



Workshop

# Hang them up!

New Perspectives  
to the Historical Wall Maps Studies

**8-9 October 2025**

Società Geografica Italiana, Rome (Italy)



## PROGRAMME

8 October 2025

10:30 Introduction; Authorities

11:00 Historical Wall Maps Research Group presentation

**11:30 Keynote lecture**

BRÜCKNER Martin

University of Delaware (USA)

Why Do Wall Maps Matter? A Case Study in Nineteenth-Century Technology, Education, and Politics

**12:30–14:00 Light Lunch**

**Session 1: Unrolling the World**

14:00–15:30 **CHAIR: Dominic Keyßner**

DONADELLI Giovanni; GALLANTI Chiara; PETERLE Giada; VAROTTO Mauro  
Museo di Geografia, Padua University (Italy)

Windows in the Wall: between Conservation, History of Geography and Creative Approaches

MORRI Riccardo; LEONARDI Sandra

Museo della Geografia, Sapienza University of Rome (Italy)

Wall Maps as an Archive of Disputed Territories

MEYER Philipp

Leibniz Institut für Länderkunde Leipzig (Germany)

The Earth as Walls: Dimensions of a Wallmap Collection

**15:30–16:00 Coffee break**

**Session 2: Collecting Wall Maps**

16:00–18:30 **CHAIR: Arturo Gallia**

AZZARI Margherita; PAMPANA Patrizia

Società Geografica Italiana (Italy)

Collecting Worlds, Exploring Places: Insights from the Wall Maps of the Italian Geographical Society

CAMMACK Rex G.

University of Nebraska Omaha (USA)

Challenges for Academic Department Wall Map Collections: Cataloging, and Digital Web Access

DE BIAGGI Enali; CUNTY Claire; JACQUEMINET Christine

Université Jean Moulin Lyon (France)

The Diversity of Wall Map Collections from the Various Universities in the Lyon-Saint-Etienne Area: a Legacy at Stake

GRIPPO Epifania; DE FILPO Monica

Museo della Geografia, Sapienza University of Rome (Italy)

The Wall Maps of the Geography Museum of Sapienza University: an Overview of the First Collections from their Rediscovery to their Enhancement

BERTI Camillo; DOLFI Lorenzo

University of Florence (Italy)

Exploring Geography through Wall Maps. Methodological Insights from a University of Florence Collection

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**9 October 2025**

**Session 3: Materiality and Visuality of Wall Maps**

9:30–11:00

**CHAIR: Camillo Berti**

DYM Jordana

Skidmore College (USA)

On the Wall: Maps hung, drawn and painted in Guatemala since 1860

GURSEL Bahar

Middle East Technical University (Ankara, Türkiye)

The Illustrated Reference Map of the World (1883): Cultural Instruction and the Pictorial Turn in a Nineteenth-Century American Wall Map

IRWIN Seth

Irwin Paper Conservation LLC (USA)

Mapping the Crossroads: The Conservation and Preservation of the 19th Century County Wall Maps from the Indiana State Library

**11:00–11:30 Coffee break**

**Session 4: Wall Maps as Political Media**

11:30–13:30

**CHAIR: Jitka Močičková**

SKURNIK Johanna

University of Turku (Finland)

Reading the News with Wall Maps in the early 20th Century Grand Duchy of Finland

WANG Xiaodong

University College London (Great Britain)

Maps of World Remaking: The Treaty of Versailles in East Asian Wall Maps

CASTALDI Mirko; GALLIA Arturo

University of Roma Tre (Italy)

Representing the Nation: Gran Carta d'Italia (1845) as Risorgimental Projection

SCHRÖDER Iris

University of Erfurt, Centre for Transcultural Studies / Perthes Collection (Germany)

What ought to be seen? Two Wall Maps tackling German Politics and History – A Comparative Approach and an Exercise in Reading

**Closing Remarks**

**14:00–16:00 Museum / Exhibition visit + Fieldwalk**

**Forma Urbis Museum** (approx. 1 hour, guided tour in English led by a professional guide)

- 10 minutes walking distance

**Fascism' Wall Maps on Fori Imperiali** (approx. 30 minutes, informal guided commentary by Mirko Castaldi and Arturo Gallia)

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## Informations

### Venue:

Società Geografica Italiana  
Via della Navicella 12, Rome (Italy)  
41°53'03.2"N 12°29'40.6"E  
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/qV227jd4F5rgXTUF8>

### How to reach it

Metro (underground) B line "Colosseo" Station  
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Taxi: +39 066645 / +39 063570

### Scientific Committee:

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Arturo Gallia, Università Roma Tre  
Massimiliano Grava, Università di Pisa  
Dominic Keyßner, Universität Erfurt, Forschungskolleg Transkulturelle Studien/Sammlung  
Perthes  
Sandra Leonardi, Museo della Geografia, Sapienza Università di Roma  
Carla Masetti, CISGE, Università Roma Tre  
Jitka Močičková, Institute of History of the Czech Academy of Sciences  
Paola Pressenda, Università di Torino

### Organizing Committee:

Mirko Castaldi  
Arturo Gallia  
Denise Macciò

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