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Title: White spots around Kafiristan – Cartographic representation and spatial attribution in the Pamirian Crossroads

Short abstract: Land surveyors and their geodetic teams accompanied early exploration of Kafiristan and surrounding areas. Foreign explorers and their indigenous intermediaries have shaped cartographic representations of local principalities, spheres of influence and ‘unsurveyed’ spaces. Often white spots or blanks on the map were attributed to unconquered and independent communities. This contribution will put spatial attributions and representations of Kafiristan in the centre of analysing and interpreting map depictions within the Pamirian Crossroads.