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## CGA NEWS

### \*Rwanda Genocide Memorials Project\*

Professor Jens Meierhenrich of Harvard's Department of Government, in cooperation with CGA, launched an interactive website in support of a multi-year project on genocide memorials in Rwanda. By showcasing original geographic, ideographic, and photographic data collected in the field, the website provides a fascinating glimpse into the ongoing project, and affords a heretofore unavailable, GIS-aided perspective on the spatial dimensions of memory in the wake of collective violence. The project website:

<http://www.genocidememorials.cga.harvard.edu/>

### \*Spatial Differentiation of Villages and Local Systems Presentation\*

Tsunetoshi Mizoguchi, Professor of Geography at the University of Nagoya will present "Villages and Local systems: Spatial Differentiation in the Nobi Core: Villages and Towns in Owari, Central Japan, 1672-1883" on Thursday, April 1 at 4:00-5:30 pm in the Kang Room S050 (Japan Friends of Harvard Concourse) of the CGIS South Building at 1730 Cambridge St. The event will be moderated by Peter Bol, Harvard College Professor and director of the CGA. The presentation is co-sponsored by the Reischauer Institute.

### \*CGA Earthquake Data Portal Article\*

The Harvard Gazette recently wrote an article about CGA's Haiti and Chile earthquake data portals:

<http://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2010/03/portals-into-haiti-chile/>

Haiti Portal: <http://cegrp.cga.harvard.edu/haiti/>

Chile Portal: <http://cegrp.cga.harvard.edu/chile/>

\*CGA Spring Conference Material Online\*

CGA's annual spring conference was successfully concluded on March 13th. The 2010 conference was titled "New Technologies and Interdisciplinary Research on Religion" and was co-sponsored by the Political Economy of Religion Program at the Taubman Center of the Harvard Kennedy School. The two-day conference featured 6 panels and 18 presentations by scholars from 13 universities and 4 countries, drawing 60 some attendees from Harvard and beyond. Over a dozen posters were on display in the Friday poster session. To view presentation slides, posters, a more detailed summary and an attendee's feedback survey go to:

<http://gis.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=k235&pageid=icb.page148866>

\*ESRI Data and Maps 2010 Available\*

CGA has received this updated dataset that includes hundreds of GIS data layers and maps. The data can currently be accessed and copied from any workstation at the HMDC lab at 1737 Cambridge St., and will be available at the Harvard School of Public Health's Kresge building labs next week. For more information contact us at: [contact@help.cga.harvard.edu](mailto:contact@help.cga.harvard.edu)

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## HARVARD GIS COMMUNITY NEWS

\*H.T. Fisher Prize Orientation Session\*

An Orientation session will be held on Friday, April 16, 2010, from Noon to 1:30pm at the CGIS North Building, Room K031, 1737 Cambridge Street, Cambridge by Lucia Lovison-Golob for all prospective students, both in the undergraduate and graduate categories. We will discuss issues related to eligibility, requirements, pre-registration and any other questions that students may have. To prospective students: this is a wonderful opportunity for streamline, sharpen and more effectively communicate your work. If you absolutely cannot make this and still have questions, please send email to [lovison@post.harvard.edu](mailto:lovison@post.harvard.edu). For more details about the H.T. Fisher Prize in GIS, please visit: <http://gis.harvard.edu> and navigate to Awards & Funding.

\*Improved Interactive Harvard Campus Map\*

The University Planning Office has enhanced the design and functionality of this map: <http://map.harvard.edu/mapserver/campusmap.htm>

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## CONFERENCES

\*GSDI 12 World Conference\*

This conference will be held in Singapore October 19-22, 2010, with a theme of "Realizing Spatially Enabled Societies". For more information:

<http://www.gsdi.org/gsdi12>

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## NEWS ON GIS RESEARCH AND SERVICES

\*Free Seminar: How to Create Better Maps\*

This ESRI seminar is being offered in Boston on April 7<sup>th</sup>. More info:

<http://www.esri.com/events/seminars/bettermaps/index.html>

\*The Remotest Place on Earth\*

[http://www.visualcomplexity.com/vc/project\\_details.cfm?id=672&index=672&domain=](http://www.visualcomplexity.com/vc/project_details.cfm?id=672&index=672&domain=)

Other maps from Visual Complexity:

<http://www.visualcomplexity.com/vc/>

\*Bike Directions on Google Maps\*

<http://www.wired.com/gadgetlab/2010/03/google-maps-adds-bike-directions/>

\*World Mega-regions

News article:

<http://www.commondreams.org/headline/2010/03/23-3>

Academic paper:

[http://creativeclass.typepad.com/thecreativityexchange/files/florida\\_gulden\\_mellander\\_megaregions.pdf](http://creativeclass.typepad.com/thecreativityexchange/files/florida_gulden_mellander_megaregions.pdf)

\*Classic Literature Geographic Visualizations\*

[http://laphamsquarterly.org/visual/assets\\_c/2010/03/Spring2010Map-1211.php](http://laphamsquarterly.org/visual/assets_c/2010/03/Spring2010Map-1211.php)

\*Spatialite Spatial Database\*

<http://www.gaia-gis.it/spatialite/>

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