



SVENSKA SÄLLSKAPET FÖR ANTHROPOLOGI OCH GEOGRAFI
announcement of the 2024 VEGA SYMPOSIUM on

**Occupations and the Occupied: Agency, Expertise, and Patronage in Wartime
and Postwar Historical Cartographies**

Date: Monday 22 April 2024, 09:00–12:00

Venue: Beijersalen, Royal Academy of Science, Stockholm
(Metro: Universitetet; bus stop: Universitetet norra)

The 2024 Vega Symposium honors Steven Seegel, Distinguished University Professor at University of Texas (UT) USA, who has been awarded SSAG's Vega Medal 2024 for his scientific contributions to Human Geography.

*Steven Seegel has made important contributions to the field of critical cartography and political geography and is recognized as one of the foremost experts on the study of cartography in and about Eastern and Central Europe, in particular Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania and Germany. In his recent book *Map Man*, Steven Seegel provides an insightful analysis of the development of geography as a discipline in Eastern and Central Europe. He shows in this book how the seemingly systematic ways offered by the young discipline of geography for mapping a complex and diverse borderland actually reflected, for better or worse, the various political preferences of the cartographers and/or the geopolitical interests of their rulers. The manner in which maps and cartography are political technologies of empire are themes in Seegel's research.*

*The Symposium will focus on the theme **Occupations and the Occupied: Agency, Expertise, and Patronage in Wartime and Postwar Historical Cartographies**.*

Programme

9:00:00 *Opening of the Vega Symposium:*
Dr. Madeleine Bonow, President of SSAG
and Chair of the symposium.

09:10 *Introduction:* Dr. Brian Kuns,
Moderator of the symposium.

09:20 *On the Historical Cartography of
Ukraine and Maps in Times of War.*
Professor Steven Seegel, University of
Texas, (UT) Texas.

10:00 *The Commission has Refused any
Popular Consultation: Mapping the
Austrian-Bohemian Border after WWI.*
PhD candidate. Tess Megginson, The
University of North Carolina at Chapel
Hill, North Carolina.

10:20 Coffee.

10:50. *Genuine Inquiry and Human
Agency under Occupation: Lessons from
the History of Geographic and
Cartographic Reasoning.* Dr. Peter Nekola
Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois.

11:10 *Academic cartography in Vienna
1939-1945: actors, funders and political
context.* Dr. Petra Svatek Austrian
Academy of Sciences and University of
Vienna, Vienna.

11:30 Discussion.

12:00 Closing of the Symposium.

Most Welcome!

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