

Is Anthropology Legal?

Conversations between Anthropologists and Professional Data Managers

Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre
SOAS University of London
Wednesday 9 May 2018

During this half-day workshop we will explore the implications of the introduction of the EU General Data Protection Regulation on 25th May 2018 in relation to what it is that anthropologists actually do ‘in the field’. We will hear from the UK Data Archive on how researchers need to respond to the GDPR in relation to their data collection and management as well as funder requirements for data sharing. This will be followed by an overview of current ASA Ethical Guidelines, plans for their revision and the future challenges to anthropological research posed by technological developments and new regulatory frameworks.

The rest of the afternoon will look at three key issues in more depth – informed consent, anonymisation and data sharing. Each topic will be introduced by a researcher who will share considerations and challenges, followed by break-out sessions for group discussion each led by a professional data manager. The break-out sessions will encourage debate between researchers and data managers, as well as practical advice.

The event is free and open to researchers at all levels who use anthropological methodologies in their research as well as data managers who support them.

See Full Programme Below

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Full Programme

13.30 - 13.40	Welcome
13.40 - 14.10	Talk: Implications of the GDPR for the Collection, Management and Sharing of Research Data - Dr. Scott Summers, Senior Research Data Services Officer
14.10 - 14.40	Talk: Ethics in Anthropological and Ethnographic Research - Prof. Jude Robinson, School of Law and Social Justice, University of Liverpool and Ethical Officer for the ASA
14.40 - 14.50	Researcher Perspective: Informed Consent - Dr. Lucia Michelutti, Department of Anthropology, UCL
14.50 - 15.15	Breakout Discussion: Informed Consent
15.15 - 15.30	Coffee, Tea and Biscuits
15.30 - 15.40	Researcher Perspective: Anonymisation - Prof. David Mosse, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, SOAS
15.40 - 16.05	Breakout Discussion: Anonymisation
16.05 - 16.15	Researcher Perspective: Research Data Sharing - Prof. Ed Simpson, Director SOAS South Asia Institute
16.15 - 16.40	Breakout Discussion: - Research Data Sharing
16.40 - 17.00	Round-Up and Next Steps