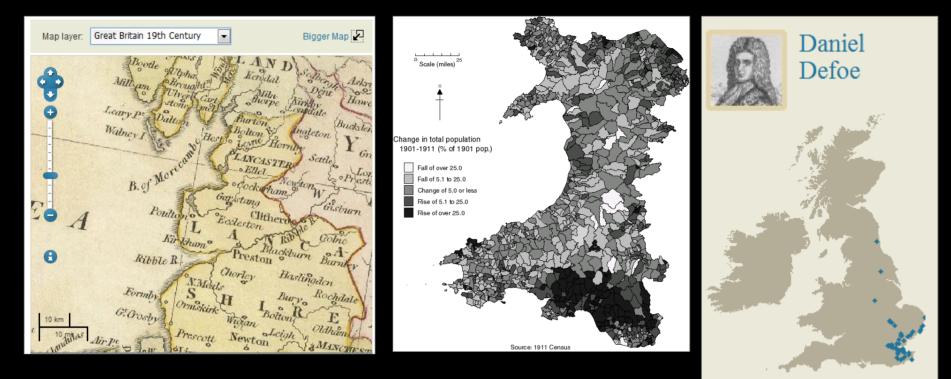


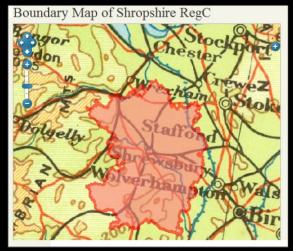
GIS Examples: GBHGIS for Analysis

Statistics related to local government districts can be visualized for change over time



GIS Examples: Vision of Britain





Place: Manchester Lancashire
Location
Historical writing
Units and statistics
Related websites
Place names

Names from historical writing:

The following appear as names for Manchester. Follow the links for what the author actually said:

Name	Author	Source
MANCHESTER	John Bartholomew	Gazetteer of the British Isles (Edinburgh: Bartholomew, 1887).
MANCHESTER	John Marius Wilson	Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales (Edinburgh: A Fullarton & Co., 1870-72).
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GIS Examples: United States NHGIS

- (a) based on time slices (keyed to every census year)
- (b) built originally as a spatial analog to map existing census datasets
- (c) offers a statistical overview of the US over time

NHGIS National Historical Geographic Information System

Welcome to NHGIS

Data

Select Data Download/Revise Extracts

User Resources

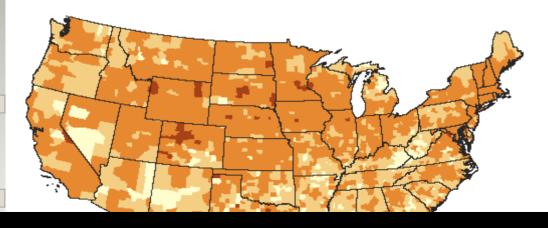
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Data Documentation

Tabular Data Documentation GIS Data Documentation Release Log

Research

Percent of Population 16+ in the Labor Force, by County 2010 5-Year American Community Survey



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NHGIS News

2008-2010 ACS 3-Year Summary File now available

2006-2010 ACS 5-Year Summary File now available

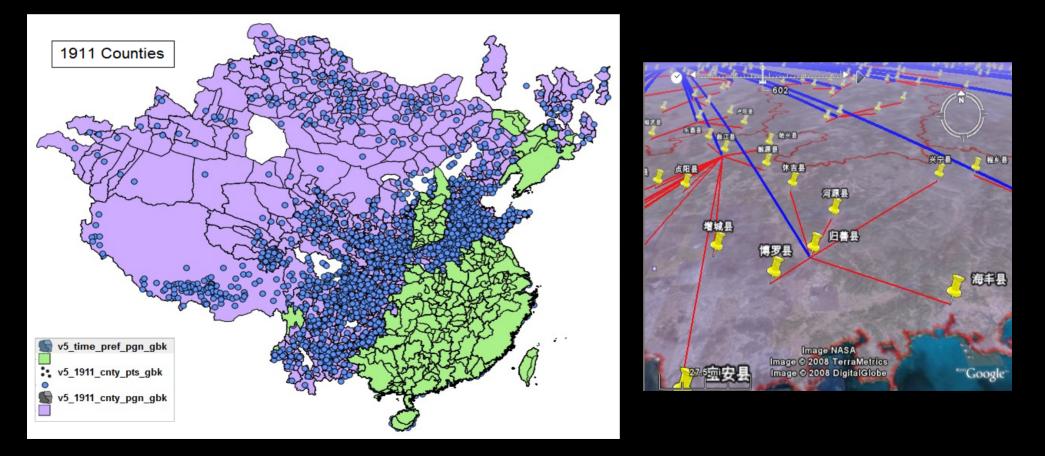
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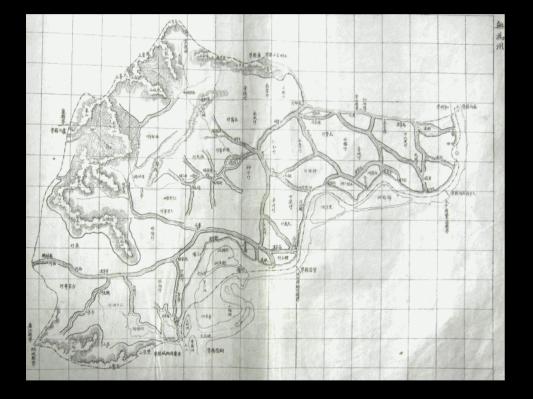
GIS Examples: China HGIS

(a) based on changing administrative divisions over time(b) contains relationships between administrative units

(c) can be used to model change over time as a network



GIS Examples: CHGIS Data Compilation



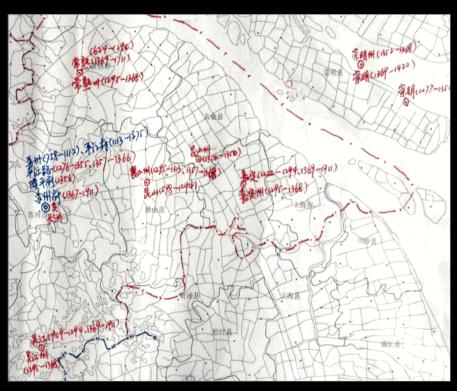
Historical map sources for 1911 counties from late Qing atlas sheets



Modern basemaps used for digitzation of points and polygons

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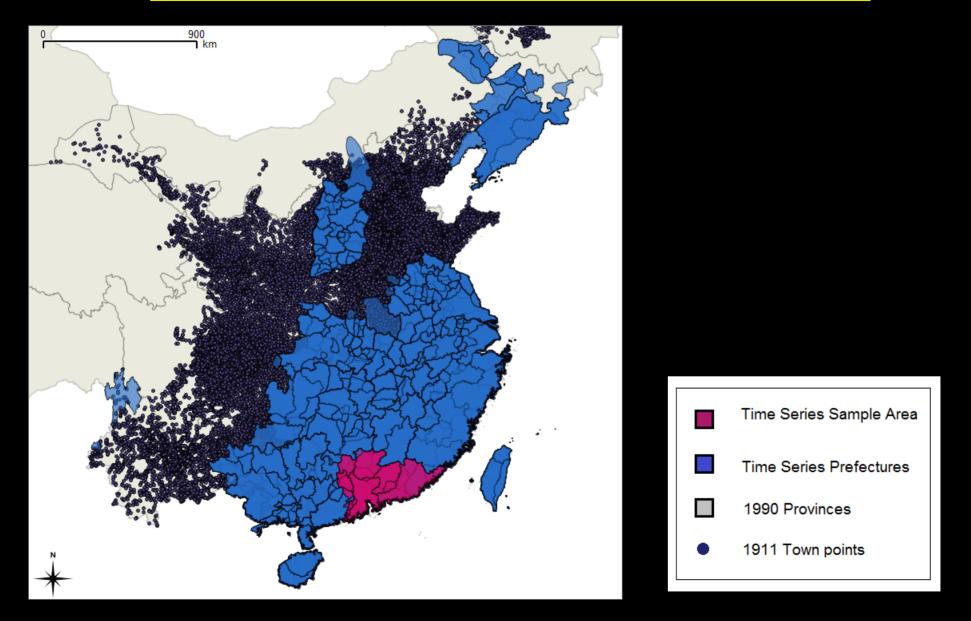




Boundary changes are annotated with color shading on printed maps

Locations of administrative capitals Are marked up with dates of change

GIS Examples: CHGIS Data Compilation



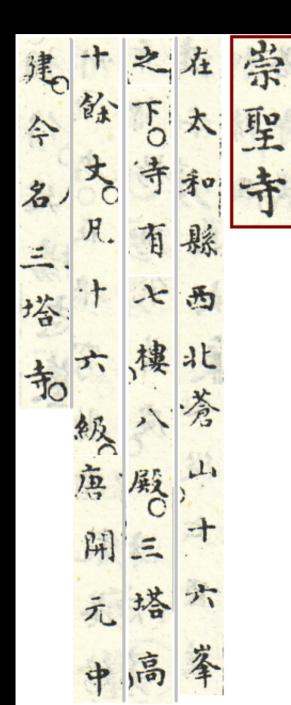
Historical boundaries are combined into the working draft of all boundary changes

GIS Examples: CHGIS Buddhist Temples

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GIS Examples: CHGIS Source Texts



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GIS Examples: CHGIS Geocoding

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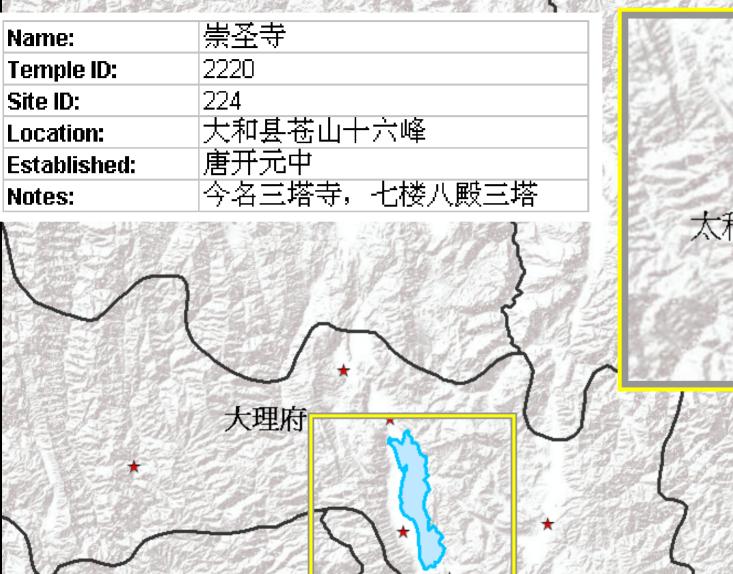
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### GIS Examples: CHGIS Mapping Points



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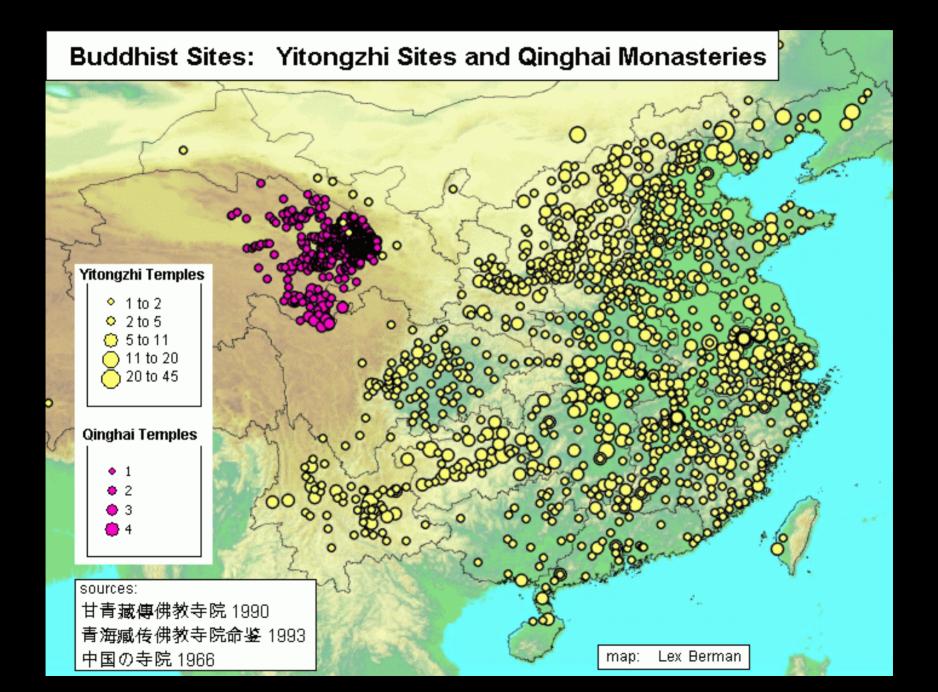
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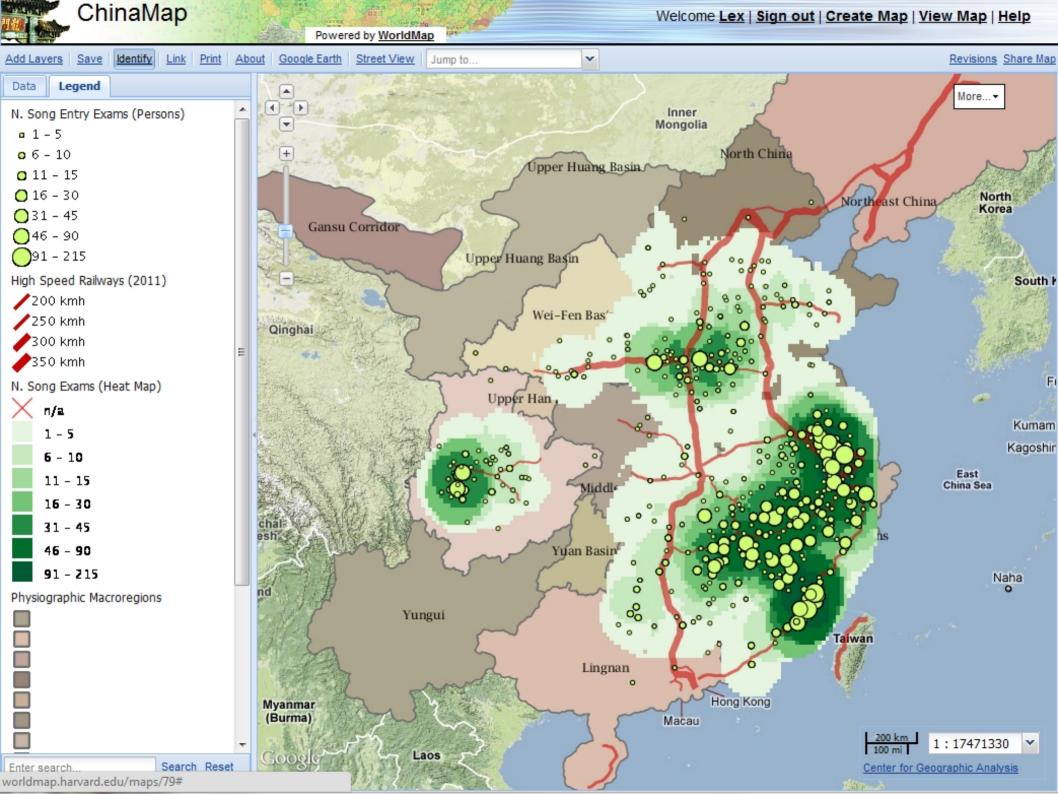


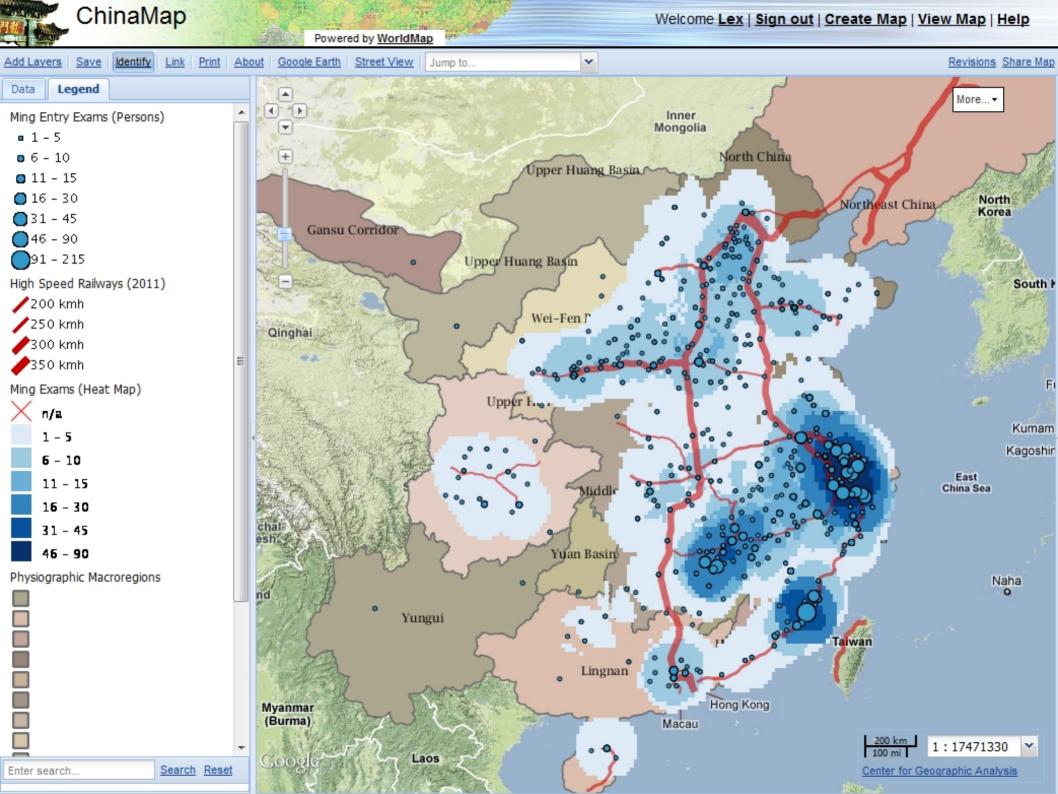
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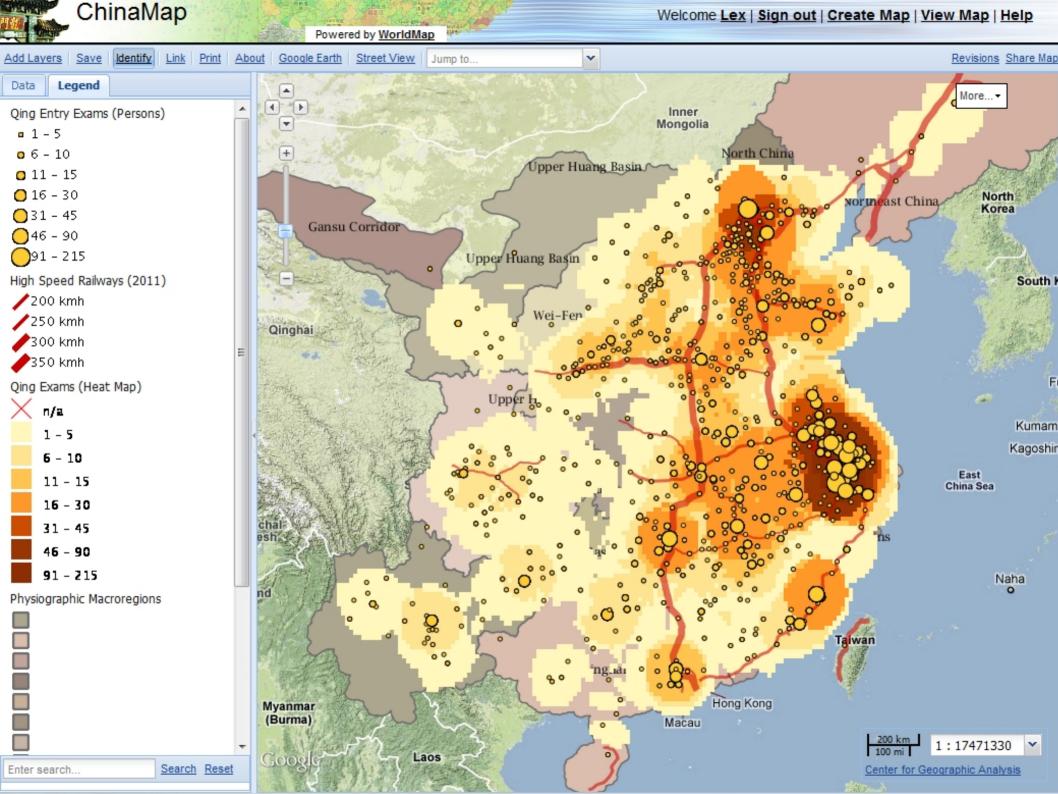


### GIS Examples: CHGIS Bias in Sources









### GIS Examples: Change over time



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### Knowledge Maps of Subjects

Knowledge Maps present annotated hierarchies that "map" out a subject, such as rituals or geographical feature types, and then link each subject to corresponding places, photographs, audio-video, and other such resources

- Administration
- Bibliographic Classification
- Collections
- Controlled Vocabulary THL Scheme
- Cultural Regions
- Economics
- Event
- Geographical Features
- Grammars

- Historical Periods
- Human Status Terms
- Knowledge Maps Under Construction
- Language Tree
- Literary Genres
- Material Object
- Meditation
- Monastery Characteristics
- Oral Genres

- Organizations and Organizational Units
- Philosophical Systems
- Population
- Religious Sect
- Rituals
- Script
- Topics
- Zoologies (Biological and Spirtual)

### Tibetan and Himalayan Map Collections 🏫

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Paper map for the area crossed by Filchner in Kham and Amdo during his expedition in 1926-28, tile 1 of 7. We miss tile #7.

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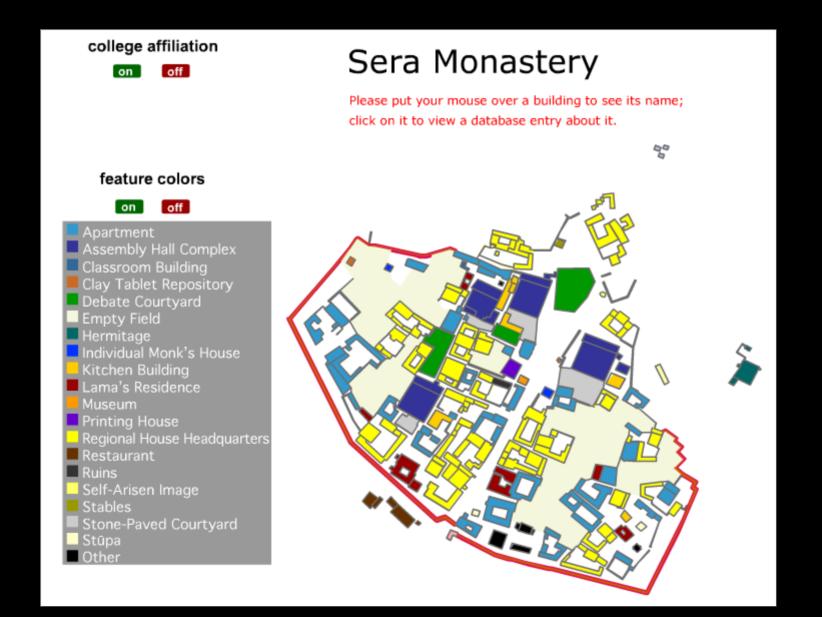
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# GIS Examples: Republican Beijing

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- (2) Market culture
- (3) Education culture
- (4) Public health
- (5) Legal culture
- (6) Religious culture

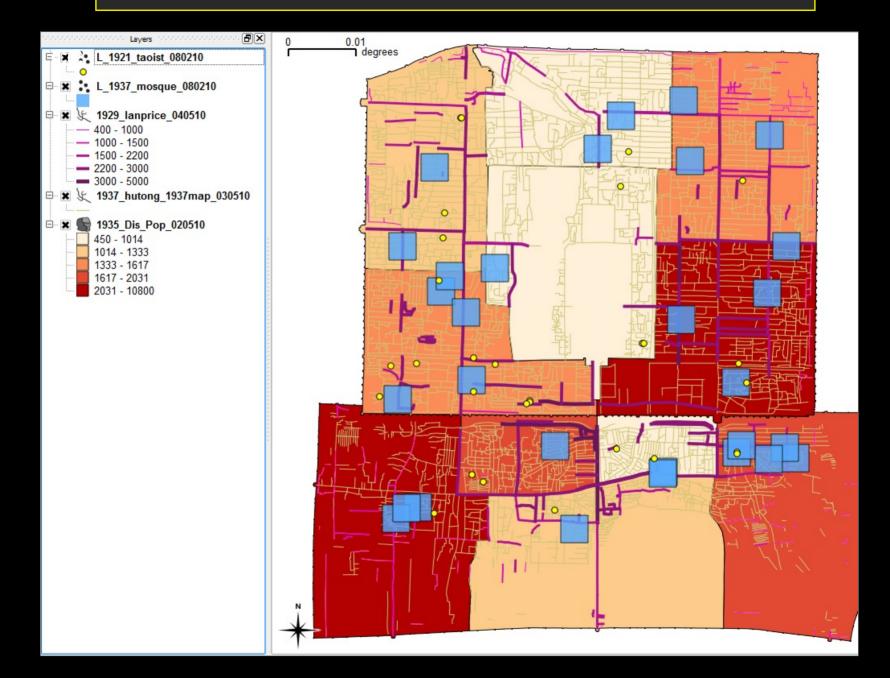
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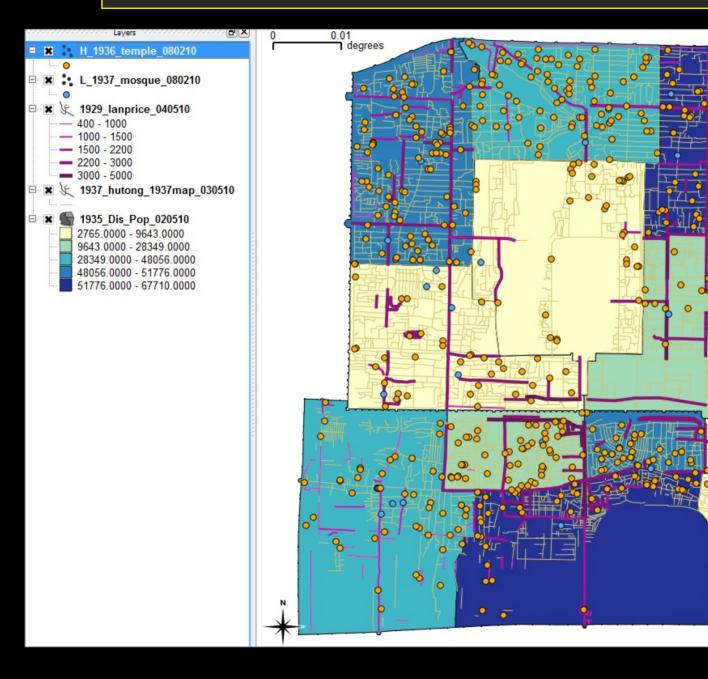
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# GIS Examples: Beijing Islamic Pop (1937)



## GIS Examples: Beijing Buddhist Pop (1937)



## GIS Examples: ORBIS Roman Network

<b>ORBIS</b> The Stanford Geo	spatial Netv	vork Model	of the Roma	an World
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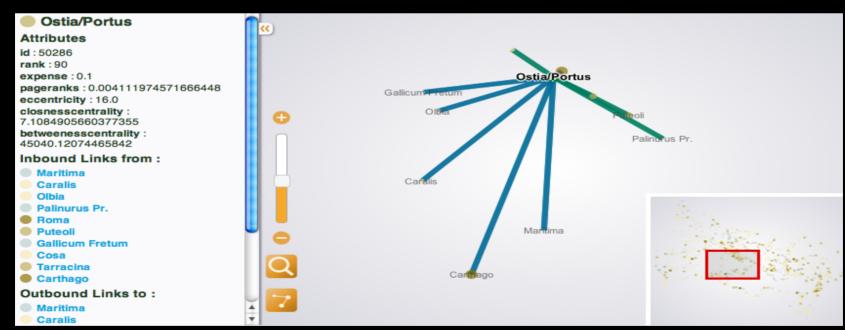
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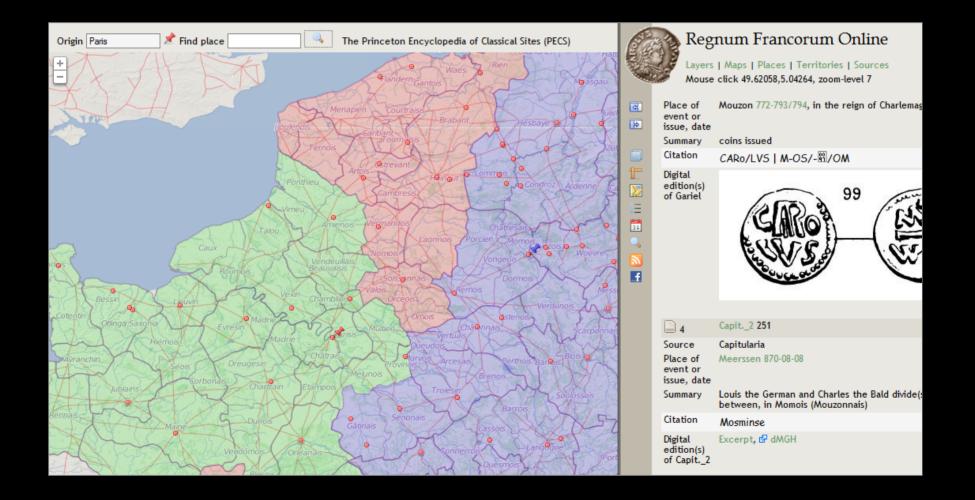
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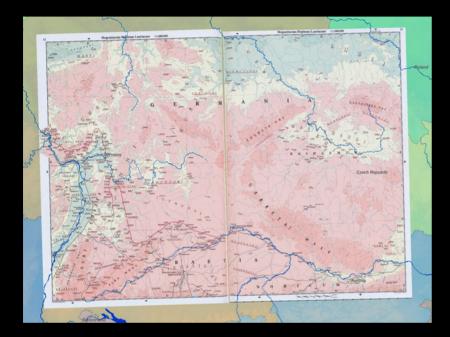


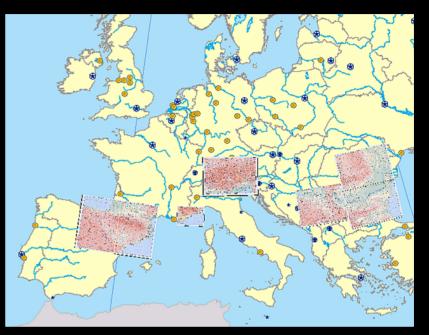
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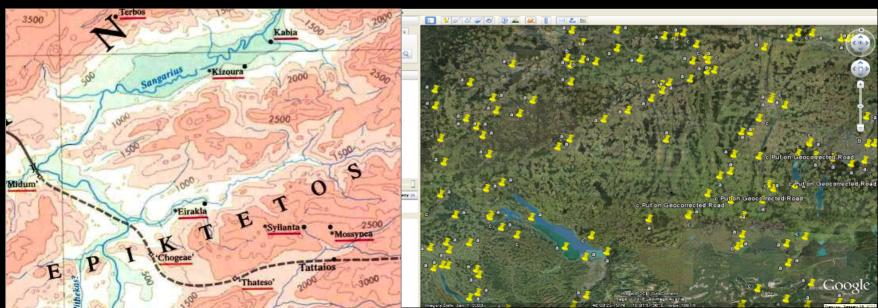
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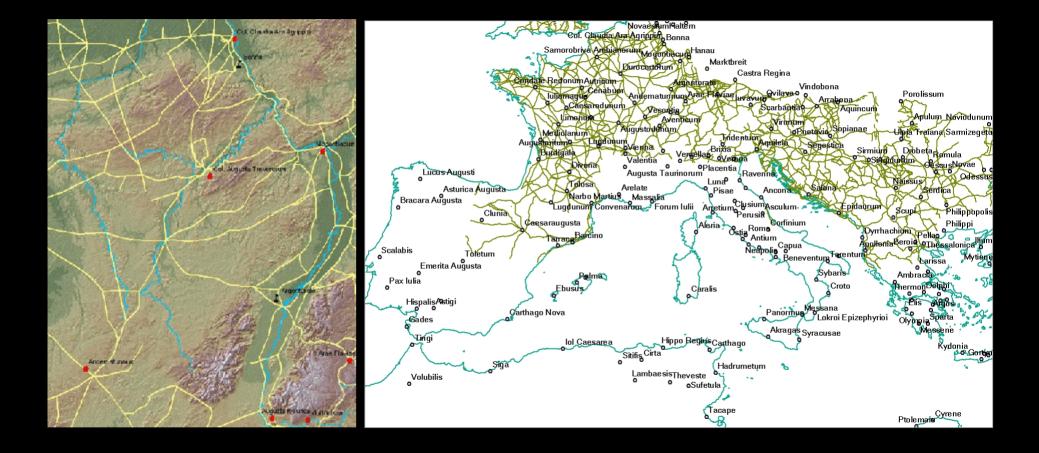
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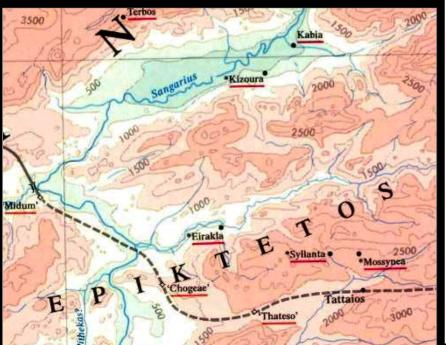


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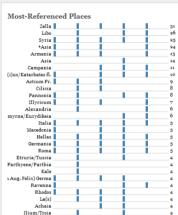
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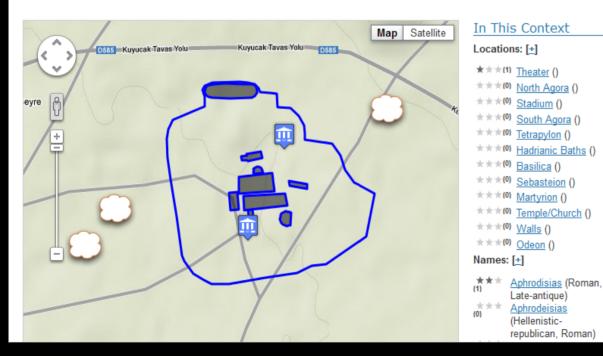
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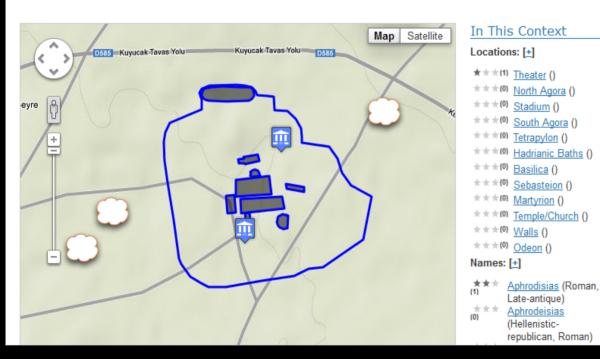
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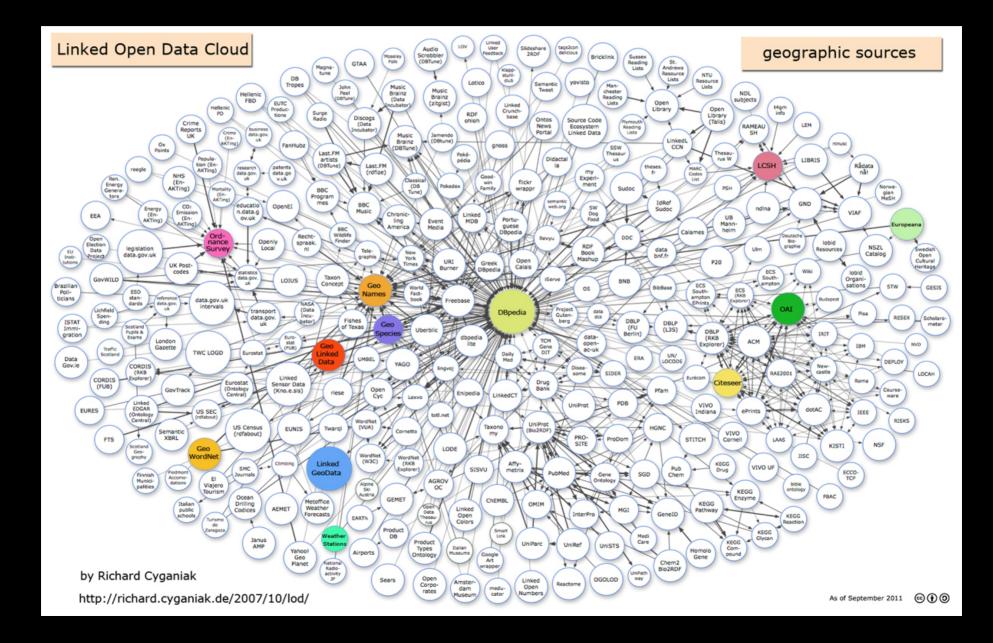
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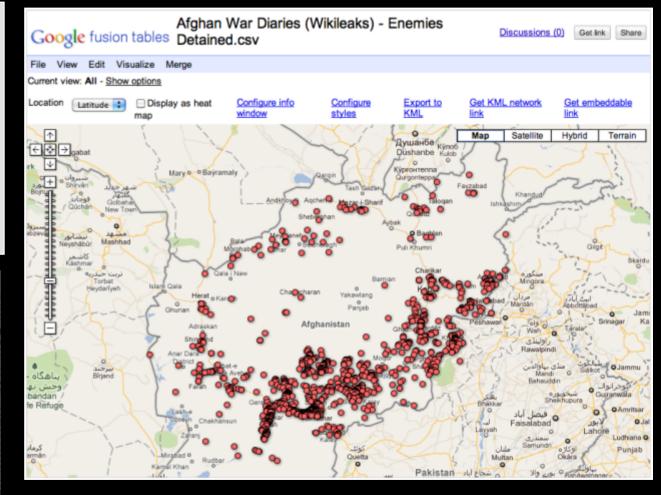
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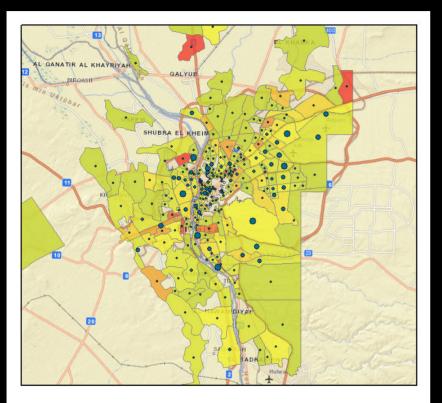
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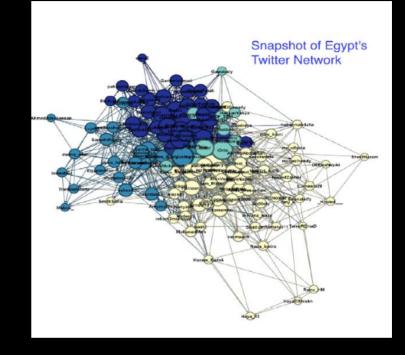


Average Number of Islamists Followed (Standard Deviations from Mean)



Number of Unique Twitterers (Weighted by Distribution of Tweets)

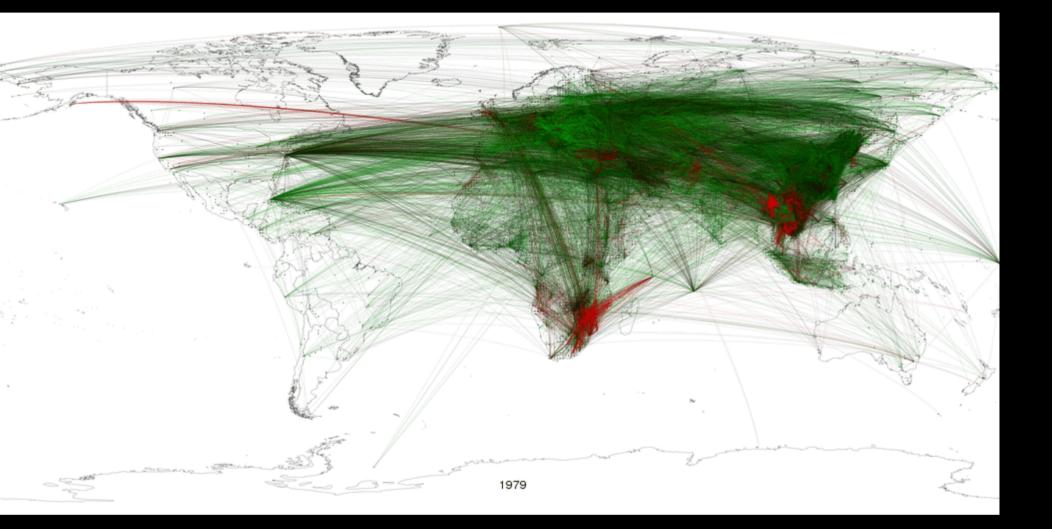




### Mostak: Social Media as Passive Polling

Term-Frequency / Inverse Document Frequency Analysis For each Twitter user is compared with corpus of terms on pro-Islamist blog posts

# Spatial Humanities: Sentiment Mapping



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# Making it Simple with GeoRSS Feeds



# GeoRSS Example: Asian Newspapers

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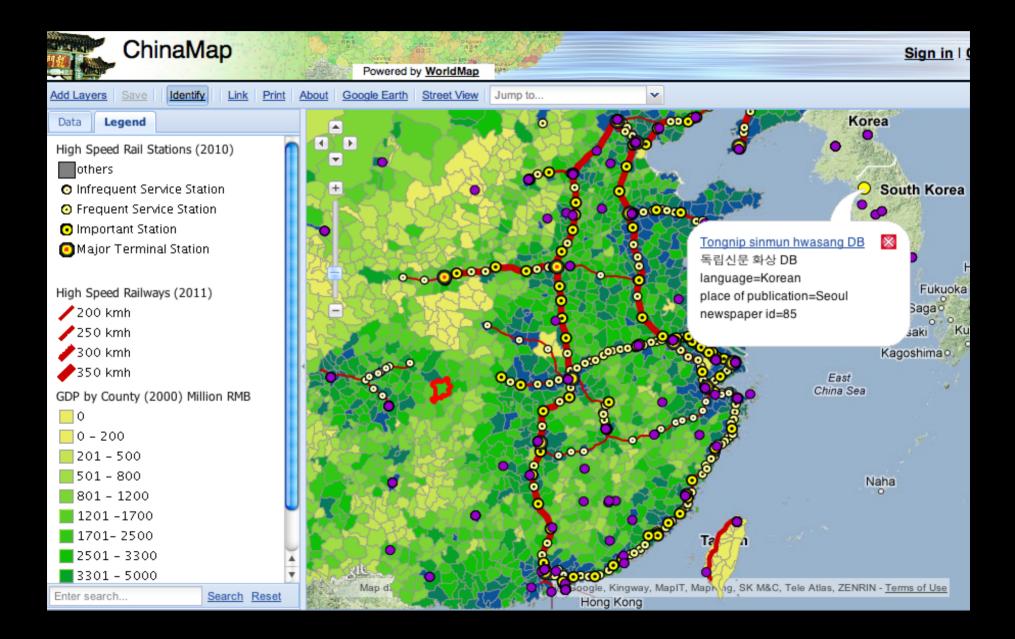
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## GeoRSS in OpenLayers Map Interface



### GeoRSS via other User Interfaces



## The Future of Spatial Humanities

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- · Open platforms with multiple access methods (UIs, APIs, RDF)
- Feeds and web-services that are easy to integrate or mash-up
- · Queries based on spatial and temporal extents + space time visualizations
- Curation of selected data for analysis, annotations & markup by experts

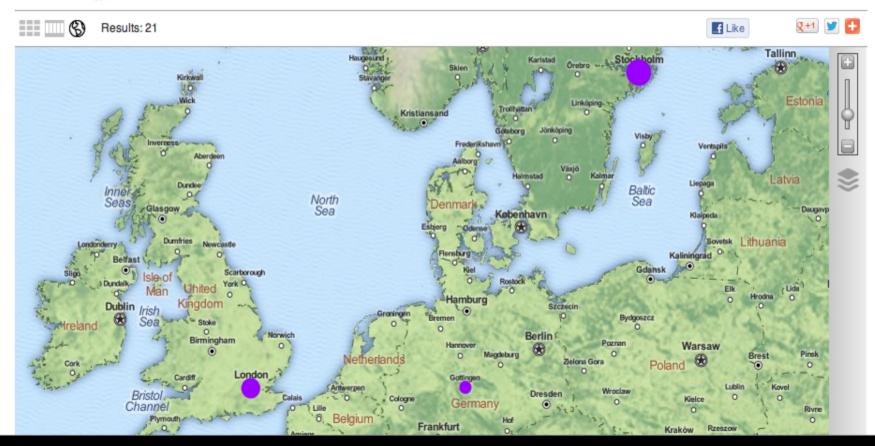
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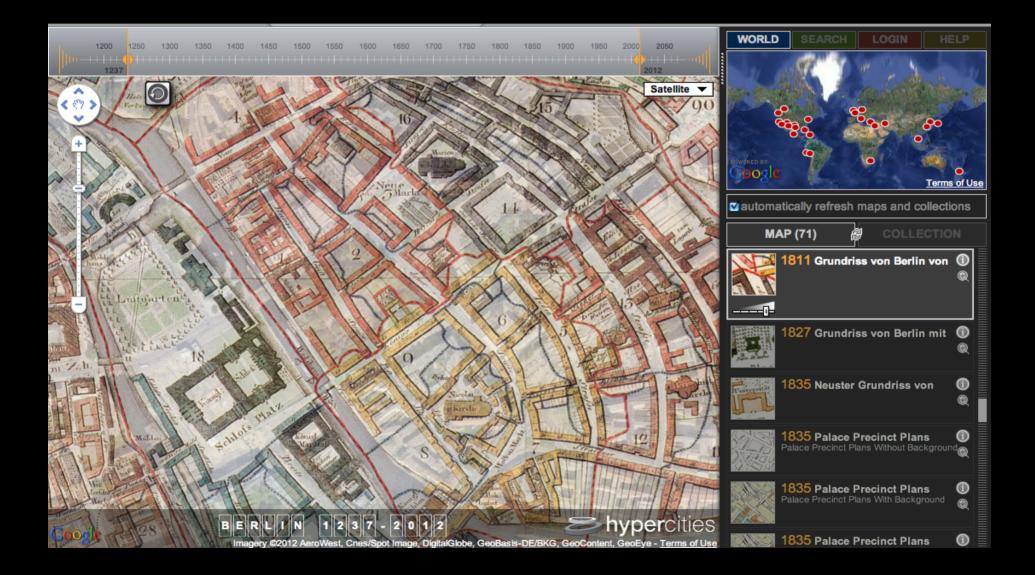
### **Explore Europe's cultural collections**



#### Matches for: egyptian sculpture



### Future Trends: Hypercities



### Future Trends: Spaital History Project

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Prostitution in Philadelphia: Arrests 1912-1918



Union Pacific Shipping from Nebraska: Forwarded/Received

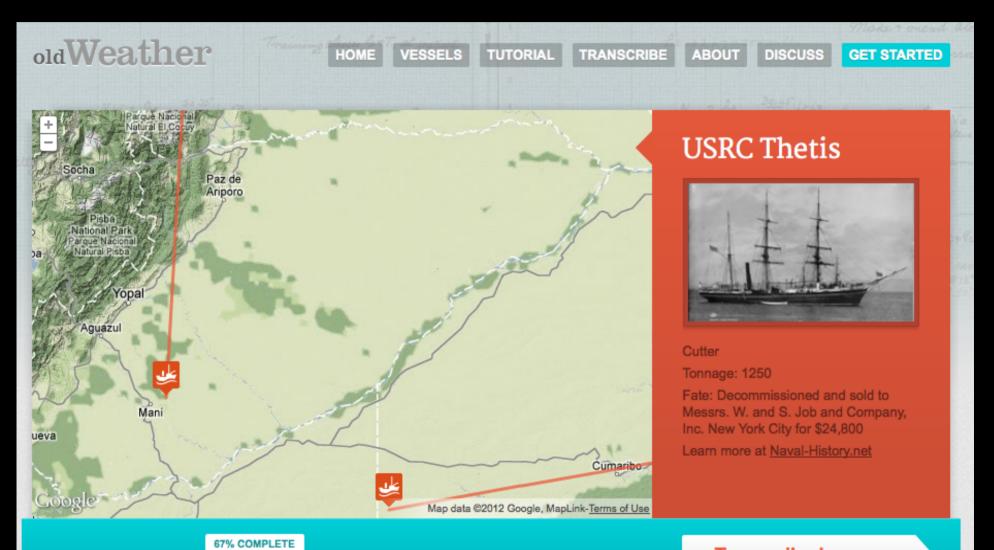


Union Pacific Shipping from Nebraska: East/West

## Future Trends: Addressing History

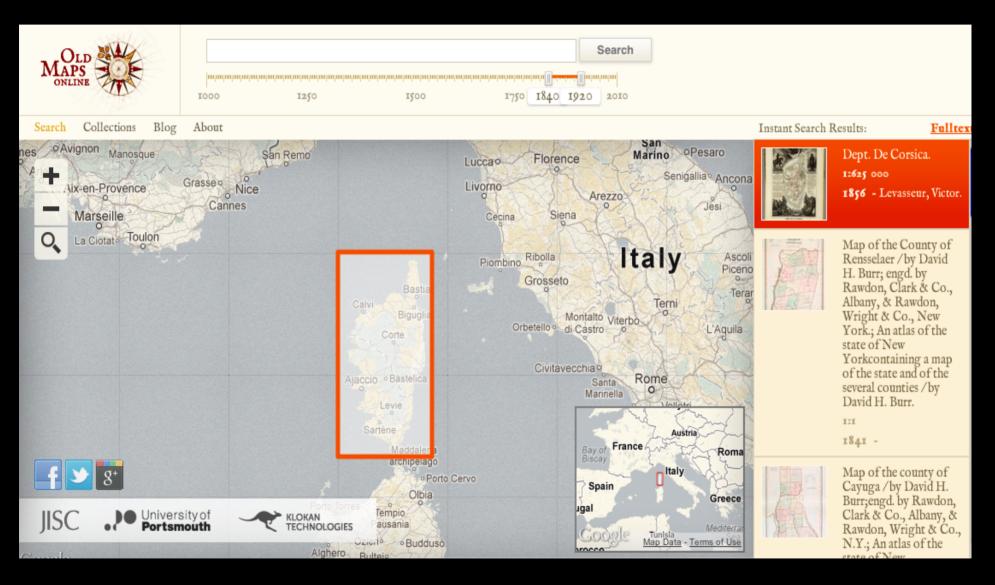


## Future Trends: Old Weather



**Transcribe logs** 

## Future Trends: Old Maps Online



http://www.oldmapsonline.org/

## Center for Geographic Analysis, Harvard



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