Mapping: A Critical Introduction to Cartography and GIS

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DESCRIPTION

Mapping: A Critical Introduction to Cartography and GIS is an introduction to the critical issues surrounding mapping and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) across a wide range of disciplines for the non-specialist reader.

• Examines the key influences Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and cartography have on the study of geography and other related disciplines

• Represents the first in-depth summary of the “new cartography” that has appeared since the early 1990s

• Provides an explanation of what this new critical cartography is, why it is important, and how it is relevant to a broad, interdisciplinary set of readers

• Presents theoretical discussion supplemented with real-world case studies

• Brings together both a technical understanding of GIS and mapping as well as sensitivity to the importance of theory

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**FEATURES**

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- Presents theoretical discussion supplemented with real-world case studies
- Answers the question ‘Why use maps?’
- Discusses the mapping of cyberspace
- Highlights the politics of GIS and cartography and their role in contemporary society

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