

## Panel Discussion

### Abstract

#### **It's ok to be cartographer!**

Modern Cartography demands a quite broad set of skills and competences. It is needed to be able to deal with spatial data, which include the ability to select and use appropriate methods, tools and instruments to handle those. It is also important to understand the dissemination media and the constraints and opportunities that might bring to maps. It is also necessary to understand the scenarios of use and the potential users. Besides all the cartographic methodology it is also important to allow for creative design decisions.

Education programs which allow to gain all those mentioned skills and competences allow their alumnis to successfully participate in the interdisciplinary and highly relevant market of modern map making.

### Short Biography

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