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The *Digital Atlas on the History of Europe since 1500* – A Progress Report

Digitaler Atlas zur Geschichte Europas seit 1500

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Outline

1. Current „state of affairs“ in our work on the atlas

2. A closer look at „religious landscapes“ as dealt with in the atlas by now

3. Future perspectives for the mapping of „religious landscapes“ in the atlas
The *AtlasEuropa* – a brief project description

- A project of the research area „Spatial History of Europe“ of the IEG
- Covers 500 years of European history, organized in 4 themes
- Will contain 400 maps in 50 series prepared by c. 10 authors
- Of these 100 will be interactive (GIS-based) maps
- Will contain two GIS-based information systems

  1. Territories/states of Europe 1500-1825
  2. The European states 1825-2010

- At the present c. 300 maps are online
- Principal language: German / cursory navigation in English
- Atlas is online at [www.atlas-europa.de](http://www.atlas-europa.de)
- An English version – to be hosted in cooperation with an English-language partner – is being thought about
1: The Political Map of Europe

- Political boundaries
- State formation
- Types of states (monarchy, republic, dictatorship)
- The spread of constitutions
- Political and military alliances
- Political unions
2: The Religious Map of Europe

- Officially recognized religions in Europe, 1500-1650
- Bishoprics and church provinces in 1500
- Ecclesiastical territories (states), 1789-1806
- Religious and confessional divisions in Europe, 1850-2000 (in preparation)
- Religious landscapes since 1500 (discussion stage)
3: The Dynastic Map of Europe

• The House of Habsburg and its European territorial possessions, 1500 - 1816
• Marriage networks of the House of Wettin, 1815-1914
• The ruling monarchs of Europe, 1815-2010 (in preparation)
4-1: The Population of Europe since 1750

- Population of European cities, 1750-2000
- Population of European states, 1825-2008
- Population growth, 1825-1975
- Population density, 1825-2008
- Development of the birth rate, 1825-2008
- Infant mortality rate, 1850-2010
4-2: The European Economy: Industrial Production

- Production of coal, 1850-2000
- Production of hard coal
- Production of brown coal (lignite)
- Production of iron ore, 1825-1990
- Production of pig iron, 1825-1990
- Production of steel, 1825-2008
- Production & consumption of cotton, 1834-2008
A closer look at

• Religious Landscapes
Sample map (2006)

Source: GHDI - German History in Documents and Images, GHI Washington, Washington DC, USA
New series (2009/10):
The officially recognized religions in the territories of Europe, 1500-1648

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2: Die religiös-konfessionelle Karte Europas / The religious-confessional map of Europe

- Die offiziell anerkannten Religionen in den Territorien Europas 1500 - 1648
  Johannes Wischmeyer
  Europa 1500
  Europa 1555
  Eidgenossenschaft 1555
  Europa 1580
  Europa 1648
Die offiziell anerkannten Religionen in den Territorien Europas 1555
1555

Zoom – smaller territorial units are visible
Die offiziell anerkannten Religionen in den Territorien Europas 1648
Protestantisch-lutherisch  Anglikanisch
Protestantisch         Orthodox
Protestantisch-reformiert  Islamisch
Paritätisch         Mehrkonfessionell
Römisch-katholisch  Religionszugehörigkeit auf Gemeindeebene
Ecclesiastical states, 1789
Ecclesiastical states - central and southern Europe - 1789
Ecclesiastical states, 1803
Future Perspectives
Possible themes for additional map series on „religious landscapes“ (16th – 18th centuries):

• Religious minorities (placed on top of „state religions“)
• Cities founded by religious refugees/migrants
• The spreading of bi-confessional churches
• Fate of monestaries in protestant regions
• Forced retreat of the Reformation in Catholic states
• Catholic reform: the spreading of the Jesuits
• Church organization (boundaries, starting from 1500)
Possible themes for additional map series on „religious landscapes“ (19th – 20th centuries):

Religious denominations in the population of European states, 1850 – 2000 (in preparation)

Similar series, pitted at the levels of lower administrative (i.e. statistical) units

Religious migrations, 19th and 20th centuries
Religious/confessional divisions in the population of European countries, 1850 [GIS-based map, working stage!]
Thank you for your attention!

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