Digital Old Maps Collection User Experience Survey

Consent Statement:

Dear Participant,

I would like to invite you to participate in the Digital Collection of Old Maps Survey, a research study conducted with the objective to explore the potential enhancements of the digital collection of old maps in the special collection at the University of Groningen Library, through **geospatial and semantical enrichment**, with a focus on improving **metadata FAIRness** (findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable). Your input is valuable and will contribute to improving the accessibility and usefulness of our collection.

What Participation Involves:

Completing the questionnaire, which will take approximately 10 - 20 minutes.

Confidentiality:

Your responses will be kept confidential, and your identity will remain anonymous.

Voluntary Participation:

Your participation is entirely voluntary, and you may withdraw at any time without penalty.

Digital Collection Link:

You can access the digital collection of old maps [here](#).

Contact Information:

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

By proceeding with the questionnaire, you indicate that you have read and understood the information provided and that you voluntarily agree to participate.

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Thank you for your time and contribution!

Sincerely,

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* Indicates required question

Section 1: Searchability

1. How easy was it for you to find specific old maps within our digital collection for the old maps? *
   The link is [here](#).

   Mark only one oval.

   ⬭ Very easy

   ⬭ Somewhat easy

   ⬭ Neutral

   ⬭ Somewhat difficult

   ⬭ Very difficult

2. Were you able to effectively search and filter maps based on criteria such as date, geographic *
   location, or annotation? The link is [here](#).

   Mark only one oval.

   ⬭ Yes, easily

   ⬭ Yes, with some difficulty

   ⬭ No, I encountered difficulties

3. If you encountered difficulties in finding specific historical maps or related information within our
   old map digital collection, please briefly describe your experience.

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4. When searching for maps in our collection, what factors are most important to you? (Select all *
   that apply)

   Check all that apply.

   ☐ High-quality map images
   ☐ Easy navigation and search functionality
   ☐ Accurate geographical information
   ☐ Information about the map's historical context
   ☐ Availability of related resources

5. Were you able to easily navigate through the metadata and find the information you needed *
   about the old maps? The link is [here](#).

   Mark only one oval.

   ⬭ Yes, navigation was easy and intuitive

   ⬭ No, I struggled to navigate and find the necessary information

6. Did you encounter any difficulties while trying to access the information about the old maps in *
   the old map digital collection? For example, were there any issues with incomplete metadata,
   complex navigation, or lack of search functionality?

   Mark only one oval.

   ◯ No, I did not face any barriers

   ◯ Yes, I encountered barriers

7. If you face any challenges accessing information about the old maps, please specify.

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8. How important is it for historical maps to be georeferenced (i.e., aligned with modern *
   geographical coordinates) for your use?

   Mark only one oval.

   ◯ Very important

   ◯ Somewhat important

   ◯ Not very important

   ◯ Not important at all

   ◯ N.A. (not applicable)

Section 2: Interoperability

9. Were you able to seamlessly integrate the metadata of the old maps from our collection with *
   external applications or platforms (e.g., GIS software for overlaying maps)? The link is here.

   Mark only one oval.

   ◯ Yes, very easy

   ◯ Yes, somewhat easy

   ◯ No, I encountered challenges

   ◯ N.A. (not applicable)

10.   Did you find it easy to link or cross-reference the metadata of the old maps in our collection   *
       with related resources from other repositories?

       Mark only one oval.

       ( ) Yes, very easy

       ( ) Yes, somewhat easy

       ( ) No, I encountered challenges

       ( ) N.A. (not applicable)

11.   If you encountered challenges for integrating the metadata of the old maps from our collection
       with external platforms or linking to other repositories, please specify.

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Section 3: Reusability

12.   Were you able to download or export the metadata of the old maps from our collection in   *
       standard formats for further use? The link is [here](#).

       Mark only one oval.

       ( ) Yes, easily

       ( ) Yes, with some difficulty

       ( ) No, I encountered challenges

       ( ) N.A. (not applicable)

13.   Did you find the metadata of the old maps from our collection sufficient and user-friendly for   *
       potential reuse in your own research? The link is [here](#).

       Mark only one oval.

       ( ) Yes, easily

       ( ) Yes, with some difficulty

       ( ) No, I encountered challenges

14.   If you encountered challenges, please specify.

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Section 4: informativeness

15.   Would you find it helpful if the historical maps in our collection were enriched with additional   *
      information of provenance (e.g., former and current ownership, donorship, custodianship) or
      the historical context (e.g., historical events and cultural significance)? The link is here.

      Mark only one oval.

      ◯ Yes

      ◯ No

      ◯ Maybe

16.   How likely are you to explore or use historical maps if they were enhanced with interactive   *
      features (e.g., the ability to overlay multiple maps, zoom in on specific areas, or compare
      historical and modern landscapes)? The link is here.

      Mark only one oval.

      ◯ Likely

      ◯ Not sure

      ◯ Unlikely

17.   Do you have any suggestions or preferences regarding how we can enhance the user
      experience of the metadata associated with our digital collection of old maps?

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