Resources on COVID and field research, and/or social media and field research

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N.b. In reviewing these and other materials, a potential confusion has become clear to us—that people who reference “online research” sometimes mean the internet or social media as a research setting and sometimes mean them as a research “tool.” It’s important to keep this in mind in looking at these resources in relation to your intended project.

Call for Papers: Deadline extended for a few days [even though it doesn’t say so here]; contact Dr. Laura Cleton <Laura.Cleton@uantwerpen.be> if you want to submit something: https://connect.apsanet.org/documents/call-for-contributions-methods-corner-apsa-migration-citizenship-newsletter/

Sarah Parkinson sent us these links on COVID and research and on social media:
1. from Sarah and Milli Lake’s ARC [Advancing Conflict Research] program: https://advancingconflictresearch.com/researchincrisis
2. the SSRC series on research and Covid: https://items.ssrc.org/category/covid-19-and-the-social-sciences/social-research-and-insecurity/
3. on social media: digital ethnography collective at LSE [links to a twitter account] https://zoeglatt.com/?page_id=545

Michelle Weitzel sent this link to a session held in November on “Field research in the Middle East during and after the pandemic" which is applicable to other areas: https://ensemble.brandeis.edu/hapi/v1/contents/permalinks/Et72AsBy/view

Peter Krause, Boston College, political science
Golnar Nikpour, Dartmouth, history
Discussant: Hayal Akarsu, Brandeis, anthropology

From Robin Turner:
That article is based on “Conducting Fieldwork Under COVID Constraints: Interpretive Approaches and Ethnography,” Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research 2020 webinar recorded Tuesday, July 21, 2020: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BeOBLokYRnE

Sociologists, critical communications, and digital humanities scholars have been doing online interpretive and ethnographic work for a while. Examplars include …:

From Lahra Smith:
A few colleagues and I have actually been working on a website called Digital Fieldwork and with her permission, Prof. Lupton's entire bibliography is here, searchable, as well as many other sources. I will make sure to add these others. This site also has some original reflection pieces on doing "digital fieldwork" and we warmly invite colleagues here who have done this work previously or who are making the shift and would like to write an original piece or contribute in another form (photos, poetry, podcasts, etc) to contribute. There is a "contribute" button to suggest sources we are missing.

From Milli Lake:
“…twitter thread on digital ethnography and Instagram snowball sampling which I found interesting: https://twitter.com/colleenwood_/status/1362431484167094283 “

Milli has also co-authored a couple of pieces that are relevant to the discussion:


From Ed Schatz: 
https://twitter.com/SchatzEd/status/1329195338998181891?s=20

Includes these 2:  
Doing Ethnography Remotely. Stanford University, Institute for Research in the Social Sciences:  
https://iriss.stanford.edu/doing-ethnography-remotely  
   Note: Ed says that of these interviews, the one with Dr. Yarimar Bonilla “is particularly relevant to political scientists.”


In addition, a couple of things that have crossed our desk:  
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1clGjGABB2h2qbdTqfqribHmqg9B6P0NvMgVuiHZCl8/edit?ts=5e88ae0a#  


And from Jeremy Hunsinger:  
“There is also Http://aoir.org the association of internet researchers which is 21+ years old…[and has] a long history in doing successful digital research and fieldwork.”