

OPEN CALL

The 7^h Advanced School in the Humanities

March 9 - 14, 2025

Historical Formations of Spatial Knowledge

We invite applications for participation in a 5-day Advanced School for doctoral students and recent PhDs, to be held in the Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem. The School explores the formation and exchange of spatial knowledge in a global context, ca. 1000-1900, and will be guided by an international team of leading scholars in the field. Through site visits and critical, interdisciplinary reading of textual and visual documents, including cosmographies, maps, city plans, travel narratives, and epics, the School aims to investigate the development of geographical concepts as a process conditioned by political, social, and cultural contexts.

Over the week-long gathering, students will gain knowledge of a variety of subjects outside their immediate research topics, and become familiar with methodologies related to spatial history.

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Themes and topics will include:

Spatiality, territoriality, and power; Movement travel, description; Transmission of geographical knowledge; Cosmography as a genre and an idea; Maps as texts, maps as objects; Urbanism; Digital methods in spatial research.

We welcome applications from all suitably qualified candidates.

During the gathering, participants will be expected to present their current research in the format of a poster or a short talk.

Successful applicants will be notified in early 2025 and will be offered financial assistance for travel and accommodation.

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

- ☀ Cover letter, including a statement of interest and an explanation of a related research project (c. 300 words, 1-2 pages)
- ☀ Short cv, including publications (1-2 pages)
- ☀ A letter of reference from PhD advisor, and names of 2 additional referees.
If possible, ask the referee to address how this particular School will contribute to the scholar's skills/knowledge base.
- ☀ Tentative title for poster/talk

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: [APPLY HERE](#)
30 December, 2024