

Rethinking Historical Maps for the 21st Century:

A Quantitative Perspective on Japan's *kuniezu*

21世紀に向けて歴史地図の計量的再考：国絵図を中心に



Over the past 30 years, historians have reconceptualized the history of political space. We now recognize that discrete, exacting borders are largely a creation of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, not a timeless or natural phenomenon. Our historical maps, however, do not reflect this new understanding, and draw all borders as clear, exact lines. In Japan's *kuniezu*, for example, long stretches of provincial borders are described as undetermined. How can we accurately map vague borders? Relying on quantitative methods, this paper engages with that question as both a conceptual and a practical problem for digital mapping.

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