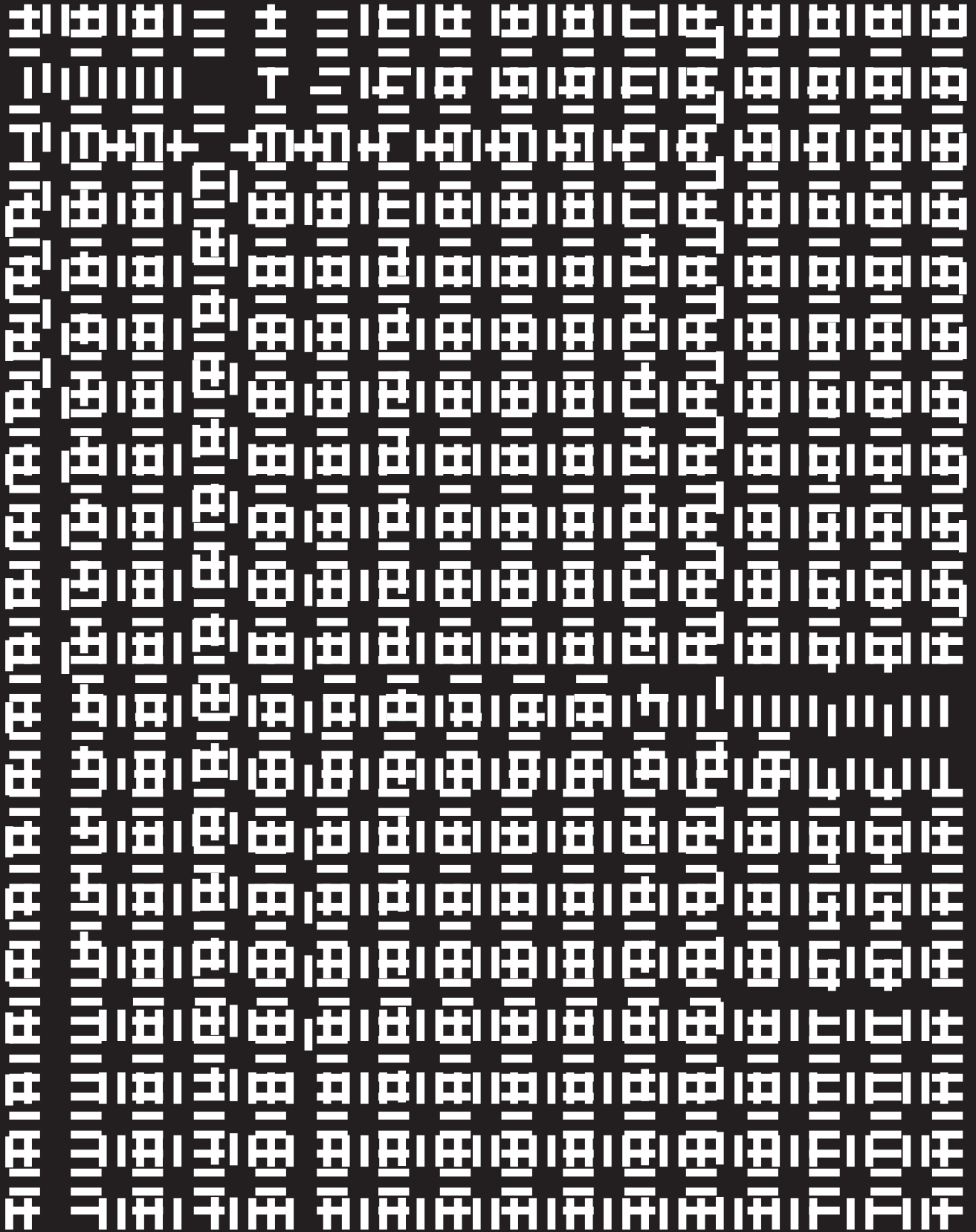
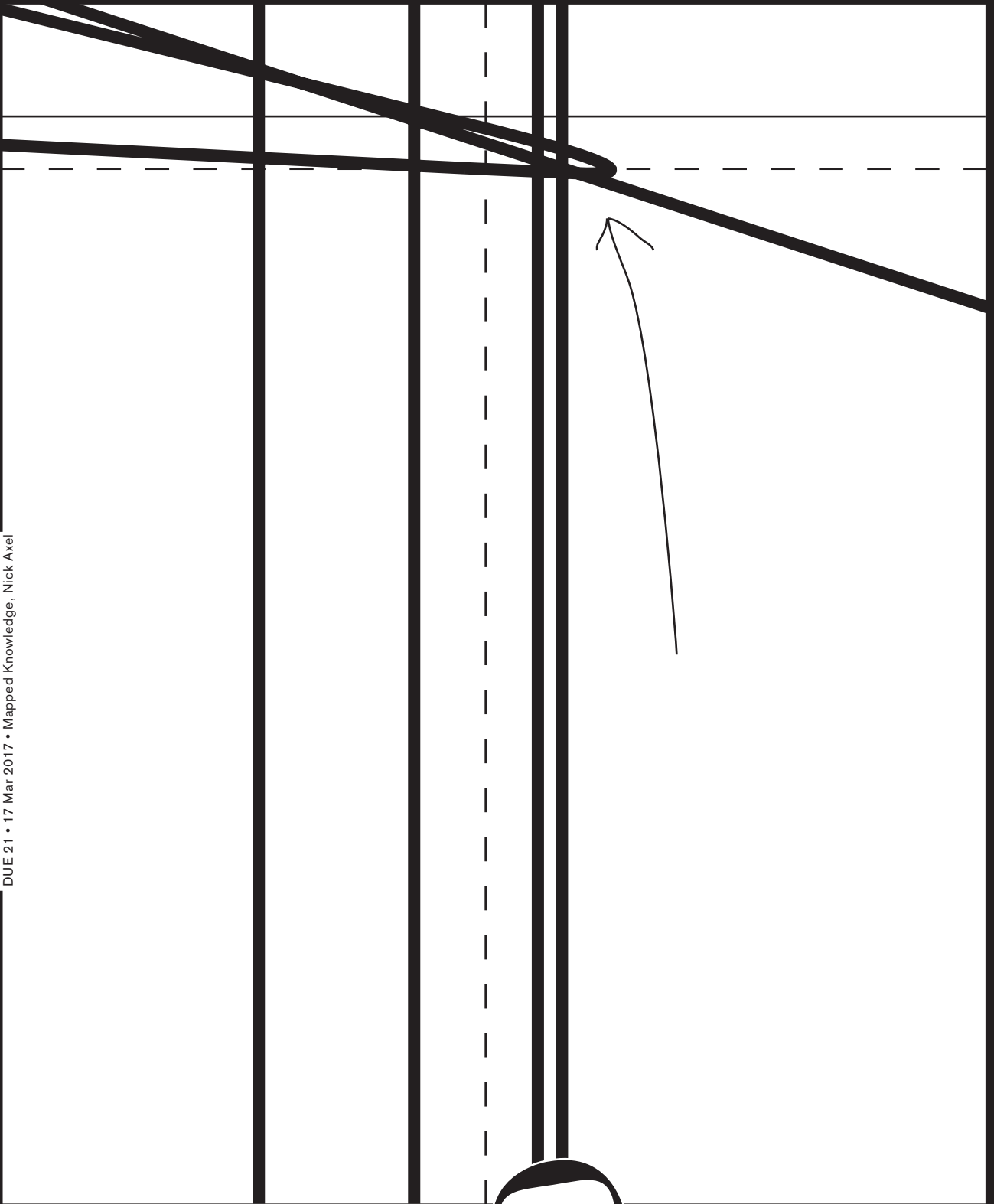


Growing up in the Northeast United States, I had a friend who would joke about his geographic cluelessness. I always thought myself to be not entirely so, but understood where he was coming from. As a child in the public school system, I was quizzed on the names and capitals of every state in my country. For some reason,

my memory fails to remember the form of the geography quizzes. It wasn't to draw their shapes from memory. Maybe it was to locate them on a map. But well before I could recall any names, I can remember looking at a map and recognizing my world.





The West is cartographic. It's history operates by inscribing itself into the earth. But geographies change. Cartography is a process that produces the present. Maps portrait the Earth. Within this map are lines demarcating: chronology, the Mediterranean, Protestantism, Rome, the Ottoman Empire, the Atlantic, Asia, Central Africa and Central America.



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