

# TIM SCHÜTZ

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## EDUCATION

2019–25      PhD Candidate Anthropology, University of California, Irvine  
2022          MA Anthropology, University of California, Irvine  
2020          MA Science and Technology Studies (STS), Goethe University Frankfurt  
2017          BA Media, Communication, and Cultural Anthropology, University of Bremen

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023          Visiting Researcher, Center for Innovative Democracy, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan  
2020–21      Visiting Researcher, International College for Innovation, National Chengchi University Taipei, Taiwan

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

2023          EPA EJ Video Challenge for Students Phase 2 Award, First Prize (\$50,000)  
2022–23      Environmental Data Justice Grant (\$50,000)  
2022          EPA EJ Video Challenge for Students Phase 1 Award, First Prize (\$20,000)  
2022–23      SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$28,000)  
2022          Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) Fellowship (\$5,000)  
2021–22      Newkirk Graduate Student Fellowship in Community-based Research (\$7,000)  
2021          UCI Illuminations Grant (\$3,000)  
2021          Social Science Communication Fellow in Multimedia Storytelling (\$7,000)  
  
2021          UCI Center for Organizational Research Grant (\$1,000)  
2020–21      Newkirk Graduate Student Fellowship in Community-based Research (\$7,000)  
2020          UCI Illuminations Grant (\$2,000)  
2020          UC Irvine Center for Asian Studies Scholarship (\$1,000)  
2018–19      German-American Fulbright Fellowship (\$32,000)  
2018–20      German Academic Scholarship Foundation Fellowship (\$12,000)  
2017          DARIAH-DE Digital Humanities Award (\$500)  
2014          Erasmus+ Scholarship (\$3,000)

## RESEARCH PROJECTS (selected)

- 2021–23 Mapping Environmental Meaning Making Amidst Emerging Energy Threats in the North Carolina Coastal Plains  
Consulting on digital archive and infrastructure development
- 2021– EnviroInjustice: Building a Global Record ([link](#))  
Coordinating the development of a set of case studies and digital archives focused on research projects in the US, Korea, Taiwan, and Germany
- 2020– Formosa Plastics Global Archive 台灣塑膠檔案館 ([link](#))  
Developing a digital collection of resources documenting environmental advocacy in Taiwan, Vietnam and the US
- 2020–21 Transnational Disaster STS COVID-19 Project ([link](#))  
Developing civic data resources, research infrastructure and community case studies for cultural analysis of COVID-19
- 2019–20 Quotidian Anthropocenes ([link](#))  
Organizing 'Field campuses' in St. Louis and New Orleans that link academic researchers, artists and community activists
- 2019–20 Visualizing Toxic Places ([link](#))  
Facilitating cross-campus collaboration and development of digital exhibits

## SCHOLARLY WORK

### peer-reviewed articles

- In prep Relays Toward Just Transition and Environmental Justice: Civic Science, Law and Archiving Vs. Formosa Plastics Corp
- 2021 "Knowledge Infrastructure and Research Agendas for Quotidian Anthropocenes: Critical Localism with Planetary Scope. *Anthropocene Review*. (with Kim Fortun, James Adams and Scott G. Knowles). ([link](#))
- 2021 "Visualizing Taiwan's Formosa Plastics." (2021). *ACM Interactions*, Vol. 28(4), pp. 50–55. ([link](#))
- 2017 "Humanitarian Media Interventions: Doing Infrastructures in Times of Forced Migration." *Spheres. Journal for Digital Cultures* no. 3 (with Sebastian Kubitschko). ([link](#))

### book chapters

- 2021 "Civic Community Archiving with the Platform for Experimental Collaborative Ethnography: Double Binds and Design Challenges." *HCI International 2021 Proceedings* (with Kim Fortun, Mike Fortun, Angela Okune, and Shan-Ya Su). ([link](#))

- 2021 “인류세를 위한 아카이빙 Archiving for the Anthropocene” 디어  
아마존—인류세에 관하여 *Dear Amazon – On the Anthropocene. Exhibition  
Catalogue*. Ilmin Museum for Art, Seoul. ([link](#))
- 2020 “Free Wireless Network Activism and the Industrialized Media Infrastructures  
of Forced Migration.” In: Siobhán McGuirk & Adrienne Pine (eds.) *Asylum for  
Sale: Profit, and Protest in the Migration Industry*. Oakland: PM Press. ([link](#))
- 2020 “Humanitäre Medieninterventionen. Digitale Infrastruktur in Unterkünften für  
Geflüchtete.” In: Kaufmann, Nimführ, Otto & Schütte (eds.) *Forschen und  
Arbeiten im Kontext von Flucht. Reflexionslücken, Repräsentations- und  
Ethikfragen*. VS Springer. ([link](#))

### short form articles

- 2022 “In the Wake of Formosa Plastics: A Report from the Reaching for Just  
Transitions Seminar Series.” Backchannels Blog. (with Kim Fortun). ([link](#))
- 2021 “Data Activism and Petro-Public Knowledge “Across Borders”: The Formosa  
Plastics Global Archive | 數據行動主義×跨界的石化公共知識: 台灣塑膠檔案  
館 (mandarin).” *Platypus. The CASTAC Blog* (with Shan-Ya Su). ([english](#) / [中文](#))
- 2020 “Ethnographers and Civic Data: Insights from Environmental Activists”  
*boasblogs*. October 15. ([link](#))
- 2019 “Tactics for Quotidian Anthropocenes: A Field Campus Report.” *Anthropocene  
Curriculum*. Berlin: Haus der Kulturen der Welt (with Jason Ludwig, Scott. G.  
Knowles and Kim Fortun). ([link](#))
- 2018 “Still ‘in its infancy’? Afterthoughts on the relevance of STS anchors in  
Germany.” *EASST Review Volume 37(4)*. ([link](#))
- 2018 “Country Report Germany. From the shelter to the classroom: Two Case  
Studies Of Civic Participation Through Freifunk Berlin.” *Global Information  
Society Watch Yearbook*. APC Press (with Monic Meisel). ([link](#))

### events and exhibitions

- 2022 “In the Wake of Formosa Plastics: Rebuilding Coastal Communities,” March 3.  
University of California, Irvine. ([link](#))
- 2022 “Cleaning Up Kingspan,” March 3. University of California, Irvine. ([link](#))
- 2021 “Combo Disaster and Environmental Injustice: Louisiana's Cancer Alley,” open  
virtual tour sponsored by the Disaster STS Network and the University of  
California Irvine’s Illuminations program and Center for Environmental Health  
Disparities. October 4. (with Kim Fortun) ([link](#))
- 2020 “Sugar Plantations, Chemical Plants, COVID-19,” open virtual tour sponsored  
by the Disaster STS Network. September 29. ([link](#))

- 2019 "Pollution, Data, Activism. The Formosa Plastics Archive," Tacheles (柏林廢墟), New Bloom, Wanhua District, Taipei City. ([link](#))
- 2019 "New Orleans Anthropocene Field Campus," September 1-4, sponsored by the Haus der Kulturen der Welt (HKW), Berlin, and the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG), Berlin. ([link](#))
- 2019 "St. Louis Anthropocene Field Campus," March 7-10, 2019 sponsored by the Haus der Kulturen der Welt (HKW), Berlin, and the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG), Berlin. ([link](#))
- 2019 "Visualizing Toxic Subjects Gallery Show," sponsored by the Center for Ethnography, University of California Irvine. ([link](#))

### **multimodal**

- forthcoming Red Sea: Vietnam's Modern Disaster. USA/Taiwan/Vietnam. (assistant co-production). ([link](#))
- 2023 Civic Bioremediation: Building a Network of Soil Practitioners. 3 min. United States. (camera, editing, production) ([link](#))
- 2022 Unearthing Lead: The Power of Historical Maps. 6 min. United States. (camera, editing, production). ([link](#))
- 2015 Hacking Istanbul. A Hackerspace Documentary. 20 min. Turkey. (editor, camera, production). ([link](#))

### **interviews**

- 2022 "Trước Thảm Hoạ Formosa Chúng Ta Phải Làm Gì?", Saigon Broadcasting Television Network, Feb 23. ([link](#))
- 2021 "Chercheurs et activistes collectent les sombres archives de Formosa Plastics Corporation, le géant pétrochimique taïwanais", *Radio Taiwan International Français*, June 28. ([link](#))
- 2017 "Vorstellung der PreisträgerInnen des DARIAH DH-Award 2017: Tim Schütz." *DHd Blog*, May 22. ([link](#))

### **INVITED TALKS**

- 2022 "Civic Data, Archiving, and Environmental Injustice". Intro to Data Studies Course, invited by Lindsay Poirier, Smith College, April 1.
- 2022 "Formosa Plastics: Knowledge Infrastructures, Transnational Activism, and Climate Change". The Sea is Rising – And So are We? Klimawandel und sozialökologische Transformation, Bremen Nature Culture Lab Lecture Series, University of Bremen, January 13.

- 2021 "Experiments in Collaboration: Purposes, Designs, Infrastructures, Invitations." Decolonizing Learning, Rethinking Research: Datafication and the Quest for Co-operation in Ethnographic Fieldwork, University of Cologne, October 27.
- 2021 "Research in Disastrous Times", American Advanced Educational Association, 7 July
- 2021 "Infrastructures of ethnographic relation-making and comparing – PECE, for example." Colloquium, Laboratory: Anthropology of Environment / Human Relations, Humboldt University Berlin. June 14.
- 2021 "Publishing multimodal ethnographic work in an open-ended and collaborative way." Workshop Multimodal Digital Publishing, German Association for Social and Cultural Anthropology (DGSKA), May 20.
- 2022 "Civic Archiving for Environmental Justice Activism", invited by Prof. Dana Powell and Prof. Rebecca Witter, Appalachian State University, October 10.
- 2022 "Academic activism and low-carbon research", invited by Antoine Hardy, virtual, September 30.
- 2022 "Relays for Just Transition: Civic Archiving vs. Formosa Plastics Corporation," invited by Students Activating Social Innovation, University of California, Irvine, April 2.
- 2021 "Pollution, Data, Activism: The Formosa Plastics Global Archive 污染, 數據, 行動主義台灣塑膠檔案館, Global Taipei Dialogue 全球台北論壇, invited by Taiwan NextGen Foundation, April 29.
- 2021 "Archiving for Quotidian Anthropocenes: Pollution, Data & Activism in a Planetary Scope". Environment, Politics, and Society Seminar, invited by Dr. Duygu Kasdogan, İzmir Katip Çelebi University, Turkey, March 22.
- 2021 "Environmental Data Justice: Following Taiwan's Formosa Plastics", invited by Prof. TU Wen-Ling, National Chengchi University Taipei, March 18.
- 2020 "Archiving for the Anthropocene: Needs, Designs, Tactics." Data Natures Seminar, invited by Prof. Tahani Nadim and Dr. Hagit Keysar, Institute for European Ethnology, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany (with Jason Ludwig).
- 2020 "Civic Data for the Anthropocene: Following Taiwan's Formosa Plastics". RUSTLab Lecture Series: Data & Experimentalism, invited by Prof. Estrid Sørensen, Ruhr Universität Bochum, December 3.
- 2020 "Civic Data: Needs, Designs, Tactics". Guest lecture: Introduction to Global Studies, invited by Prof. Tzu-Chi Ou, International College for Innovation, National Chengchi University, Taipei, December 2.
- 2020 "Archivieren für das Anthropozän: Einsichten aus dem Umweltaktivismus". Department of History. Seminar Katastrophen(wissenschaften) in Geschichte

und Gegenwart, invited by Dr. Cécile Stehrenberger, Bergische Universität Wuppertal, November 19.

- 2020 "Beyond Environmental Injustice: Installation Ethnography and Pedagogy in Covid-19." Doctoral Students in Urban Planning (DSUP) Seminar Series, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, September 30 (with Prerna Srigyan).

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 "Following Taiwan's Formosa Plastics." International Taiwan Studies Conference, University of California Irvine.
- 2021 "Archiving for Quotidian Anthropocenes: From Los Angeles to Reserve, Louisiana and Istanbul." Istanbul Unbound Conference, April 8-11.
- 2020 "Archiving the Anthropocene(s): The Quotidian Anthropocenes Project". The Shape of a Practice. Haus der Kulturen der Welt Berlin, October 29 (with Jason Ludwig).
- 2020 "Ethnographers, Civic Data, COVID-19: Insights from Environmental Activists." Fieldwork Meets Crisis, Virtual Autumn School, October 23.
- 2020 "Civic Data and Case Study for Santa Ana, CA." Beyond Environmental Injustice. Disaster STS Research Network, October 23.
- 2020 "Civic Data for the Anthropocene: Visualizing Taiwan's Formosa Plastics." 4S/EASST Conference.
- 2020 "Installation Ethnography: Curation, Aesthetics, Experiments." 4S/EASST Conference. August 2020 (with James Adams).
- 2019 "Archiving for the Anthropocene: Needs, Design, Tactics." The International Symposium on Anthropocene Studies, Seoul, December 10-11.
- 2019 "Mississippi River Anthropocenes: Running the River School." Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S), New Orleans, 4-7 September.
- 2018 "Hacking the Shelter? Alternative Mesh networks and STS Research in Times of Forced Migration." How can Science and Technology Studies help to reflect on the political crisis associated with refugees and asylum seekers? CES, Coimbra, Portugal, September 26-28.
- 2018 "Hacking the Shelter: Infrastructural "Counter Publics" and the Management of Forced Migration." European Society for the Study of Science (EASST) and Technology Conference Lancaster, UK, July 25-27.
- 2018 "Wireless Network Activism In Times of Forced Migration." Wireless Community Weekend, cbase Berlin, May 13.
- 2018 "Humanitäre Medieninterventionen: Infrastrukturierung freier Datennetze zwischen sozialen Trägern, zivilem Engagement und Asylnindustrie." Willkommenskultur in der deutschen Migrationsgesellschaft: Flucht, Asyl und

Regulierungspraxis. Workshop at Institute for Ethnology, LMU Munich, February 2-3.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

"Archiving for the Anthropocene," Instructor, Goethe University Frankfurt, Department of Cultural Anthropology. ([link](#))

"Environmental Injustice," with Prof. Kim Fortun, California, Irvine Social Science Division. ([link](#))

"Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology," with Dr. James Egan, University of California, Irvine Social Science Division

"Projects in Analysis in Social Computing," with Prof. Geoffrey C. Bowker | Dr. Roderic N. Crooks | Dr. Matthew Bietz, University of California, School of Information and Computer Science

## SERVICE

2022– Member, EcoGovLab

2021– Open Data Editor, Engaging Science, Technology, and Society Journal

2018– Design Team and Community Outreach, Platform for Experimental Collaborative Ethnography (PECE)

## LANGUAGES

German (native), Icelandic (fluent), Spanish, French (intermediate), Turkish, Arabic, Mandarin (beginner)