

'OSMOSIS' FREE THE MAP. FROM ATLAS TO HERMES:

A New Cartography of Borders and Migration

If a map is indeed a visual narrative of the world, capable of inspiring imaginations and shaping perspectives, the conventional atlas falls short by predominantly narrating a singular story: that of the nation-state. This narrative confines people within national boundaries, enclosed by borders, and often portrays migration as threatening invasion arrows. Is it possible to transcend this definition? Beyond the traditional borders of the nation-state the author proposes a redefinition of new cartographic means of visualizing people and society, shaping the view of the world out of the nation state. The book argues for a new cartographic story along the lines of Hermes, the grandson of Atlas and the god of mobility and human connections. To this end, it discusses several visually compelling, alternative cartographic representations of borders and migration. Free the Map ends with a call to action; artists and cartographers offer exciting ready-to-use challenges for educational and public resources.

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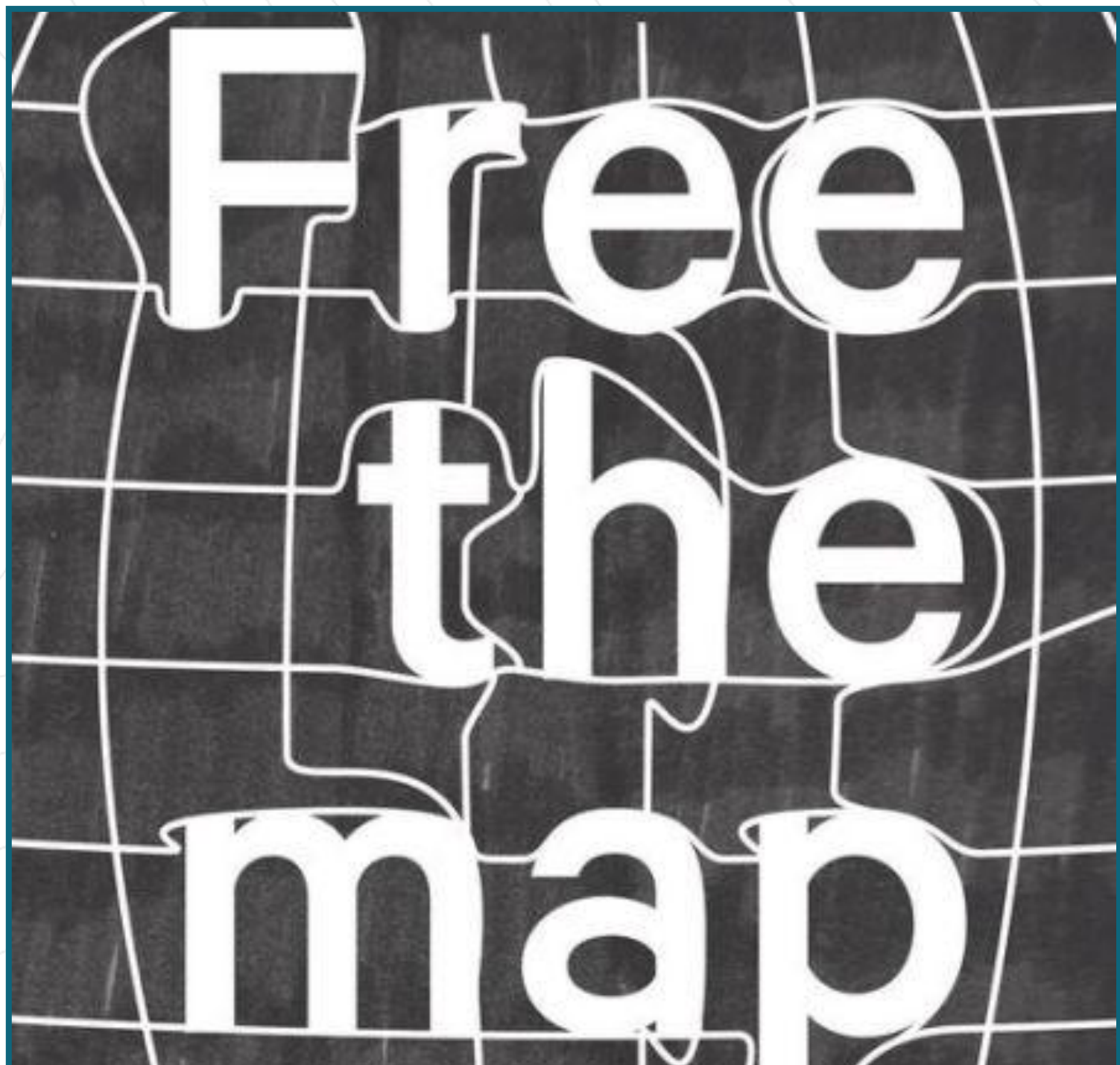
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