

CSISS and the DDI

The Power of Spatial Metadata.

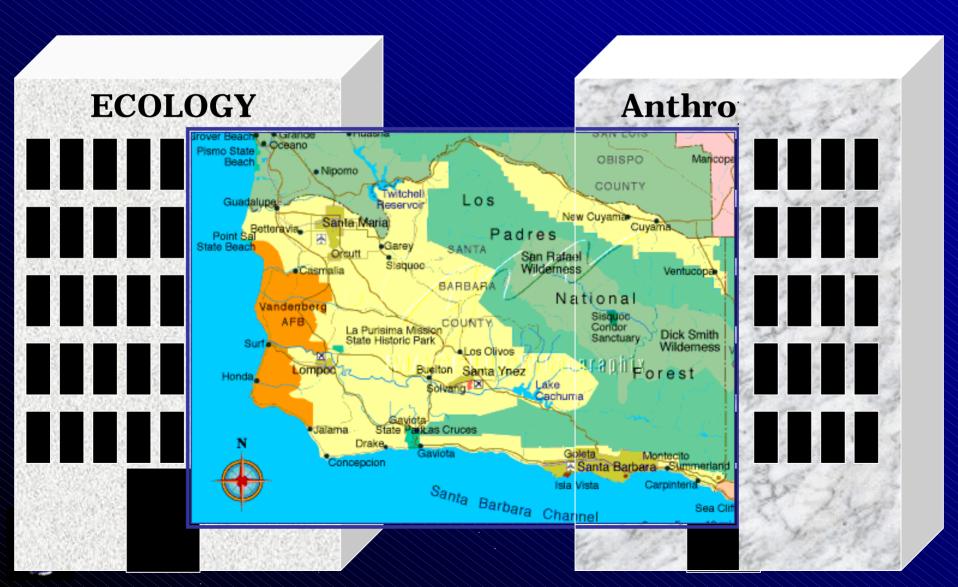
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CSISS: closing the gap



What is CSISS?

- The Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science
 - To integrate spatial concepts into the theories and practices of the social sciences by providing infrastructure to facilitate: (1) the integration of existing spatial knowledge, making it more explicit, and (2) the generation of new spatial knowledge and understanding.

Workshops

Best practices

Specialist meetings

Learning resources

Spatial analytic tools

Search engines

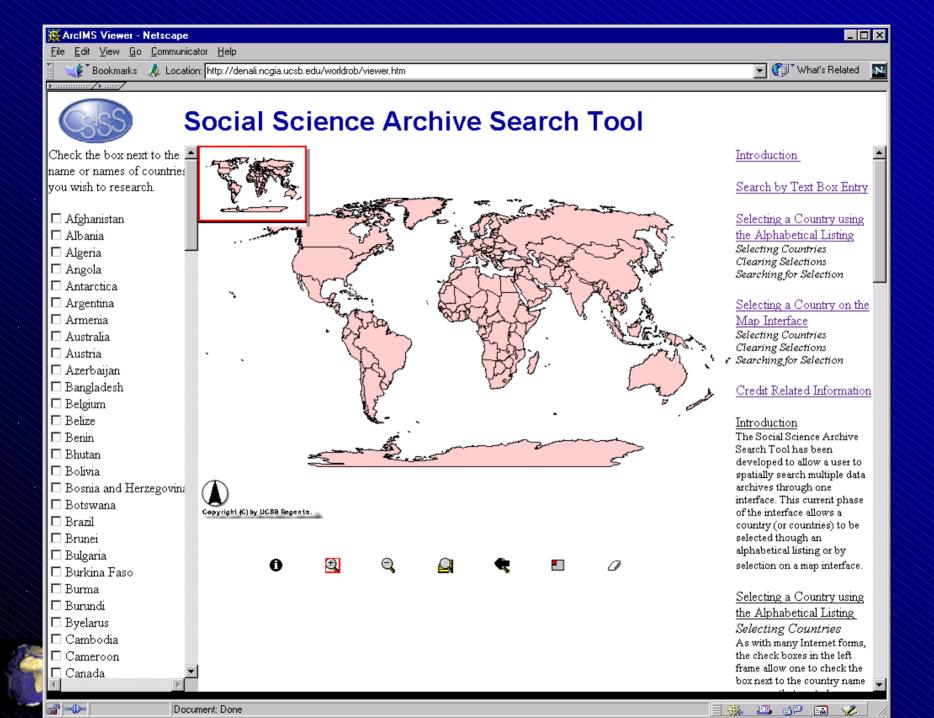


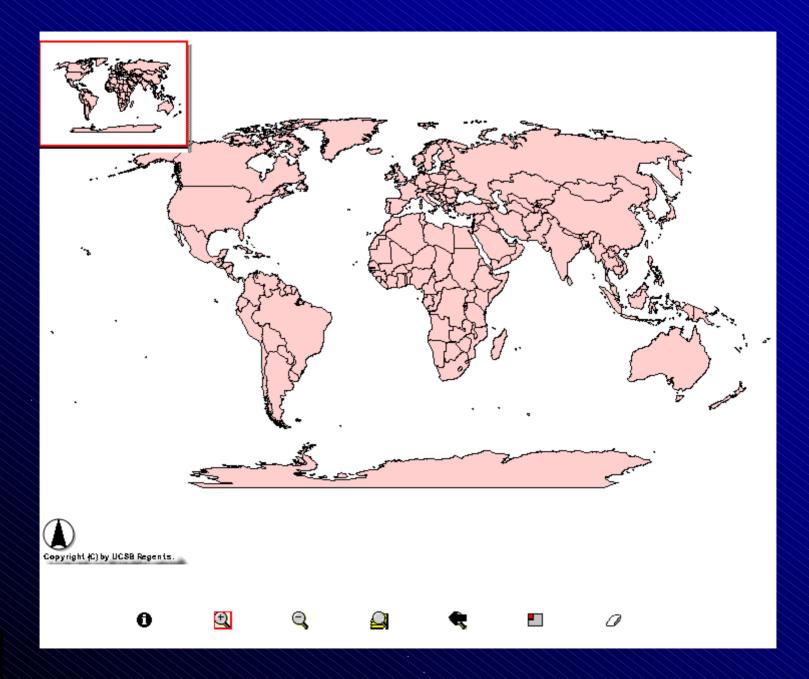
CSSAST

the CSISS Social Science Archive Search Tool

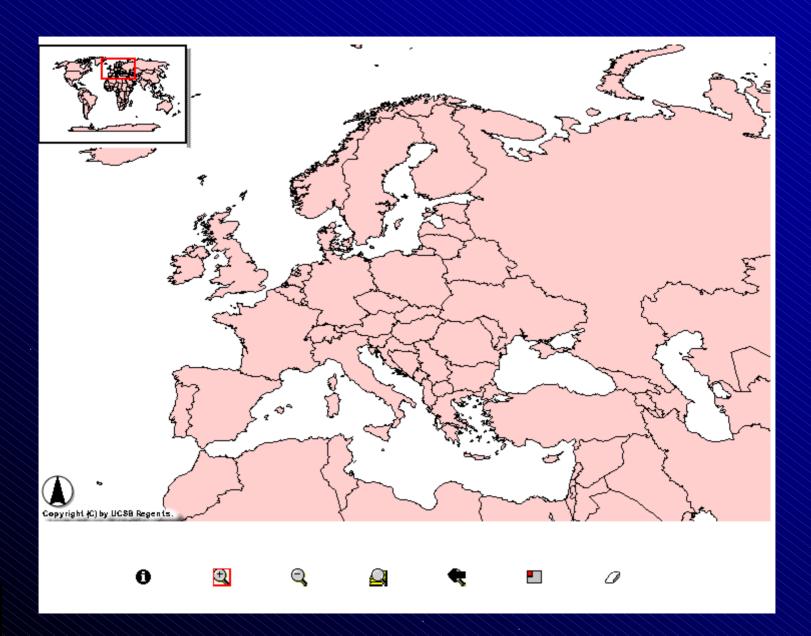
- A place-based search tool to extract social science datasets from distributed archives.
 - Look for data based on a location
 - In prototype phase
 - Resolution of country



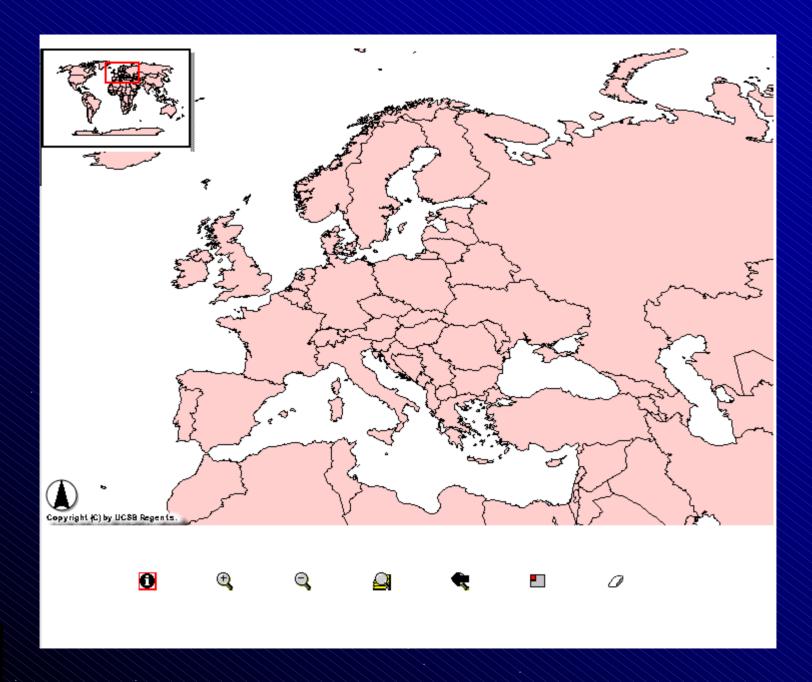




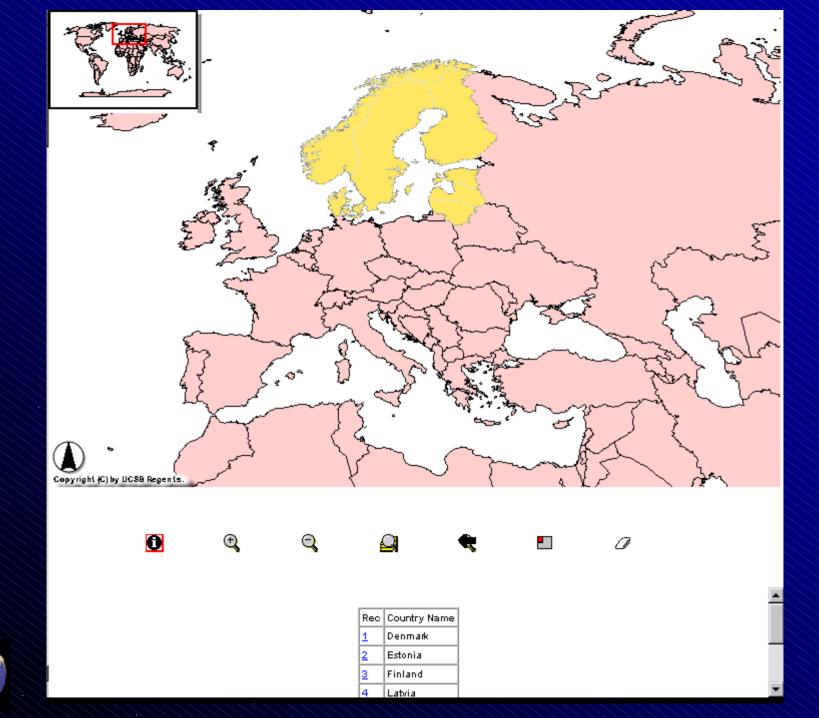


















Results from the ICPSR Data Archive

1: International Social Survey Program: Religion II, 1998

International Social Survey Program (ISSP). SUMMARY The International Social Survey Program (ISSP) is an ongoing program of crossnational collaboration. Formed in ... http://www.icpsr.umich.edu:8080/ABSTRACTS/03065.xml Size: 6K

- 2: Eurobarometer 43.1: International Trade and Radiation Protection, April-May 1995
 This round of Eurobarometer surveys queried respondents on standard Eurobarometer
 measures such as public awareness of and attitudes toward the European Union (EU), ...
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- 3: Eurobarometer 43.0 and 43.1: Drug Abuse and AIDS, March-May 1995
 This round of Eurobarometer surveys merges the responses to identical questions concerning drug abuse and AIDS from two waves of Eurobarometer surveys: EUROBAROMETER ... http://www.icpsr.umich.edu:8080/ABSTRACTS/06661.xml Size: 5K
- 4: Eurobarometer 43.0: Cross-Border Purchases, Smoking Habits, and Cancer Risks, March-April 1995

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Some of the problems

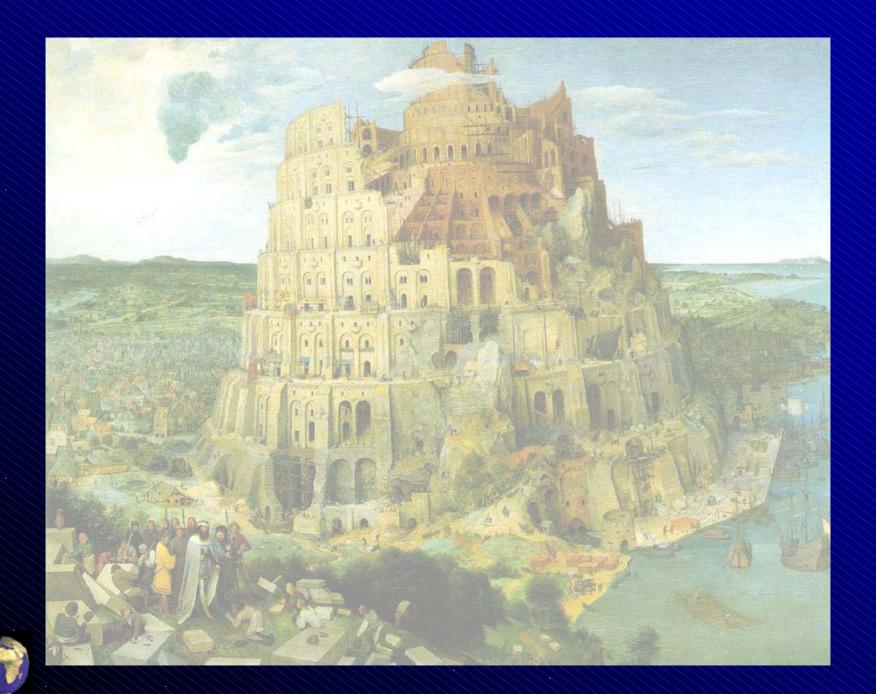
- Limited access to archives
 - Limited metadata
 - Limited access to datasets
- Minimal spatial elements
- No established vocabulary
 - Everyone describes things differently



Spatial elements

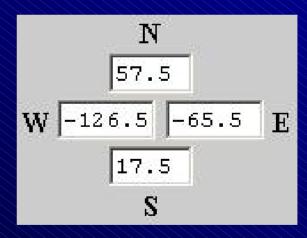
- Extent
 - What is the total area covered by the study?
- Resolution
 - What is the smallest thing that I can see?





We all define a location differently

- United States of America
- United States
- America
- USA
- US
- EEUU





View of the Outer Banks of North Carolina from Apollo 9

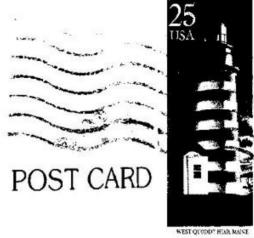
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Resolution

- Limited access to archives
 - Increasing awareness of data use
- Spatial descriptions
 - Spatial elements in the DDI
- No established vocabulary
 - Emphasis on the need to define source data



Thank you

