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From War Documentation to Social Planning. Functional change of the war damage maps in Duisburg before and after 1945

Immediately after the air raids on Duisburg began in May 1940, the first maps were produced in the context of the local war reports with the aim of documenting the events of the war and their consequences. The first maps initially only located the bombing raids. With the beginning of the area bombardments on the Ruhr region from 1942 onwards, the maps changed. The focus was no longer on the bomb impacts, but on the destruction caused by the bombs. Complementing statistical inventories, the maps made an important contribution to making the social consequences of war comprehensible in their complexity and to making patterns recognisable. After the war, this short-term objective (for purposes of emergency aid and damage settlement) was replaced by medium- and long-term perspectives. The comprehensive recording of war damage in Duisburg around 1950 took place in close connection with the First Housing Act at the federal level. The lecture focuses on the change in function of war damage mapping and uses the example of Duisburg to show how precisely the new damage mapping, carried out according to fixed specifications, was used after the war as a basis primarily for reconstruction and the construction of new housing, but also beyond that for urban planning purposes.



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