

Digital Collection of Old Maps Survey

Dear Participant,

We invite you to take part in the Digital Collection of Old Maps Survey. The aim of this survey is to assess the metadata quality of the digital collection of old maps in the special collection at the University of Groningen. Your feedback is invaluable and will help us enrich the metadata of our collection. The survey should take approximately 10-20 minutes to complete. You are not required to answer all questions; feel free to choose the ones that interest you. The deadline for completing the survey is May 17th, 2024.

Please take a moment to review our old map digital collection by clicking [here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact skylarcheng585@gmail.com.

Your participation would be greatly appreciated, and all responses will remain confidential.

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Thank you for your time and contribution!

Sincerely,
Luotong Cheng

* Indicates required question

1. Could you please specify your primary research domain (e.g., urban studies, landscape studies, history, geography, etc.)? *
2. Do you use old maps in your research, and if so, how often? *
3. Do you find the metadata provided for the old maps in [our collection](#) sufficient for gaining a basic understanding or indexing the digital map? Which metadata fields (e.g., title, author, etc.) help you understand the map's basic subjects and context? Please share any challenges you encounter when interpreting the metadata or any suggestions.

4. Do you find that our [old map digital collection](#) includes sufficient cartographical metadata (e.g., map scale, geographical coverage, etc.) to support your research needs? Please provide any suggestions for additional metadata that could be helpful for your research purposes.

5. Do you consider geographical coordinates (e.g., longitude, latitude, or bounding box) to be essential metadata for your research? Please briefly explain your ideas.

6. Do you have any suggestions for additional metadata elements that could enhance the comprehensiveness and usability of [our old map digital collection](#)? For example, do you think incorporating additional provenance information, historical context, textual or visual content elements described on the map, and physical conditions or characteristics would be valuable? Please share any ideas or suggestions you may have to help us improve the richness and depth of our metadata.

7. Do you think it would be beneficial to include links to associated resources (e.g., related maps, publications, repositories, historical documents, etc.) within the metadata of our old map digital collection? Please briefly share your ideas.

8. Do you think [our old map digital collection](#) easy to find and access? Is the data presented in a way that allows you to use it easily in your research? Please share any challenges you may have encountered when reusing the data in your own research or any suggestions to improve the accessibility and reusability of the collection.

9. Do you believe that providing a link to access high-quality images of the old maps, or a link to access the metadata record is crucial? Please briefly explain your ideas.

10. Is the data presented in a way that allows for seamless integration and compatibility with other resources? Do you think it is important for the data to be interoperable with other tools and datasets? Please briefly explain your answers.

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