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## Circle of Life

*National Geographic (Russian Issue) – June 2016*

This article focused on the reindeer migration in the Taimyr Peninsula. Migration is a difficult task. Behind every new migration cycle there are new obstacles: turbulent rivers, inclement weather, and predators. Far more dangerous, however, is for reindeer to stop moving. These roamers of the north have been able to outlive their contemporaries – mammoths and woolly rhinoceros – in large part due to their constant movement.

## Rebalancing Citibike

*Urbica - April 2016*

This study focuses on a few of the most intractable problems that any robust bikeshare network faces: rebalancing stations so that they are neither full nor empty, and bike availability. Uneven demand and traffic flows are the root causes, preventing bikeshares from reaching their full potential as forms of public transportation.

[GitHub](#)

## Imperiia

*Harvard University, Department of History – 2012 – present*

A historical geographic information system to promote the study of Russia's spatial history. The research project, directed by Dr. Kelly O'Neill at Harvard University, makes available a series of annotated datasets and historical maps related to the physical infrastructure, demographics, culture, and economy of the tsarist state.

## Topography of Terror

*NextGIS and Memorial – August 2014*

Everyday, residents of Moscow walk about their city without really knowing its past. Buildings pass by one after another, but concealed within is a dark history. Many only vaguely understand the scale of state repressions that were carried out during the Soviet regime, particularly under Joseph Stalin. Nested within the urban space are execution sites, concentration camps, burial holes, barracks, and prisons where thousands of victims met their demise. *Topography of Terror* serves to inform people today – whether amateur historians,

victims' relatives, or simply citizens who want to know the truth – by mapping the locations of sites associated with state repression.

### **Using R to Map Crime Density in Boston**

*New University of Lisbon, Nova School of Information Management– February 2015*

As a social phenomenon, crime has intrinsic geographic qualities. When a crime occurs, it happens at a specific time and place that is often recorded by the authorities. At the beginning of the 2000s, the city of Boston experienced a significant uptick in crime rates relative to the previous decade. In response to this, the Boston Police Department launched the Safe Street Team strategy in 2007, which addressed violent crime by assigning teams of police to different hot spots. The current study serves to both update and supplement the geographical component of crime analysis in Boston by making use of the demographic data from the 2010 U.S. Census and a comprehensive crime incident database published by the City of Boston's Department of Public Safety between 2012-2014.

### **Shrinking of Lake Urmia, Iran**

*New University of Lisbon, Nova School of Information Management– December 2014*

Lake Urmia is located in northwestern Iran, traversing the provinces of East and West Azerbaijan. At its full extent, it is the sixth largest saltwater lake on earth with a surface of approximately 5,200 km<sup>2</sup>. The lake has been rapidly shrinking for the past several decades due to drought, climate change, and poor water resource management. This objective of this study is to determine the extent of land cover change in the last three decades.

### **Lisbon Wheelchair Accessibility**

*New University of Lisbon, Nova School of Information Management– October 2014*

Web map created using ArcGIS Online displays the wheelchair accessibility of metro and tram stations in Lisbon, in addition to popular tourist sites.