



Call for Papers

Hang Them Up! New Perspectives on Historical Wall Maps Studies

October 8-9, 2025 | Società Geografica Italiana (Rome, Italy)

The Historical Wall Maps Research Group, an international collective of historians and geographers dedicated to advancing the study of modern historical wall maps, is pleased to announce a call for papers for the workshop "*Hang Them Up! New Perspectives on Historical Wall Maps Studies*," which will take place on October 8-9, 2025, at the Società Geografica Italiana in Rome.

The main aim of the event is to bring together experts from different fields to explore the historical and comparative dimensions of wall maps, their cultural significance and impact on geographical knowledge across different periods and regions, and finally the possibilities for their preservation and digitization.

Workshop Focus

The workshop will focus on wall maps from the 19th and 20th centuries, examining their roles in education, politics, and culture. We anticipate 20-minute contributions from each speaker, followed by ample time for in-depth discussions. The workshop will conclude with a round-table discussion to synthesize ideas and foster collaborative dialogue among participants.

Submission Guidelines

We invite submissions of abstracts (up to 300 words) for 20-minute presentations. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Historical and comparative dimensions of wall maps
- Cultural significance and impact of wall maps on geographical knowledge
- Roles of wall maps in education, politics, and culture
- Preservation and digitization of historical wall maps
- Methodological approaches to the production and study of wall maps

For submission, use this form:

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Important Dates

- Submission Deadline: **May 15, 2025**
- Notification of Acceptance: **May 31, 2025**
- Workshop Dates: October **8-9, 2025**

Host venue

Società Geografica Italiana
Palazzetto Mattei in Villa Celimontana
via della Navicella, 12 – 00184 Rome, Italy
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/LU22t1rLG7BM8uKJ7>

Registration and Costs

The workshop is free of charge. However, participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs. A list of hotels and B&Bs will be provided.

Contact Information

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We look forward to receiving your contributions and to a stimulating and enriching workshop.

Best regards,

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