Civic Science ... and the Politics of Participation

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Cooperativ e Innovation in the Commons

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Cooperative Innovation in the Commons: Rethinking Distributed Collaboration and Intellectual Property for Sustainable Design Innovation

Addressing global design challenges in the environment and underserved communities requires a cooperative approach towards sustainable

ThinkCycle **Open Collaborative Design**

design innovation, one that embraces multidisciplinary expertise, participatory design and rapid dissemination of critical innovations in the field. How can a rural farmer in Botswana cooperatively develop appropriate solutions for his community with external research expertise? How can a doctor in Sao Paulo access a network of medical device companies to help manufacture her design innovation? While there is a great emphasis on large breakthrough R&D innovations, there is often little support for developing and disseminating smallscale, affordable, and locally sustainable designs.

The open source phenomenon has been influential in the software community, however distributed collaboration in engineering design requires awareness and sharing of physical artifacts, design tools and working environments as well as novel mechanisms to support social norms, communities of practice, and intellectual property rights for product innovations. ThinkCycle was created as a web-based collaboration platform with tools and shared online spaces for designers, domain experts and stakeholders to discuss, develop and peer-review evolving design solutions in critical domains. Over 2000



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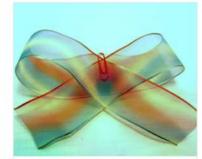
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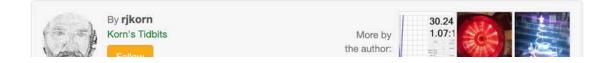
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Environment Air Quality Monitor







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Using inexpensive DIY techniques, we seek to change how people see the world in environmental, social, and political terms. We are activists, educators, technologists, and community organizers interested in new ways to promote action, intervention, and awareness through a participatory research model.

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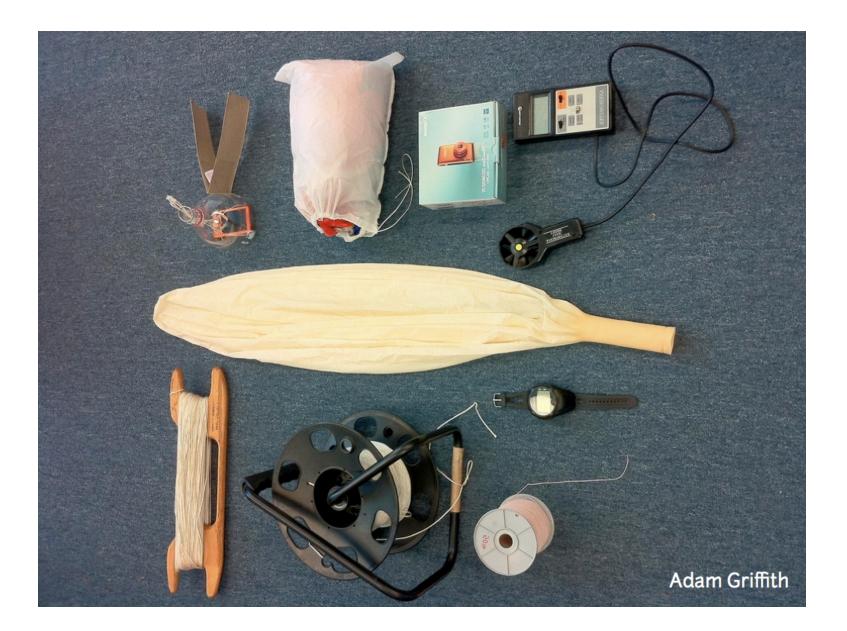






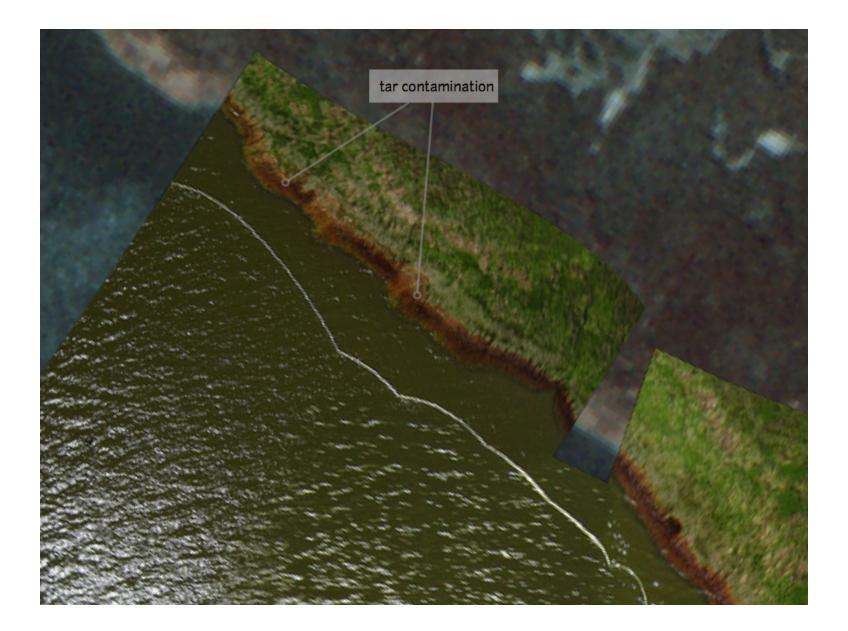


Balloon mapping kit variations









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Welcome to the Public Laboratory's open data archive. To better fulfill our goal of producing of new open-source data sets, this site serves as the repository of those sets online, and as a starting point for the discourse we hope they will spark.

With that end in mind, we strive to provide not only a comprehensive set of open and legible formats for the data, but mechanisms for discussing, adding to, and applying this data. This is a curated set which we've carefully packaged and annotated, with everything from the raw data to interviews, commentary, and videos related to the data's capture.

New data sets will be made available regularly, and an upcoming printed serial map is coming soon.

Subscribe here to receive updates on new content in the archive.

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Need help making a map?

Do you have a site in mind which you'd like to map? Looking for collaborators or just need some tips and advice?

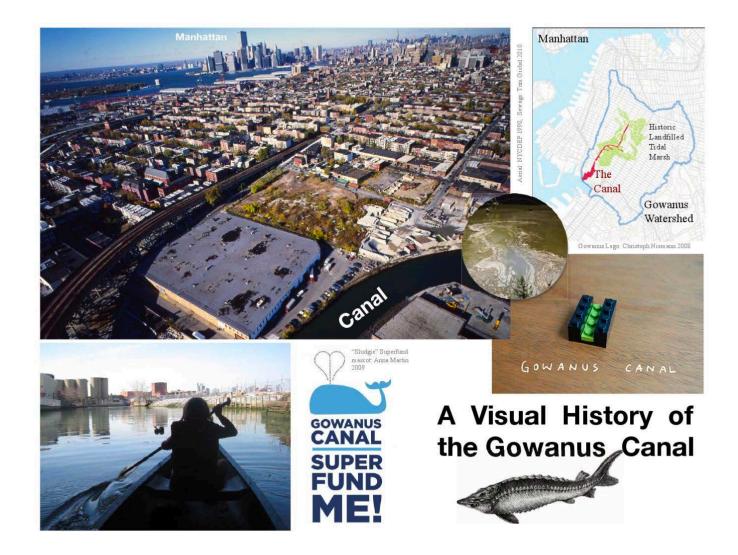
- Join the mailing list -it's full of people all over the world who are offer advice and support
- Contact <u>Public</u> Laboratory staff directly
- Read about balloon mapping and assemble your own kit



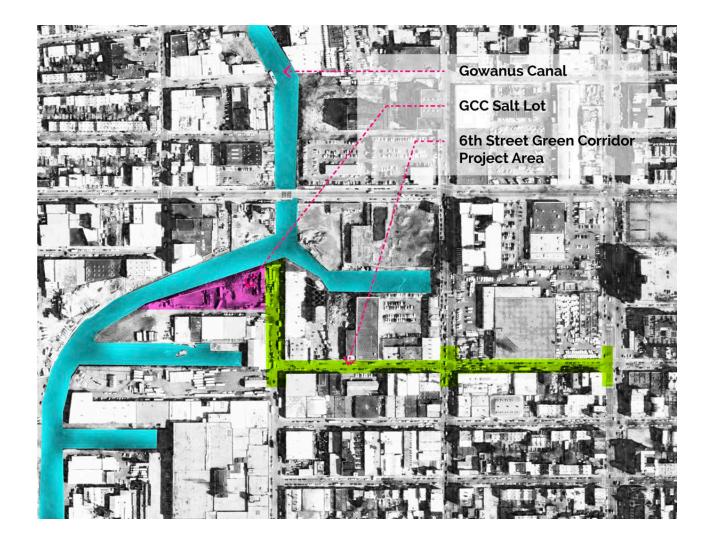


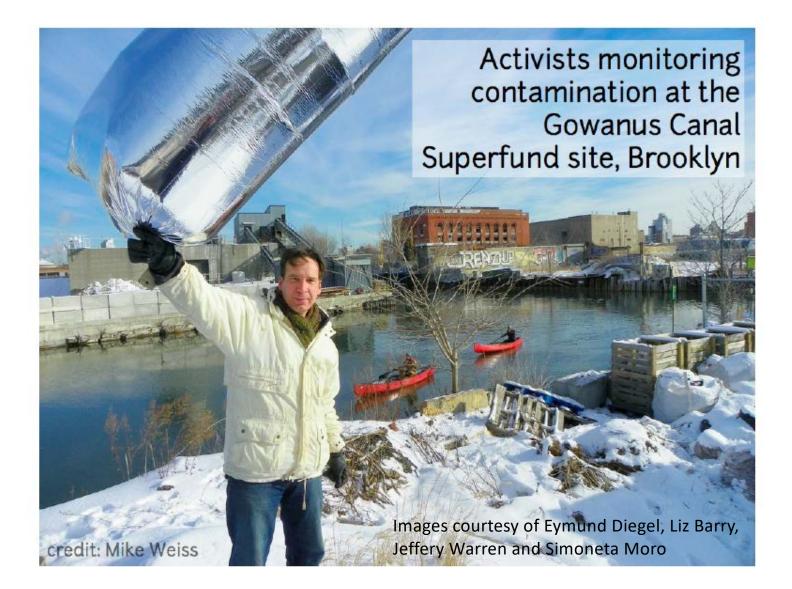


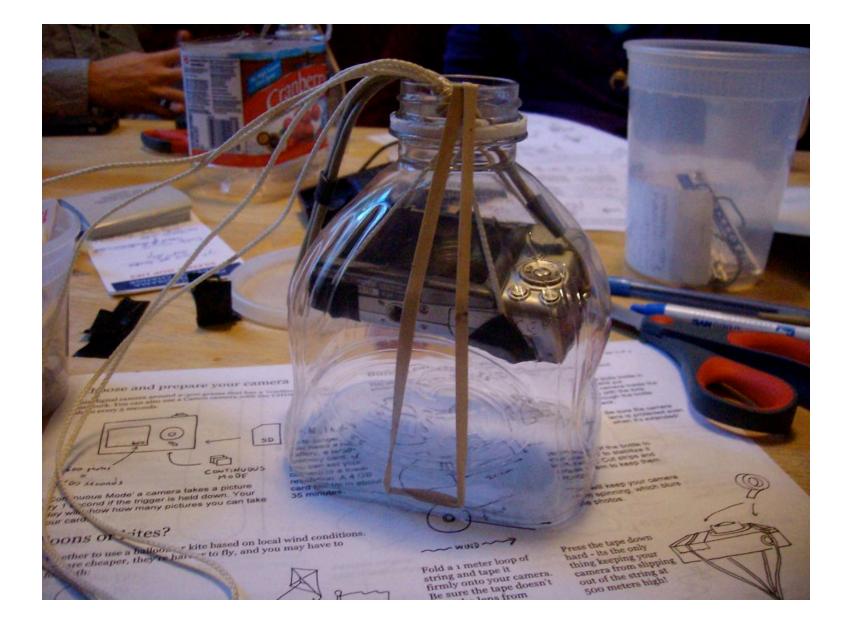




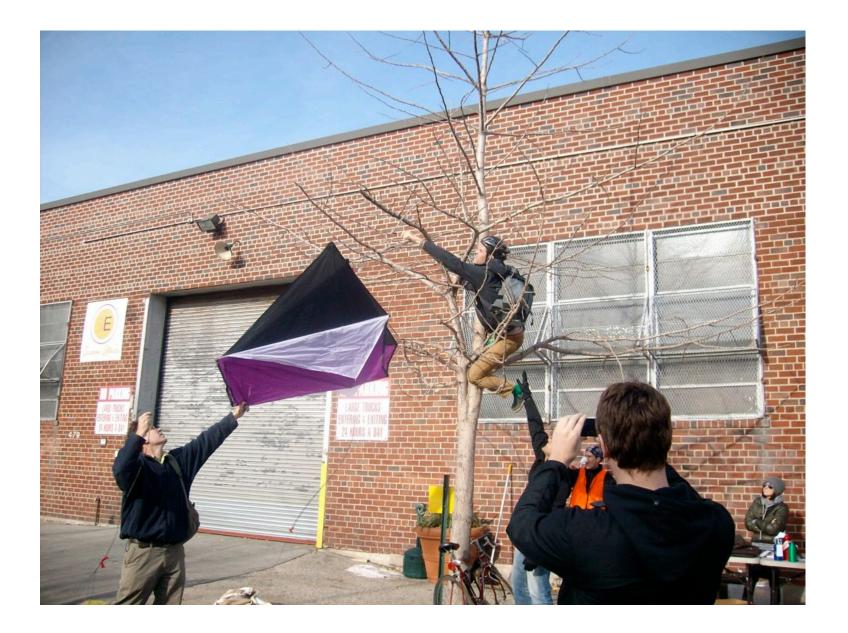






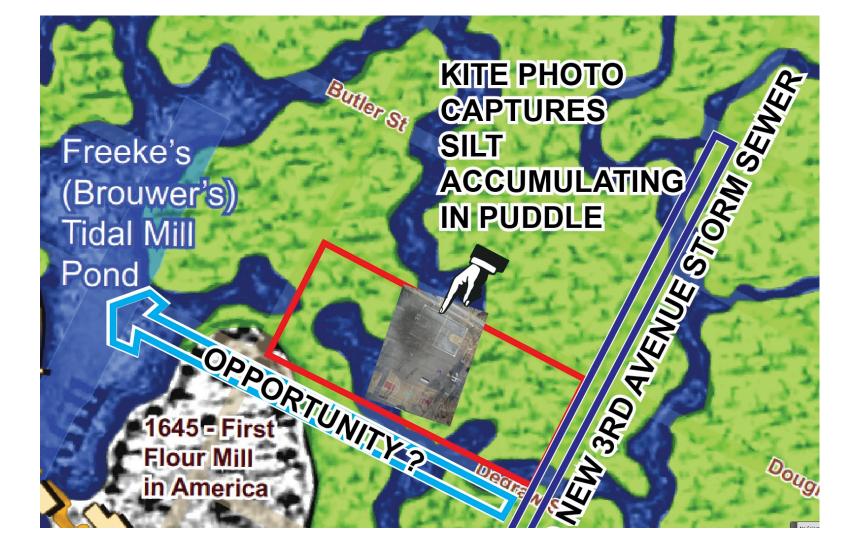






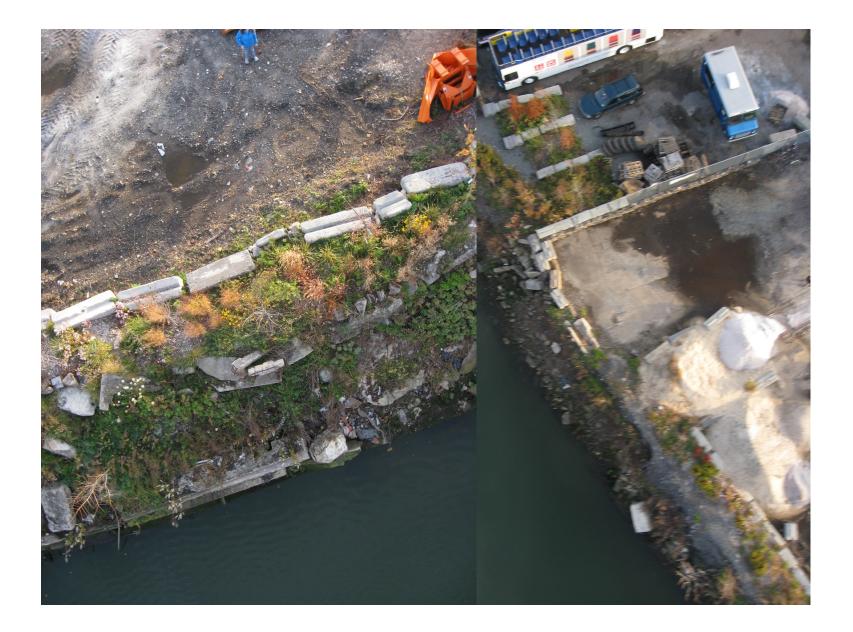




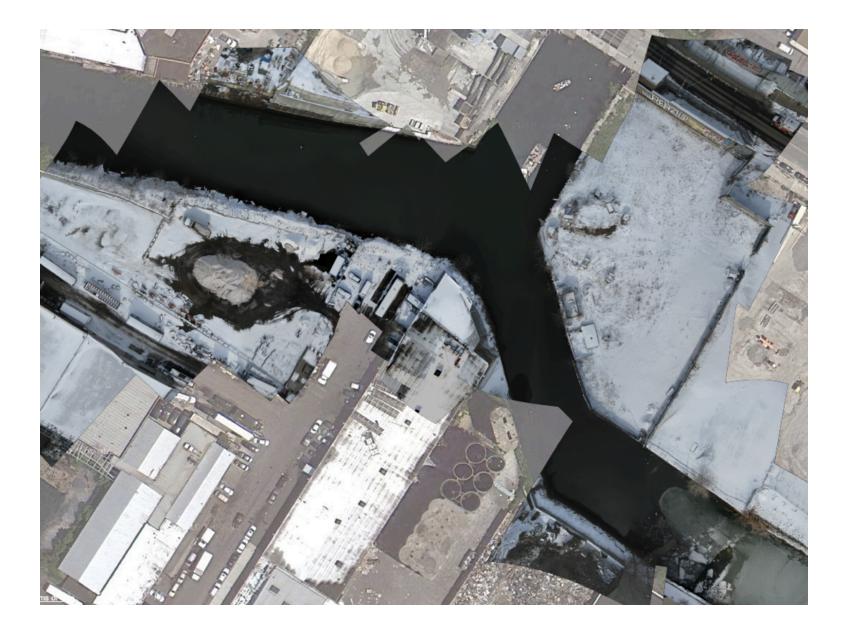








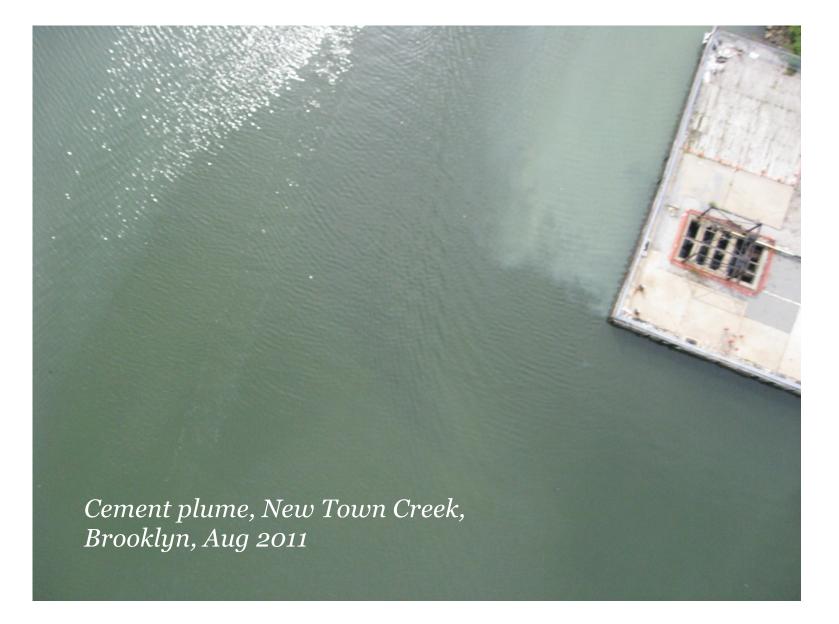








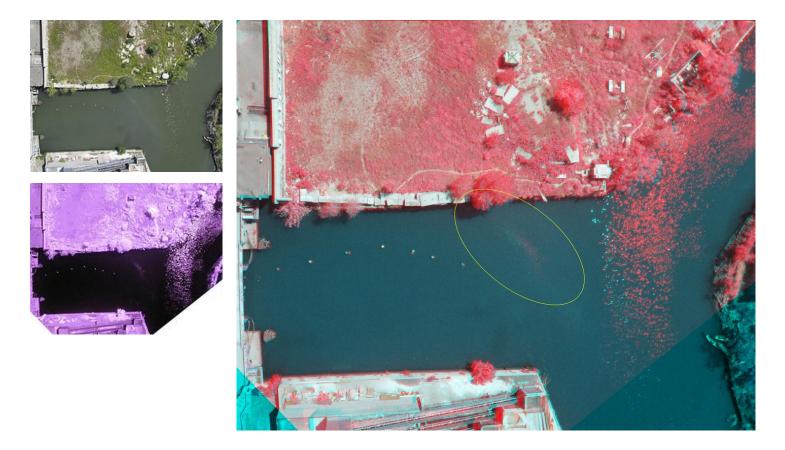




Public Laboratory: Make an Infrared Camera







Gowanus Canal, Brooklyn, Summer 2011

The Gowanus Canal will never be clean

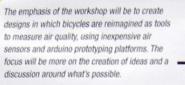
New development will ensure the canal mantains its reputation as "The Lavender Lake" far into the future.

January 17, 2020 Joseph Alexiou





The Gowanus Canal cleanup, which is estimated to last two-and-a-half years, will get underway by fall. Photo: Rob Abruzzese/Brooklyn Eagle



May 7 12:00 pm 1:00 pm (or later)

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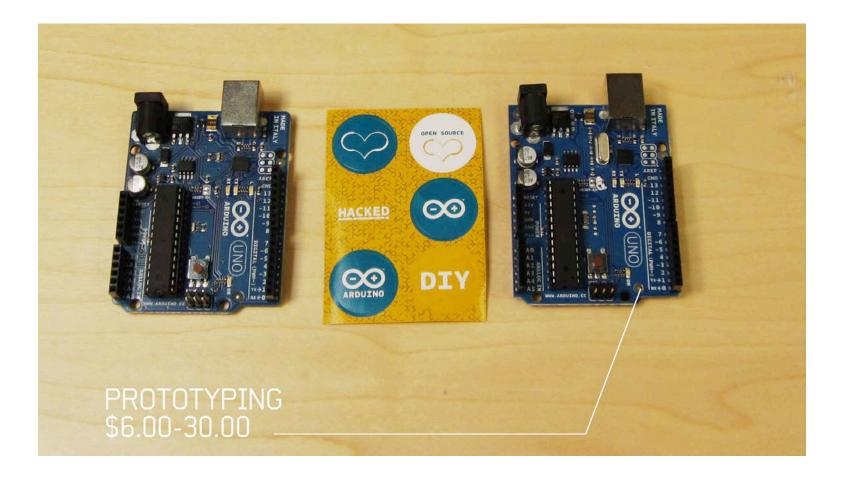
ACTUAL AIR

Project by Mike Styczynski (Harvard GSD) for **Tactical Design Studio**

Nitin Sawhney at MIT Program in Art, Culture and Technology, 2010-2011



Mapping Air Pollution neighborhoods of Boston, MA





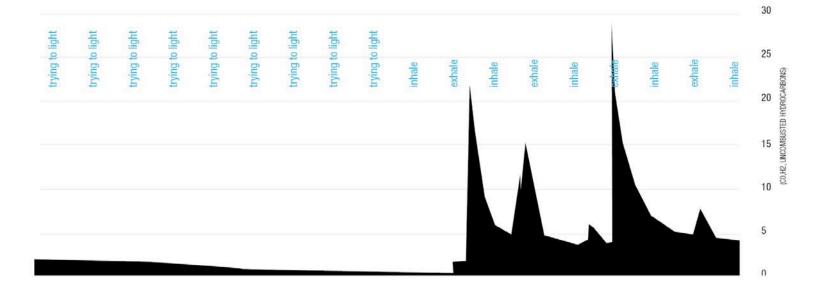


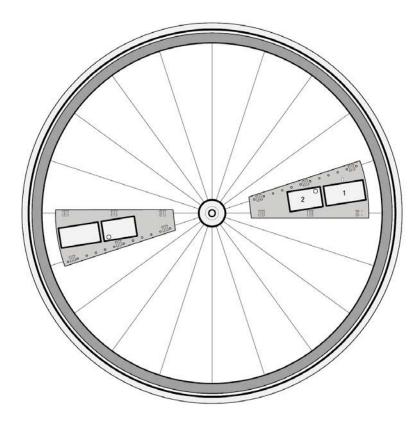
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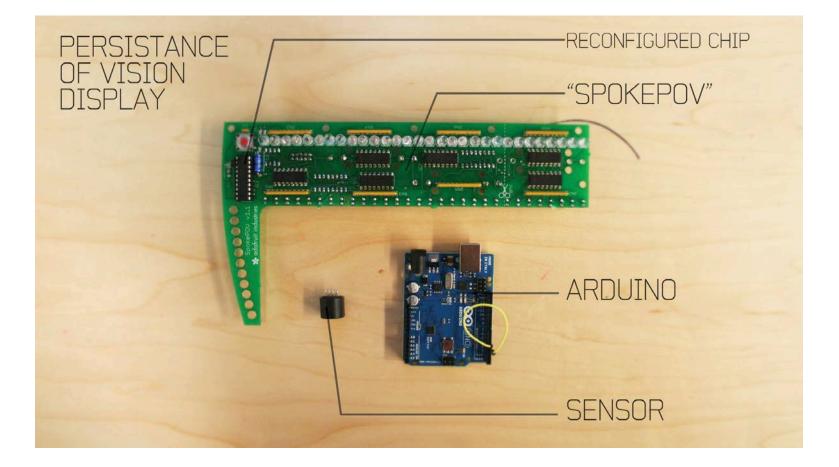
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Problems with Environmental Science and Health Research

- Expensive
- Limited to hands of experts
- Lag in knowledge between experts and people on the ground
- People on ground don't own the data
- They also don't understand how it is made
- Industry has far greater capacity to generate data

^{*} Slide courtesy of Jeffery Warren, The Public Laboratory

Civic Science Approach to Environmental Health Monitoring

- Community oriented and developed
- Community owned
- Tools can be adapted and spread in an open source fashion
- Supports public exploration and investigation of environments

"The term 'civic science' has been used to describe science "that questions the state of things, rather than a science that simply serves the state" (Kim and Mike Fortun 2005:50)

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Participatory Action Research (PAR)



TRANSLOCAL TOMORROWS

Juxtaposing Continuities, Identities, and Belonging to Empower and Mobilize Hmong Youth in America

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DESIGN THE RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

We took a multimodal research approach to reveal a more nuanced, multifaceted snapshot of our context. To do so, we used the following methods:



Semi-Structured Interviews



Crowdsourced Landscapes



Participant Observation



Video Ethnography



Online Surveys

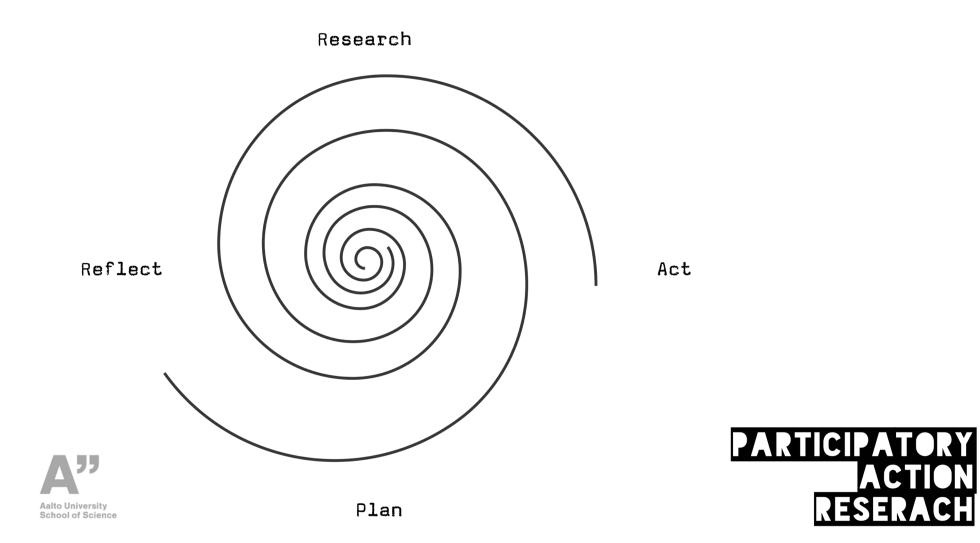


Futuring Workshops



Comparative Case Study

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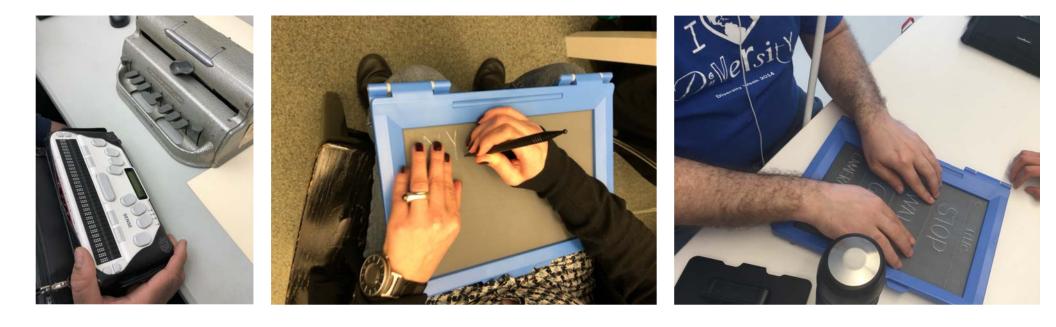


Sensory Research with the Visually Impaired



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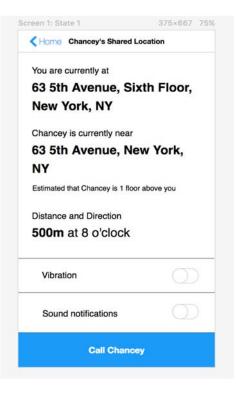
Participant Observation and Visual Ethnography

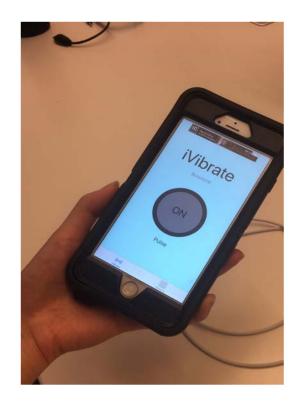


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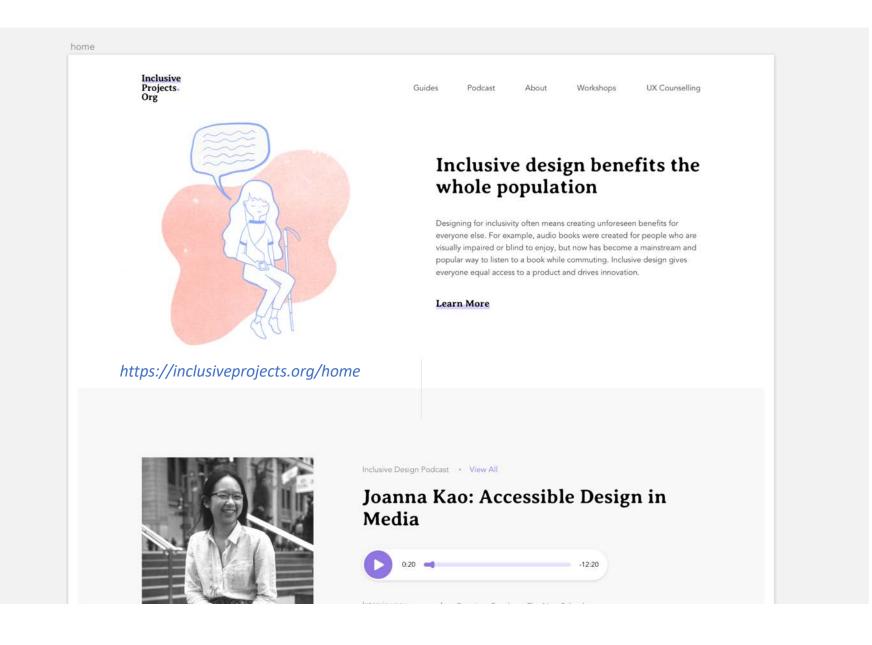
Co-Designing for Inclusivity







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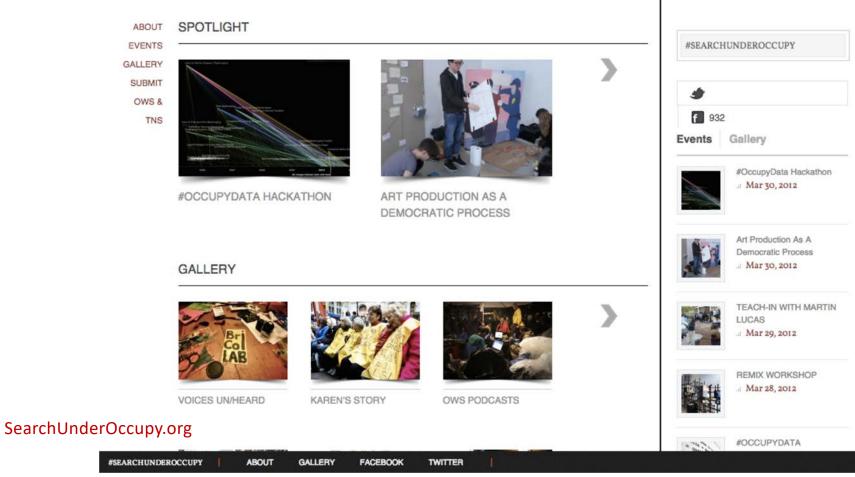
Examining Technology used by Citizen **Activists during Occupy Protests** OCCUPY TOGETHER OGETHER 101



EXHIBITED MARCH 1 - APRIL 1, 2012 CONTINUES AS A LIVING ARCHIVE ONLINE Arnold and Sheila Aronson Gallery Sheila C. Johnson Design Center

SUBMIT

A living archive of creative and critical responses to the Occupy Wall Street movement by THE NEW SCHOOL community.



#OCCUPYDATA HACKATHON

9.28.12-9.29.12 12–6:00 PM THE GRADUATE CENTER City University of New York



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CCUPYDATA MARCH 23-24, 2012. #OCCUPY DATA SETS, DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

BEST CREDIT CARD DEALS

#OccupyData Hackathon II: Data Visualization for the 99%! March 23-24, 2012

12pm to 6pm on both days

Held in conjunction with the #searchunderoccupy exhibition searchunderoccupy.org

Arnold and Sheila Aronson Gallery Sheila C. Johnson Design Center 66 Fifth Ave., New York, NY

Event co-organized by Prof. Nitin Sawhney and Christo de Klerk (School of Media Studies)



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Unprecedented amounts of media and data were generated during the Occupy Wall Street protests last fall and continue to emerge through the ongoing movement. Join us for a 2-day collaborative Hackathon to explore, visualize and learn from such this living data archive.

During the 2-day event, we will be connecting and collaborating with other such Hackathons taking place in Cambridge, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and Washington D.C.

This event is not only for designers and hackers, but for anyone interested in the Occupy movement with experience in media production, journalism and research. Bring your ideas, skills, creativity, questions and critical perspectives as we look for ways to transform media and data collected from Occupy Wall Street into visualizations and data driven interventions!

Some of the data sets we will have access to include survey research data, twitter activity, user contributed audio/video footage online, as well as data on privately owned public spaces in New York City. Final outcomes will be showcased in the gallery as well as online in various forums.

The event is being jointly organized with OccupyResearch, DataCenter, R-Shief Labs. and the MIT Center for Civic Media.

For more information visit: http://bit.ly/occupyhackathon

To sign-up please register for the event here: http://goo.gl/7nm58

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OccupyData Hackathons: Participatory Inquiry of Social-Justice Narratives



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OccupyMosaic

OccupyMosaic is a site originally developed after the May Day 2012 day of action to show a visual narrative of the events that happened that day. The site uses a crawler to scrape data from the Twitter API, as well

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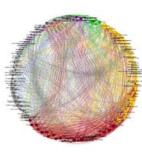


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Using a free Jogging app to GPS map unofficial private space in Zuccotti Park (OWS)

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Off on Occupy's One Year Anniversary: A Twitter Story



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Connecting Occupy

This project examines connections among Occupy groups through project partnerships.

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Occupy Video as Data: Visualizing Temporal Narratives

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Free University Course Analysis

Notice: This project is still in process. Project Description: For this project, we are looking at course descriptions and titles from the May Day and Sept. 18-22 Free Universities (for information on the Free University, please visit: http://freeuniversitynyc.org/aboutthe-free-u/principlesidentity/). We are

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presentation at NYU, 4/18

Topics in Visual Culture: Politics of Visual Display" class at NYU: among other things, we talked about our Video as Data project.

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is the occupy movement getting more colorful?

post by srt0 and christo Occuprint.org collects and distributes posters inspired by Occupy movements all around the world. For the May 18/19th hackathon, our group looked at Occuprint's collection of almost 400 posters. Our main aim was to explore possible

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projects, visualizations

citizen data sets and twitter bot guards of public space

Robots have been firm supporters of the Occupy movement, taking up protest signs where human arms grew weary. Mechanical automation does not need to be the exclusive domain of the physical. Indeed, drawing attention to those public

process, projects **Occupy Video as Data**

Last week, a few Data Occupiers went to NYU to present to the

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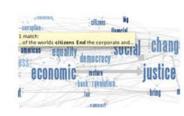
Occupy Video as Data: Visualizing Temporal Narratives

How do we make sense of specific events occurring during the Occupy movement through narratives emerging from social media over time? When an NYPD office pepper sprays peaceful protestors, the event is immediately captured on camera phones with subsequent citizen

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that he produced of bankruptcy related

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Visualization of Q42 "What are you trying to achieve with your participation in the Occupy Movement?"

From the Occupy Research Demographic and Political Participation Survey, guestion #42, "What are you trying to achieve with your participation in the Occupy Movement?" All responses are included, and this visualization shows the 50 most frequently used words (excluding the very

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march 31: ows archive day

We will be showcasing some of our outcomes from the OccupyData Hackathon in NYC and outcomes from groups around the country at OWS Archive Day this weekend at Eyebeam. Please join us! OWS Archive Day is at March 31, 2012

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process

day 1 recap: works in progress at **OccupyDataNYC**

Group 1: State and Space We're using the web service Topsy to search for tweets related to Occupy events and police actions, positive and negative. After cleaning the tweets of web noise, e.g. http://, we visualize the prominence of particular keywords

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State and Space

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events and hackathons

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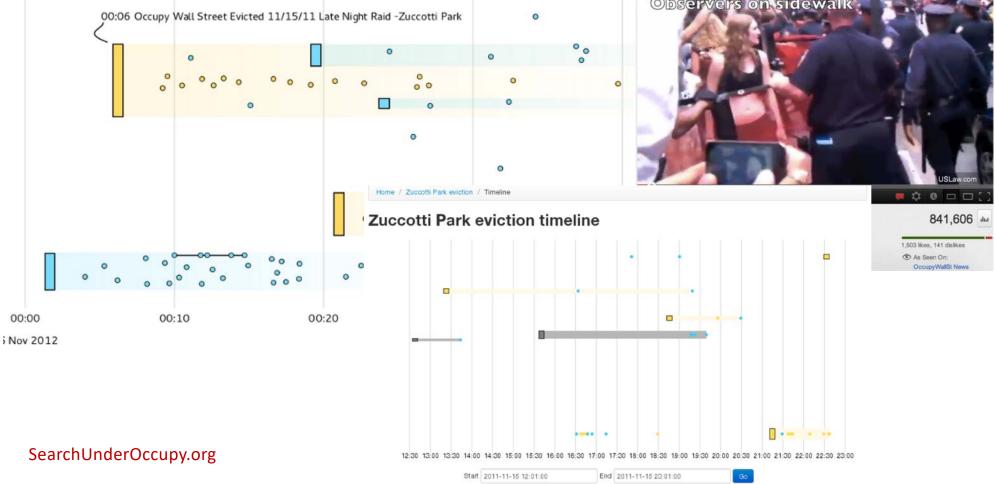
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Occupy Video as Data: Visualizing Temporal Narratives of Police Violence

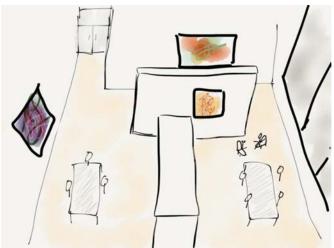


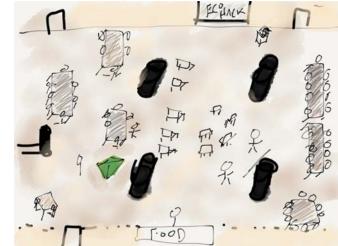
Ethnography of Hackathons

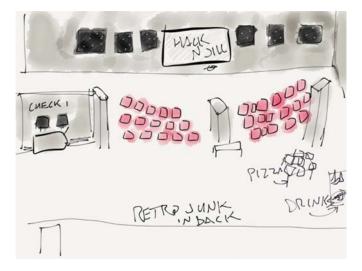












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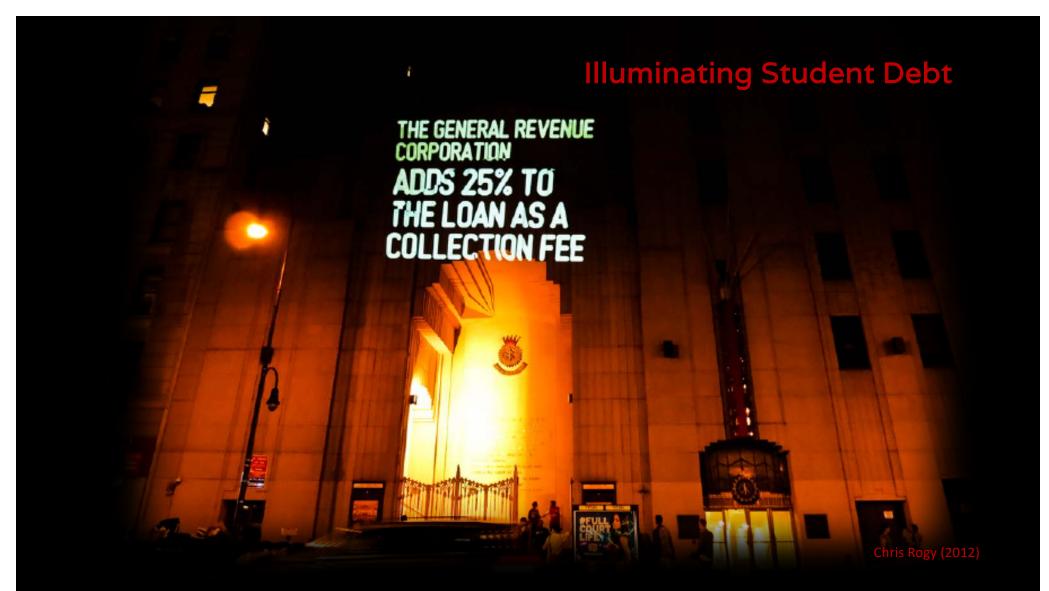
A phone-powered, distributed voice and voting system for the #Occupy Movement





www.peoplesskype.org





When: November 29, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where: 6 E 16th St, Room 1203B

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Ne Led by Adriana Young, Stephen Larrick, Crystal Penalosa, and Sam Wu of Stae.co

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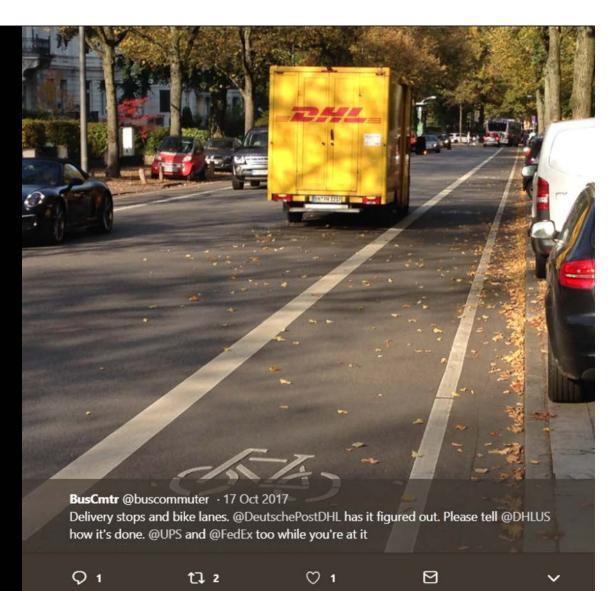
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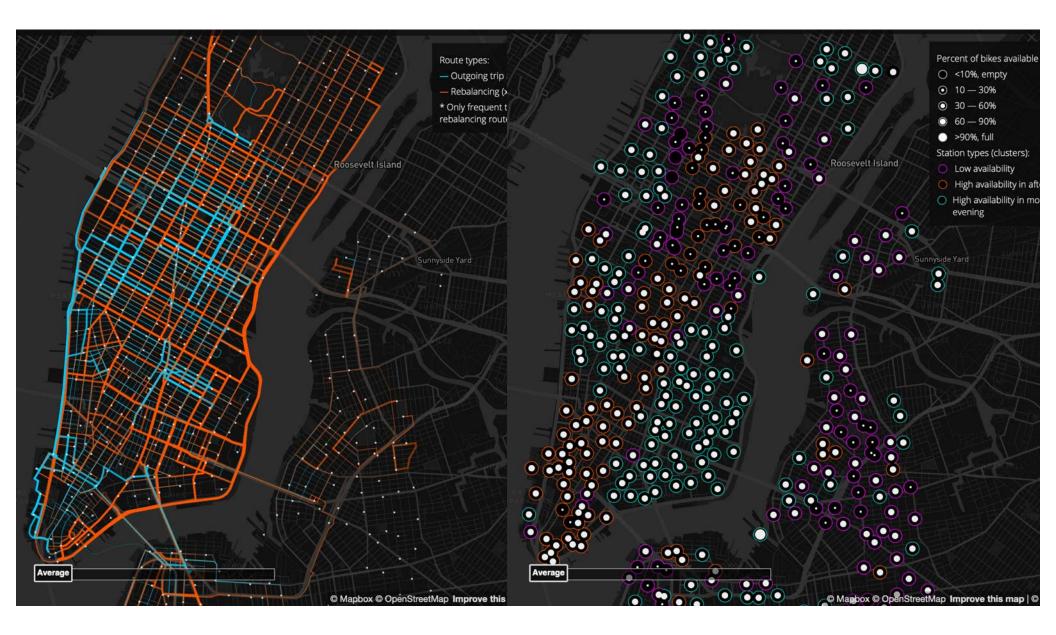
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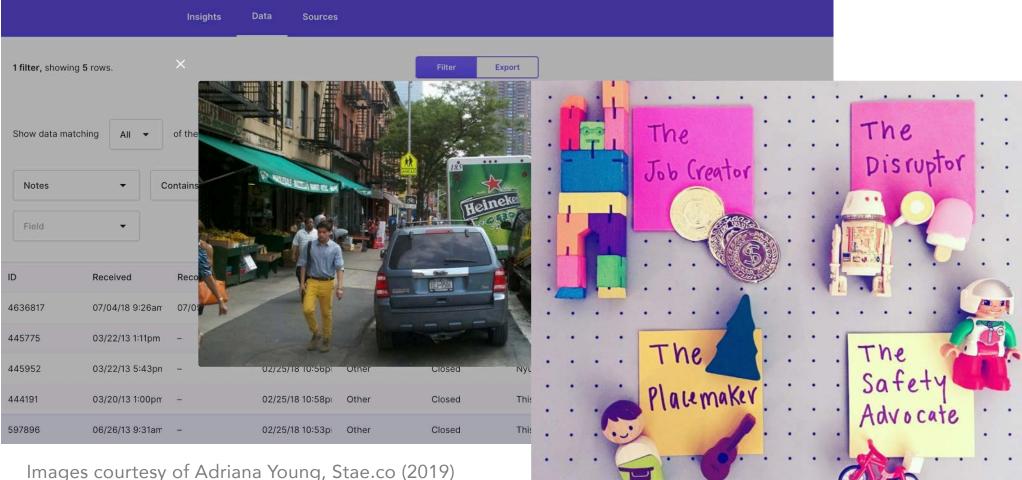
Is civic data neutral? How can data that represents our urban lives be used as a form of power? This workshop will explore how open data can be used as a tool for both cities and citizens to envision collective futures. We'll start with an overview of the history of civic data. We'll then work in small groups to dig into live city data sets that reveal competing values and priorities for the city, community groups, technologists, and businesses. This will be a hands-on, interdisciplinary workshop while no technical experience is needed, we encourage people to bring a laptop to use.

Part of a workshop series hosted by Prof. Nitin Sawhney, Faculty Fellow, Graduate Institute for Design, Ethnography and Social Thought (GIDEST)



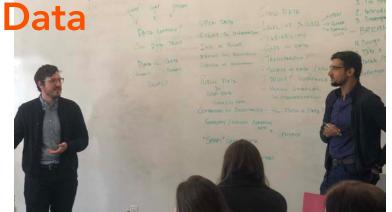


Workshop: Analyzing Bike Lanes as Contested Space



Engaging Contestations in Civic Data

- Data Literacy to create capacities for people to participate & leverage localized knowledge
- Using Civic Data to create multi-vocal and contradicting narratives
- Negotiating Access, Trust & Legitimacy of Corporate, State vs. Citizen-generated data
- Supporting Open Data Commons, Policies and Standards
- Rethinking Big Data vs. Thick Data engaging qualitative experiences of urban life





Politics of Participation

- Conducting Cooperative and Reflexive Research
- Negotiating Domain Expertise and Fostering Inclusivity
- Recognizing inherent Power, Privilege, and Social Dynamics
 - Influences of class, gender, race and cultural norms
- Revealing Shared and Conflicting Values in Design Research



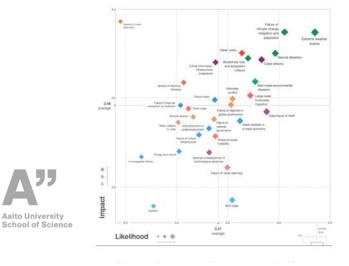
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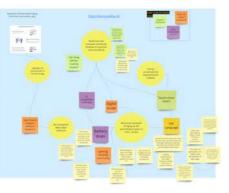
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Final Project Presentations

The Human-Centred Research and Design in Crisis course had its last session on September 2. The session's agenda started with...