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## Redistribution, subjectivity, and the virtual: A view from the south

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### Project abstract:

*Africa is increasingly perceived as the site of an unprecedented digital revolution, alternately described as either propelling the continent into a new era of growth and prosperity or drawing it into new frontiers of exploitation and neo-colonial domination. Bringing into conversation and contributing to recent debates in economic anthropology on sharing and redistribution with the emerging scholarship in African digital anthropology on communication technologies, kinship and intimacy, this interdisciplinary project develops an alternative, bottom-up approach to the study of Africa's digital revolution. It examines how new technologies are being incorporated into pre-existing, indigenous mechanisms of sharing, redistribution, mutual support, and "informal" social protection among peri-urban migrants of an East African agro-pastoralist society. The research focuses, as its key case study, on South Sudanese Nuer refugees in Uganda – peri-urban migrants in one of the most neoliberalised countries in Africa. Combining ethnographic and historical methodologies, and drawing on archival research and an extended period of fieldwork in Uganda, this research will advance the fields of economic and digital anthropology while making an important contribution to Nuer, South Sudanese and East African anthropology and history.*

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## Application DMP

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### Questionnaire

**Describe the datatypes (surveys, sequences, manuscripts, objects ... ) the research will collect and/or generate and /or (re)use. (use up to 700 characters)**

1. Scans of documents from the Sudan Archive (.pdf).
2. Consent forms in electronic form (paper originals will be destroyed).
3. Recorded interviews (.mp3). I will use either my own phone or a separate audio recorder during interviews. I will only record interviews when participants consent to be recorded.
4. Interview transcriptions (.docx). These will be produced using the recordings. They will be anonymised, unless participant explicitly requests (in consent form) for his/her name to be recorded.
5. Notes (.docx) from observations, individual case studies, and participant observation. No identifying information will be recorded in notes.
6. Images (.jpeg). No identifying information will be recorded in images, unless participant explicitly gives permission to be photographed in consent form.
7. Fieldwork data (list of interviews/notes; .xlsx file) and Nvivo file containing most of the abovementioned datatypes.

**Specify in which way the following provisions are in place in order to preserve the data during and at least 5 years after the end of the research? Motivate your answer. (use up to 700 characters)**

Responsible person: Yotam Gidron

During the research: All data is stored on my personal laptop (password protected) and backed-up on my KU Leuven OneDrive.

After the research: Recordings and scans of archival documents are deleted, to guarantee participants' privacy and conform with Sudan Archive regulations. Anonymised and redacted notes and transcripts are stored on the university's central servers for at least 10 years, as per KU Leuven RDM policy.

**What's the reason why you wish to deviate from the principle of preservation of data and of the minimum preservation term of 5 years? (max. 700 characters)**

When giving their consent for participation in the research, participants will also give informed consent for data sharing and long term preservation. If they do not agree to the standard procedures, their requests will be respected. Participants will also be free to withdraw from their participation at any stage. Data may therefore be deleted at any point during the study and before the minimum preservation term of 5 years should it be requested by participants.

**Are there issues concerning research data indicated in the ethics questionnaire of this application form? Which specific security measures do those data require? (use up to 700 characters)**

The research will involve human participants and personal data. Ethical approval will therefore be sought prior to fieldwork from the relevant institutions. Interview recordings will be transcribed and anonymised. Recordings will be securely preserved during research (for further consultation, if necessary) but deleted at the end of the fellowship. All notes will be anonymised and redacted.

**Which other issues related to the data management are relevant to mention? (use up to 700 characters)**

Data will only be collected following informed consent by participants. Participants will be made fully aware of the purpose of the research and potential uses of the data, how it will be stored and for how long, how it will be anonymised, and who else will have access to it. This information may be provided using a written information sheet, or orally, as appropriate. These procedures and all relevant documents (i.e., information sheet, consent forms) will be approved by the KU Leuven Social and Societal Ethics Committee (SMEC) as well as the Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST), prior to fieldwork.

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### DPIA

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Have you performed a DPIA for the personal data processing activities for this project?

Question not answered.

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### GDPR

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#### GDPR

Have you registered personal data processing activities for this project?

Question not answered.

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## FWO DMP (Flemish Standard DMP)

### 1. Research Data Summary

List and describe all datasets or research materials that you plan to generate/collect or reuse during your research project. For each dataset or data type (observational, experimental etc.), provide a short name & description (sufficient for yourself to know what data it is about), indicate whether the data are newly generated/collected or reused, digital or physical, also indicate the type of the data (the kind of content), its technical format (file extension), and an estimate of the upper limit of the volume of the data.

Scans of archival documents	Scans from the Sudan Archive Durham	New	Digital	Compiled	.pdf	<1GB
Recorded interviews	Recordings of 64 interviews conducted by myself.	New	Digital	Observational	.mp3	<100GB
Interview transcriptions	Transcriptions of recorded interviews.	New	Digital	Compiled	.docx	<100MB
Notes from participant observation	Notes from observations of court proceedings, mobile phones shop, and individual case studies.	New	Digital	Observational	.docx	<100MB
Fieldwork metadata	List of interviews and notes and Nvivo file	New	Digital	Compiled	.xlsx, .nvp	<100MB
Consent forms (scanned)	Scans of consent forms. Paper originals will be destroyed.	New	Digital	Compiled	.pdf	<100MB
Photographs	Images taken during participant observation.	New	Digital	Observational	.jpeg	<1GB

If you reuse existing data, please specify the source, preferably by using a persistent identifier (e.g. DOI, Handle, URL etc.) per dataset or data type:

Sudan Archive Durham (<https://libguides.durham.ac.uk/asc-sudan-archive/>)

Are there any ethical issues concerning the creation and/or use of the data (e.g. experiments on humans or animals, dual use)? Describe these issues in the comment section. Please refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate.

- Yes, human subject data

The research will involve human participants and personal data, which will be collected during life history interviews and participant observation. Ethical approval will therefore be sought prior to fieldwork from the relevant institutions: the KU Leuven Social and Societal Ethics Committee (SMEC) as well as the Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST).

Will you process personal data? If so, briefly describe the kind of personal data you will use in the comment section. Please refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate.

- Yes

I will process personal data as the research will include life history interviews. Interview recordings will be transcribed and anonymised. Recordings will be securely preserved during research (for further consultation, if necessary) but deleted at the end of the fellowship. All notes will be anonymised and redacted. Other notes (from participant observation) will be anonymous.

Does your work have potential for commercial valorization (e.g. tech transfer, for example spin-offs, commercial exploitation, ...)? If so, please comment per dataset or data type where appropriate.

- No

Do existing 3rd party agreements restrict exploitation or dissemination of the data you (re)use (e.g. Material/Data transfer agreements/ research collaboration agreements)? If so, please explain in the comment section to what data they relate and what restrictions are in place.

- No

Are there any other legal issues, such as intellectual property rights and ownership, to be managed related to the data you (re)use? If so, please explain in the comment section to what data they relate and which restrictions will be asserted.

- No

### 2. Documentation and Metadata

Clearly describe what approach will be followed to capture the accompanying information necessary to keep data understandable and usable, for yourself and others, now and in the future (e.g., in terms of documentation levels and types required, procedures used, Electronic Lab Notebooks, README.txt files, Codebook.tsv etc. where this information is recorded).

I will compile lists of (anonymised) interviews, recordings, notes and images with key information (date, location, etc.). These will be compiled in excel (.xlsx).

Will a metadata standard be used to make it easier to find and reuse the data? If so, please specify (where appropriate per dataset or data type) which metadata standard will be used. If not, please specify (where appropriate per dataset or data type) which metadata will be created to make the data easier to find and reuse.

- No

### 3. Data storage & back-up during the research project

#### Where will the data be stored?

All digital data will be stored on my personal laptop (password protected) as well as on my KU Leuven OneDrive. Multifactor authentication with the KU Leuven authenticator app will be activated to ensure the safe storage of all data.

#### How will the data be backed up?

Data will be backed up on my KU Leuven OneDrive.

Is there currently sufficient storage & backup capacity during the project? If yes, specify concisely.  
If no or insufficient storage or backup capacities are available, then explain how this will be taken care of.

- Yes

All KU Leuven personnel have access to 2 TB of data storage on OneDrive. Data collected as part of this project will not exceed this.

#### How will you ensure that the data are securely stored and not accessed or modified by unauthorized persons?

OneDrive is a personal storage space, so files will not be accessible to anyone else unless shared by me. Multifactor authentication with the KU Leuven authenticator app will be activated to ensure the safe storage of all data.

#### What are the expected costs for data storage and backup during the research project? How will these costs be covered?

Storage on OneDrive is free for KU Leuven personnel.

### 4. Data preservation after the end of the research project

Which data will be retained for at least five years (or longer, in agreement with other retention policies that are applicable) after the end of the project? In case some data cannot be preserved, clearly state the reasons for this (e.g. legal or contractual restrictions, storage/budget issues, institutional policies...).

Anonymised and redacted notes and transcripts, photographs, consent forms, and fieldwork metadata will be retained. Recordings and scans of archival documents will be deleted, to guarantee participants' privacy and conform with Sudan Archive regulations.

#### Where will these data be archived (stored and curated for the long-term)?

The retained data will be archived on the KU Leuven RDR (research data repository).

#### What are the expected costs for data preservation during the expected retention period? How will these costs be covered?

Every researcher can store 50 GB per year for free on KU Leuven's RDR. My data will not exceed this.

### 5. Data sharing and reuse

Will the data (or part of the data) be made available for reuse after/during the project? In the comment section please explain per dataset or data type which data will be made available.

- Yes, in a restricted access repository (after approval, institutional access only, ...)

#### If access is restricted, please specify who will be able to access the data and under what conditions.

Upon request, original data will be made available, following a request by a journal or a publisher.

Are there any factors that restrict or prevent the sharing of (some of) the data (e.g. as defined in an agreement with a 3rd party, legal restrictions)? Please explain in the comment section per dataset or data type where appropriate.

- Yes, Ethical aspects

The research will involve human participants. All data be anonymised, except consent forms, which cannot be anonymised. Access to the data will be restricted.

**Where will the data be made available? If already known, please provide a repository per dataset or data type.**

KU Leuven RDR.

**When will the data be made available?**

Upon completion of the FWO fellowship.

**Which data usage licenses are you going to provide? If none, please explain why.**

Custom KU Leuven.

**Do you intend to add a PID/DOI/accession number to your dataset(s)? If already available, you have the option to provide it in the comment section.**

- No

**What are the expected costs for data sharing? How will these costs be covered?**

N/A.

## 6. Responsibilities

**Who will manage data documentation and metadata during the research project?**

Yotam Gidron

**Who will manage data storage and backup during the research project?**

Yotam Gidron

**Who will manage data preservation and sharing?**

Yotam Gidron

**Who will update and implement this DMP?**

Yotam Gidron