

Mapping the Nation: Scotland's Cartographic History

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Biography

Professor Charles Withers - 'Charlie' - is Ogilvie Chair of Geography at the University of Edinburgh. A Fellow of the British Academy and of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, his research examines the historical geographies of science and exploration, broadly in the 'long' eighteenth century. His 'Travels into Print: Exploration, Writing, Publishing with the House of Murray 1773-1857' will be published next year.

Abstract

Maps make nations - there is no history without geography. This illustrated lecture will examine how Scotland came to be the object of mappable knowledge, and, more particularly, will examine how Scotland 'came to know itself' through maps and the processes of mapping from the later sixteenth century onwards.