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ISHMap Prize for Projects in Map History

The ISHMap Prize in Map History, awarded every two years and presented at the ISHMap General Assembly, will recognize a project that explores the history of maps and mapping outside of the format of an academic paper, book, or edited collection in a way that increases accessibility and engagement with maps and map history through innovative presentations. The prize will uplift projects that seek to expand the subjects, audience, scope, and/or methodology of engaging with the history of maps and mapping. Projects can take many forms including, but in no way limited to, physical exhibitions, datasets, online exhibitions, multimedia projects such as podcasts and films, thematic maps, games, and digital products.

Prize winners will receive:

- 200 pounds (split between multiple winners if the project has multiple authors).
- 2-year Membership for up to 3 people in ISHMap.
- Presentation of the award at ISHMap symposium.
- A feature on the ISHMap webpage and on H-Maps.

Nomination material:

- Nominations are submitted via online form (<https://tinyurl.com/ishmapprize2023>) by midnight, Greenwich Mean time, on December 31, 2022.
- 300 word summary in Spanish, Portuguese, French, English, or Dutch of the project that describes the creative process and the potential of the project to expand the possibility for the history of maps and mapping. Please include links to any official reviews of the project.
- For online projects, a stable URL for the project.
- For physical exhibitions, preferred photography and/or video walkthrough of space.
- For hybrid physical and virtual exhibitions, applications can rely solely on the virtual exhibition or send documentation on the physical exhibition along with the URL for the virtual exhibition.
- For analog, a reasonable digital surrogate.
- A list of 1-3 principal contributors, with brief (100-150 word) profiles and links to professional webpages (Please distinguish roles of each contributor).
- For projects in a language other than Spanish, Portuguese, French, English or Dutch, a translation of the project summary, exhibit/project introductory materials, and at least one exhibit/project section, into one of those languages.



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Eligibility:

- Projects may be nominated by peers or self-nominated by their creators.
- To qualify for the 2023 prize, the project must have debuted or been substantively updated between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2022.
- Individuals may only nominate one project per prize cycle.
- Projects that have already been awarded the ISHMap Prize are excluded.
- Projects must be non-commercial, i.e. not primarily intended for or directed towards commercial advantage or monetary compensation.
- Any exhibition must be free and open to the public.
- Online content must be free and open to the public.
- Projects on which ISHMap Trustees or members of the prize committee are Principal Investigators/Creators are not eligible.

Criteria for Evaluation:

- the centrality of the history of maps and mapping
- innovative character and creativity
- record and potential of increasing accessibility and engagement with maps and map history
- intellectual rigor
- effective and purposeful design and presentation

Evaluators

- Prize committee will be anonymous, and consist of a small panel of ISHMap Trustees, former Trustees, and experts selected by the Trustees.
- ISHMap Trustees with a conflict of interest, including contributions to, leadership or sponsoring role in a nominated project, will recuse themselves from committee work.