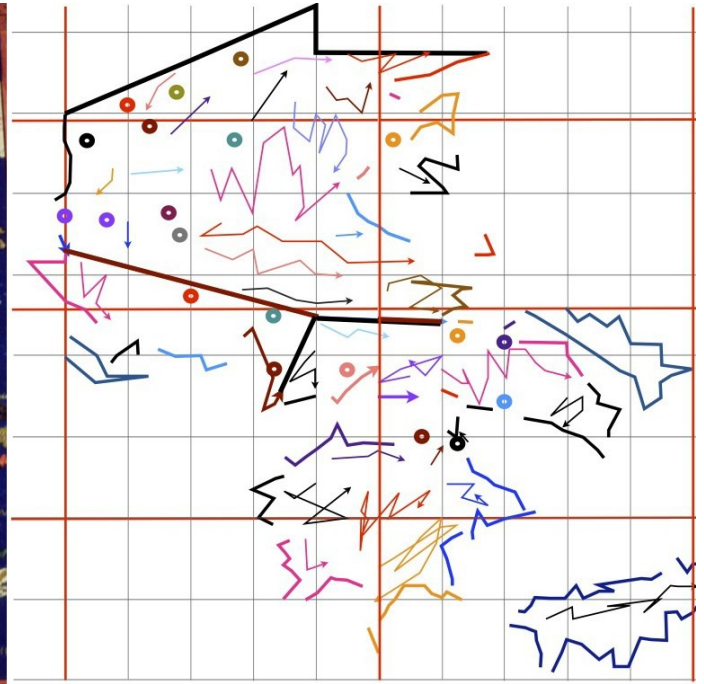




## Digital Classicist Seminar Berlin

Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup> 17:00-19:00

TOPOI-Haus Dahlem: Hittorfstr. 18, 14195 Berlin



Dr. Leif Isaksen (University of Southampton, UK)

### *The Practical Prognosticator*

### *On the Use and Abuse of Ptolemy's Geography*

This paper will argue that Ptolemy's *Geographike Hyphegesis* does not represent a linear development of Greek geographic thought but is instead a unique fusion of pre-Ptolemaic sources that far surpasses its precursors. It makes the case that the work's purpose is to provide a terrestrial counterpart to the astronomical data and compiled in the *Almagest*. This is expressly to derive local celestial phenomena for a given time in order to draw a wide range of astrological, meteorological, environmental and anthropological conclusions.

A variety of digital methods, including toponymic comparisons, and linear interpolation, will be used to expose the ways in which this combination of fragmentary source material has left traces within the structure of the catalogue that indicate the nature of both geographic and chorographic sources. Exploring these spatial and categorical 'fractures' opens up new possibilities for appraising the development of geographic thought in Antiquity.

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The seminar will be followed by wine and refreshments.

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