This guest seminar is offered exclusively in Term 2 (January 2018) by Dr. Matthew W. Wilson, Distinguished Larry Bell Visiting Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at UBC. The course, offered as GEOG572, will examine the map within the anxieties and opportunities of an attention economy. Discussions/readings will be organized around the following topics, based on interests and capabilities of participants: histories of the digital map, experiments in mapmaking prior to automation and digitization, the GIS wars, the shaping of geographic pedagogy before WWII, the pervasiveness of location-based services and geosocial media, the challenges and opportunities of big data, the rise of digital geospatial intelligence, new mapping industries, as well as the positioning of digital mapping and geography in higher education. Technical experience with mapmaking is welcome, but not required.

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