
Historical Atlas of Polish Towns – Warsaw issue

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Abstract:

The Historical Atlas of Polish Towns is a series of issues describing the history of towns and collected in volumes on various regions of Poland. It is part of the European Historic Towns Atlas project and it is published under the auspices of The International Commission for the History of Towns. The basic principles for editing the atlases were developed as early as the 1960s and supplemented in the 1990s. Currently, parallel work is underway to edit the atlases for further towns and to develop updated and common European-wide guidelines for the next editions using newer technologies, such as GIS.

Initially, the Historical Atlas of Polish Towns consisted of two parts. The first is a text prepared by historians who introduce the reader to the history of a city from its foundation to the present day. The second part consists of reprints of old illustrations and maps, as well as a map of spatial development and a historical cadastral map. Nowadays, digital versions of maps and even GIS applications are an increasingly common addition to the Atlas.

The research I want to present concerns the editing of the Warsaw issue. Work on this is being carried out as part of a German-Polish project, which will develop issues for six cities with different types of origin. An additional result will be a general guideline for future authors of the Historic Towns Atlas.

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