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**Formal Analysis of Filiation of Pre-modern Maps of East Asia:**

**the Case of Maps of Japan by Daikokuya Kōdayū大黒屋 光太夫**

**(1751 – 1828)**

In the proposed project the main topic of investigation is the set of maps by Daikokuya Kōdayū. The maps will be studied in their historical context, but it will not be a new study of the history of Daikokuya Kōdayū and the Russian-Japanese relation in the end of the 18th century, illustrated by maps. Instead, we propose a systematic quantitative analysis of the set of maps of Japan by Daikokuya Kōdayū These maps will be analyzed as specimens of a “specialized graphic language” (Harley 1989); to study them, we plan to apply methods of formal and quantitative analysis used in studies on history of cartography and in history of science in general, as well as methods used in textological studies.

The goal of the project is to define the place of the set of maps of Daikokuya Kōdayū in the history of cartographic representations of Japan as well in the history of East Asian cartographical traditions and the global cartography; to do so, we propose to study the origins and filiation of these maps, and, whenever necessary, develop new methods suitable for analysis of this particular group of maps.