

Project name, IRN	AP26197703 - The nomadic mental map of space and ethnoterritorial border of the Kazakhs of the Ural–Emba interfluve in the 18th–19th centuries.
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Report	<p>The object of the study is the Ural–Emba interfluve in the 18th–19th centuries, when this territory was "mobile" at the beginning of the 18th century – as a result of military clashes, it became a nomadic territory of the Kalmyks and Bashkirs for a short time and retained the corresponding toponyms and hydronyms here until the 19th century. Based on the theory of "Nomadic mental map of space", it will be proven that this territory was a nomadic camp of the Kazakhs of the Junior Horde.</p> <p>Based on various types of sources, including maps depicting Kazakh ancestral cemeteries and indicating toponyms, reports of archaeological and ethnographic expeditions, the ethnoterritorial settlement of the Kazakhs of the Junior Horde in the 18th–19th centuries will be studied and reproduced on thematic maps. Particular attention will be paid to the definition and perception of the concept of "border" by the Kazakhs in the 18th–19th centuries and the policy of the Russian Empire to consolidate its power in the Steppe. A study of the maps and routes of Russian expeditions sent to the Kazakh steppe during the period under study will make it possible to determine the boundaries of the nomadic camps of the Kazakhs of the Junior Horde. Identification and analysis of archival sources will make it possible to reconstruct the historical situation in the Ural–Emba interfluve in the 18th–19th centuries.</p> <p>Thematic maps can be used both in the educational process (for students of schools, colleges, and university students in the discipline of the History of Kazakhstan (OOD cycle), and for students of historical specialties in the discipline "New History of Kazakhstan"). Ethnographers, cartographers, ethnoarchaeologists, archaeologists, toponymists, specialists in the Modern History of Kazakhstan, local historians, and local executive authorities can use scientific results and thematic maps in their work.</p>
Purpose	Based on the concept of the “nomadic mental map of space” (through the study and analysis of archival sources, Kazakh necropolises and settlement complexes) – a comprehensive study of the history of the settlement of the tribal groups of the Junior Horde, the processes of formation and development of the concept of “border” among the Kazakh ethnic group, reconstruction of social and ethnocultural processes in the west of the Kazakh lands in the 18th – 19th centuries.

Expected results	<p>As a result of the project, thematic maps will be prepared; articles or reviews will be published in a peer-reviewed scientific publication indexed in the Social Science Citation Index, Science Citation Index Expanded, Arts and Humanities Citation Index and/or the Web of Science database and/or having a CiteScore percentile in the Scopus database of at least 35 (thirty five), as well as in domestic publications recommended by the KOKNVO. Following the results of the project, it is planned to prepare a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). Will be prepared, a manuscript of the book-album "Nomadic mental map of the space and ethnoterritorial border of the Kazakhs of the Ural-Emba interfluvium in the 18th-19th centuries",</p>
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