



The Big Stories of the 20th Century Through Maps

5 December 2016, British Library Conference Centre

9.00am–9.30am Registration and refreshments

9.30am–9.45am Welcome and introductions

9.45am–10.30am Keynote address

Mapmaking is an impulse which found great expression in the 20th century. In this talk, which includes an overview of the current exhibition, Lead Curator Tom Harper will explore the important role maps played during the 20th century through conflict, peace, and in everyday lives. The talk will consider the importance of maps as agents of change in a century when shifts in education made people more map literate than ever before, with huge implications for where we are today.

Tom Harper is Lead Curator for Antiquarian Maps at the British Library, and Lead Curator for the current British Library exhibition *Maps and the 20th Century: Drawing the Line*.

10.30am–10.50am Coffee break

10.50am–11.50am Workshop 1

Option A: Ben Walsh, Education Consultant

Conflict in the 20th Century: The challenges of teaching the Cold War

A look at new historical thinking on the Cold War and how it might be brought into the classrooms, including new source collections and a range of activity ideas.

Option B: Alf Wilkinson, Education Consultant

Mapping the First World War

How do maps help our understanding of the war 1914-1919?

Option C: Jean Campbell, British Library creative educator

Maps and the 20th Century – Drawing the Line

This workshop, which takes place in the exhibition gallery, will explore ways in which maps and mapping have recorded, interpreted and shaped history.

11.50am–12.50pm Workshop 2
(see choices above)

12.50pm–2.00pm Extended lunch and opportunity to take an unguided view of the British Library exhibition *Maps and the 20th Century – Drawing the Line*

2.00pm–2.25pm Maps and digital humanities: British Library Digital Labs

2.25pm–3.10pm Plenary keynote – What Matters Most about the 20th Century?

Dr Jessica Reinisch leads The Reluctant Internationalists research group at Birkbeck, University of London and is the academic lead for the Historical Association's 2017 Teacher Fellowship Programme: The Cold War in the Classroom.

3.10pm– Close and final opportunity to see the British Library exhibition