

# Conference

## Political Software: Mapping Digital Worlds From Below

*By focusing on software and countermaps primarily designed for political action with social, environmental, and land justice movements, this conference brings together organizers, researchers, educators, and technologists questioning the interdependencies between digital infrastructures, software code, and emancipatory spatial futures.*

**Thursday, May 1, 2025**

*Petersen Room, Allen Library*

### **Panel 1: Community Mapping**

10:00 am-12:30 pm

This session explores how activist groups mobilize counter-mapping and cartographic software in order to mobilize for spatial and territorial justice. Speakers include members of groups of the following projects: Queering the Map (Canada), kollektiv orangotango (Germany), Ushahidi (Kenya), Missing Basti Project (India), and Waterlines Project (Turtle Island). Together, we will explore what it means to mobilize spatial software for emancipatory futures.

### **Lunch Break**

12:30-1:30 pm

### **Panel 2: Community Software**

1:30-4:00 pm

This session focuses on community-made political software and how different collectives mobilize digital technologies against imperial spatialities. Speakers include members of the following projects: Electronic Disturbance Theater (Mexico/US/Netherlands), Casa Taínã (Brazil), Tor (US), Little Sis (US), and Logics (US). Together, we will explore how groups maintain autonomist politics in software creation amidst a landscape of political and economic violence.

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