Digital Methods, Ethical Challenges
A symposium hosted by the Center for Global Communication Studies and the Project for Advanced Research in Global Communication
Annenberg School for Communication Room 500
October 10, 2013
9am-3:30pm

9:00-9:15 Welcome

9:30-11:00 Panel 1: Digital Culture Transformations
Rob Procter, University Of Warwick: Ethical challenges for ‘real-time’ sociology
Hector Postigo, Temple University & Microsoft Research: Participatory observation, participatory culture and interventionist research: When should we strive to be more than observers in digital culture?
Elizabeth Buchanan, University of Wisconsin-Stout: Vulnerable by association: Secondary subjects and representation through social media

Moderator: John Jackson, Annenberg School for Communication

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:45 Panel 2: University Auspices and Vulnerable Populations
John Kelly, Harvard University & Morningside Analytics: Knowing too much: Academic openness vs. the security of vulnerable actors
Katy Pearce, University of Washington: Maintaining scholarly distance, developing trust, and protecting sources online and offline in an authoritarian context
Randall Sell, Drexel University: Understanding gay men’s health: Evolving methods and challenges

Moderator: Guobin Yang, Annenberg School for Communication

12:45-1:30 Lunch

1:30-3:00 Panel 3: Activism, Advocacy and National Security: Justifying Separate Sets of Standards?
Kristene Unsworth, Drexel University: We must know everything and nothing should slip by: National security and the need to know
Rebecca MacKinnon, New America Foundation & Center for Global Communication Studies: Security risks for researchers: Lessons from journalists and activists
Christopher Wilson, the Engine Room: Ethics and research in international advocacy: A preliminary mapping of needs and resources

Moderator: Sandra Gonzales-Bailon, Annenberg School for Communication

3:00-3:15 Coffee break

3:15-4:00 Open discussion & wrap-up