

Open Data in Anthropology: Promises and Challenges

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University of Fribourg @ Pérolles

Bd. de Pérolles 90, room E130

The promises of research data sharing in anthropology are many: adding dimensionality to analysis of data through collaboration; re-interpretation and re-use of data; enhancing capacity to foreground evidence and intellectual genealogies behind claims; improving and extending use of research resources; complying with new laws and the mandates of funding agencies. There are also many challenges: protecting the privacy of research subjects; figuring out how archiving and sharing data can benefit research subjects; working out ways to give credit to data producers; refining ethical expectations *between* collaborating researchers; managing the labor and time it takes to ready data for sharing; building and funding technical infrastructure (including metadata standards); figuring out how to comply with relevant laws.

This workshop will explore both the promises and challenges of research data sharing, and what has been learned building the Platform for Experimental Collaborative Ethnography (PECE), an open source virtual research environment freely available as a Drupal distro on GitHub.

The workshop will be hosted by:

David Bozzini, Professor of Anthropology at University of Fribourg
and

Kim Fortun, Professor, University of California Irvine Department of Anthropology.

Everyone is invited to attend.