Indigenous Mapping: Tools for Native Politics in Panama and the World

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4PM – 5PM

National Museum of the American Indian
Room 4018-19, 4th Level
4th Street & Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC
Admission is free and open to the public

Join anthropologist and indigenous rights advocate Mac Chapin for an illustrated lecture discussing a mapping project carried out with the Kuna of Panama from 2001–2003. This project was a collaborative effort among the Kuna General Congress, the National Geographic Institute in Panama, and the Center for the Support of Native Lands in Arlington, Virginia. The maps that resulted from this project are being used by the Kuna to protect their territory, strengthen their culture and political organization, and for their school curriculum. Similar methodology for mapping indigenous lands has been used in Central and South America, Africa, and New Guinea. This program has been organized by the Smithsonian Latino Center and the National Museum of the American Indian.