

# **Moving beyond borders: from the history of cartography to the history of science**

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The history of science has undergone deep transformations in the past decades. From a sub-discipline within intellectual history, very much focused on the technicalities of scientific theories, it has evolved into a broad and fascinating investigation about all the conditions associated with the production of scientific knowledge: technical, institutional, philosophical, biographical, political, etc.

These transformations open new opportunities for historians of cartography willing to enter wider intellectual arenas. Scholars interested in the history of maps are especially prepared to engage in fruitful conversation with historians of science. After all, the history of cartography is about the history of the rationalisation and control of space, the power of visual representations, the relations between politics and knowledge. All of these issues are today at the centre of the most promising investigations in the history of science. In this presentation I will try to highlight these new opportunities, as seen from the point of view of an historian of science who always benefited from the interactions with historians of cartography.

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