BlueUrban Roundtable/Micro-workshop 6

Storymapping and Intro. to Visual Ethnography

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This workshop addresses two related yet disparate parts, following on from our last MSW on storytelling perspectives in field-based research.

**Storymapping** - drawing on the earliest forms of maps, to contemporary pictorial narrative mapping and narrative cartography (as method), maps exist as more than social artefacts. Indeed, the very acts and arts of mapping embody forms of storytelling, not only of place, space, mobility, and historic change, but also of social belonging and territorialisation through boundary-making and control. We look at digital storymapping as one way of piecing together contradictions, and of ‘story completion’ (using stems and cues) as method for potentially difficult topics.¹ Transect walking will be discussed as a mobile method for engaging community participants and for gleaning more vivid oral histories of self and place.

**Introduction to visual ethnographic practices** - the second half of this micro-workshop explores practices around ‘photoethnography’ and other kinds of multimodal and embodied knowledge production, also in conversation with the more familiar category of photojournalism. While filmic practices requires its own engagement, in this cursory dive we ask why experimental methods in ‘research’ matter, particularly in the ways that knowledge and knowing come to be defined in such praxes. Are there specific kinds of visuals that are considered ‘ethnographic’ and are such distinctions useful/meaningful? We will also touch on what Pink (2013) problematizes as “visual futures” and “ethnographies of the possible” in contemplating the sub-discipline’s evolution.

This part of the workshop will also serve as a precursor to the 5-week Multimodal A/V Workshop on Research Storytelling facilitated by Hilman Arioaji (Rio), U-Inspire, Indonesia.

**ESSENTIAL READING**

**FURTHER READING**


**Online resources**

ArcGis Storymaps - [https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/170be11cfef64fa18980c205adddf204](https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/170be11cfef64fa18980c205adddf204)

Catalytic Communities ( Transect Walk) - [https://catcomm.org/transect-walk/](https://catcomm.org/transect-walk/)


Waterworlds - [http://omolden.blogspot.com/](http://omolden.blogspot.com/)