

The GeoHistorical Critique series

Critical Cartography and Urban Spatial Ethnography: re-narrating and visualizing Im(migrants) and the 21st Century City

In the contemporary spatial turn across disciplines, some scholars are attempting to recover the lives of everyday people and life that have been systematically overlooked in data and visions of the city. This talk presents SLAB's research and public engagement strategies to build data-based and cinematic narratives about the vital role of im(migrants) in urban regions through processes of spatial ethnography and critical cartography. Past visualized research projects include the ingenious sharing of sidewalks between vendors in Ho Chi Minh City, the million people living underground in Beijing, and cognitive ethnic neighborhoods in Los Angeles.



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