

The Future of Atlases: Practices, Reflections, Potentials

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In light of continuing media changes signaled by the development of new forms of digital publication distribution, increased primacy of virtual publications and communication, the return to traditional forms of large format publications, yet a continued ambivalence about the uses and benefits for atlases, we invite all interested in the future of atlases to consider submitting a presentation or paper to online sessions on **The Future of Atlases:**

Practices, Reflections, Potentials at the AAG 2021 in Seattle, Washington, or online (7–11 April, 2021). We aim to consider a range of atlas-related work grouped around these three developments to enliven the discussion about the vibrant and broad, creation, use and consideration of atlases as a very evocative and stimulating type of publication and medium for crafting unique forms of geographic communication. The opportunity serves to exchange and discuss novel and reflective work concerning atlases and their future.

If you are interested in presenting your work in these sessions, please send us a brief note with a one-line title and a brief abstract. We will be back in touch with you in November to request a full abstract. You will also need to submit your abstract and register for the AAG conference before 19 November, 2020. Send us your conference PIN and let us know what type of session and presentation format you are interested in (regular or lightening paper). Please indicate also if you are interested in taking part in a discussion panel that would engage the audience and broaden the exchanges to further this area of geographic practice and research.

Presentation topics related to atlases include:

- Producing
- Scope
- Aspirations
- Potentials/needs
- Roles
- Future possibilities
- Supporting engagements
- Narrative forms
- Economics
- Digital formats

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