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From body as territory to feminicides mapping: practices, discourses and mapping languages by Latin American feminist cartographies

The main objective of my doctoral research is to identify, systematize and analyse the practices, discourses and mapping languages developed by Latin American feminist cartographies. We understand those emerging cartographies as a wide set of methodological strategies and theoretical constructions undertaken in recent years, especially by collectives and women mappers from Mexico, Ecuador, Uruguay, and Argentina, systematized into two main, deeply articulated, axes: the cartography of feminicides and the cartography of the body as territory. Using traditional mapping processes, virtual resources and/or performative mapping methods, feminist mappers place on the map subjects and themes traditionally marginalized by the State and by Geography, particularly gender inequalities that have historically been invisible in urban and territorial planning. The process of mapping *of/on* the women's bodies not only has an important impact on denouncing and making visible the violence against women in its multiple aspects and scales of incidence, but also brings new keys to understanding urban and regional dynamics in Latin America with which these mapping processes are deeply intertwined. For instance, the gender specificities of the violent processes of de-re-territorialization caused by large extractive projects or the high rates of feminicides in Latin American cities associated with the spatial control of drug trafficking. Based on a semiological analysis of the maps and co-theorizing processes with the women mappers, the research focuses not only on the maps themselves (its underlying signs and myths), but also on the processes of producing them, including the wider social, economic and (geo)political context.