

Historical GIS and Observations on the Nghe-Tinh Rebellion: Markets, Rice, and Religion



The Nghe-Tinh Soviets of 1930-1931, a rebellion against colonial authority in north-central Vietnam, have received extensive historical analysis but little in terms of geography and spatial relations. Dr. Del Testa uses a historical GIS (geographical information system), blending statistics with digitized maps, to examine correlations between wealth, religion and space to reexamine the Nghe-Tinh Soviets movement on a broader scale. This particular presentation focuses on some preliminary analysis of relationships between protest locations and such factors as proximity to markets, types of rice produced, and the relationship of religious affiliation to revolt.

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