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Jill Weintraub **Making Maps: Affinities of space in Johannesburg and beyond**

Arguably one of the foundational techniques of globalisation, cartography and mapping have produced knowledge about the world from its earliest moments of human occupation. Map-making is tied intricately to our desire, as humans, to understand the world around us, and our place within it. This paper offers an outline of an embryonic digital mapping project being planned for Johannesburg, South Africa. Called JoziQuest, the project aims to make visible the intricacies of space and memory in a city that remains structured by legacies of apartheid and exclusionary urban planning. The project will be initiated through a pilot case study focused on a historical mapping of sites related to the architect Hermann Kallenbach, and his 'soul mate' Mohandas Gandhi, who were closely associated in Johannesburg during the opening decades of the twentieth century. The intention in JoziQuest is to excavate the complex spatial histories and cultural memories of various sites that have been associated with Kallenbach and Gandhi in Johannesburg and beyond, and to place these within a broader context of the digital or spatial humanities and the many mapping projects that are now available online.

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