The Power of the Bakwits: Towards a Theological Ethics of Displacement and Encounter

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Project abstract:

Displacement is a common experience disrupting the lives of vulnerable people worldwide. Internally displaced people (IDP) experience forced displacement within borders. In Mindanao, Southern Philippines, IDPs are locally known as bakwits, a vernacular transliteration of the word "evacuate" to describe the phenomenon of social dislocation among indigenous communities. Being a people facing conflict and unsettlement, the bakwits are not merely geographically displaced but are existentially, politically, economically, and religio-culturally marginalized. Utilizing the optics of post-colonial studies that emphasize human persistence and resiliency in the face of adversity, and critical theory that critiques power asymmetries and misrepresentations of the subjugated, this study analyzes the phenomenon of displacement by accentuating the agency and creativity of the displaced. Employing constructivist grounded theory and participatory action research, this study rediscovers the voices of disenfranchised grassroots communities. Navigating between theory and praxis, this study proceeds to articulate a theology of encounter and ethics of displacement that underlines the contextuality of the displaced bakwits of Mindanao. With their narratives and perspectives as indispensable sources of theological and ethical reflection, this dissertation ultimately reimagines an understanding of Christian faith and witnessing disturbed and enriched by the reality of displacement.

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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.

Dataset name / ID	Description	New or reuse	Digital or Physical data	Data Type	File format	Data volume	Physical volume
		Indicate: N(ew data) or E(xisting data)	Indicate: **D**(igital) or **P**(hysical)	Indicate: **A**udiovisual **I**mages **S**ound **N**umerical **T**extual **M**odel **SO**ftware Other (specify)		Indicate: <1GB <100GB <1TB <5TB >5TB NA	
Audio Recordings Set 1 (ARS1)	These are recorded audio files of interviews with key informants/ research participants who identify as Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) a.k.a. "bakwits." The files have been obtained by means of a recording device. The audio files are stored in the researcher's KU Leuven OneDrive account.	N	D	S	MP3 (.mp3) WAV (.wav)	<1GB	NA
Audio Recordings Set 2 (ARS2)	These are recorded audio files of interviews with key informants/ research participants who identify as personnel or volunteers from NGOs and Church networks that look after IDP communities. These audio files have been obtained by means of a recording device. The audio files are stored in the researcher's KU Leuven OneDrive account.	N	D	S	MP3 (.mp3) WAV (.wav)	<1GB	NA
Interview Transcriptions Set 1 (ITS1)	These are the transcribed texts of audio recorded interviews of ARS1. Each interview is transcribed into one text document. The text documents are uploaded to the NVivo software for coding and analysis. There are approximately 10-15 word files stored in the researcher's KU Leuven OneDrive account for this dataset.	N	D	T	Word (.docx)	<1GB	NA
Interview Transcriptions Set 2 (ITS2)	Transcribed texts from ARS2. Each interview is transcribed into one text document. The text documents are uploaded to the NVivo software for coding and analysis. There are approximately 10-15 word files stored in the researcher's KU Leuven OneDrive account for this dataset.	N	D	T	Word (.docx)	<1GB	NA
Personal Information Forms (PIF)	These are the filled-out forms that contain the basic personal information of interviewees. These forms were voluntarily filled in by research participants prior to the interview proper. These forms are archived in a locked storage cabinet in the working office of the researcher.	N	P	T	NA	NA	40-50 pages
Digitalized Personal Information Forms (DPIF)	This is the datafile containing all the basic personal information of interviewees culled out from PIFs. This file is securely stored in a KU Loket secured folder of the researcher.	N	D	N,T	Excel (.xlsx)	<1GB	NA
Signed Informed Consent Forms (SICF)	These are the signed copies of the Informed Consent Forms provided to the research participants. They are archived for records purposes.	N	P	T	NA	NA	20-30 Forms

Bibliographic collection of primary and secondary sources (BIBL)	A collection of digital books, chapters and series, articles, and journals that constitute the literature and overview of the discourses relevant to the study. These files are uploaded to Zotero for annotations, coding, and thematic analysis. The files are also stored in the researcher's KU Leuven OneDrive account as back-up.	E	D	T	PDF (.pdf) Word (.wordx)	<10G	
Pseudonymization Matching Index (PMI)	This is a file reference for the pseudonymized data in the study which are mostly real names and other data identifiers. This file is restricted and securely stored in the KU Loket folder folder of the researcher.	N	D	T	CSV (.csv)	<1GB	NA

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:

Most existing data utilized in the project is the related literature, which is comprised of books, book sections/chapters, online articles, journals, etc. These references are identified in the bibliographical list of the study.

As regards monitoring the number of displaced people in Mindanao, Philippines, this study relies on the updated data provided by the UNCHR Refugee Agency (Philippines) available at: https://www.unhcr.org/ph/protection-cluster/mindanao-displacement-dashboards

Are there any ethical issues concerning the creation and/or use of the data (e.g. experiments on humans or animals, dual use)? If so, refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate and provide the relevant ethical approval number.

- Yes, human subject data (Provide SMEC or EC approval number below)

Approval No. (SMEC): G-2023-7255

The human subject data are only utilized insofar as providing further profiling of subjects. These data include: name, gender, religious background, age, address, organizational/institutional affiliation, etc. These data will not, however, be used for research data analysis and synthesis.

Will you process personal data? If so, please refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate and provide the KU Leuven or UZ Leuven privacy register number (G or S number).

- Yes (Provide PRET G-number or EC S-number below)

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Ordinary personal data:
Identification information (e.g. names, (email) addresses)
Personal details (e.g. age, gender)
Characteristics of individuals' home
Occupation and professional activities
Audio and video recordings
Identification Data: mobile number, titles, profession/organization
Special categories of personal data:
Data revealing racial or ethnic origin
Data revealing political opinions
Data revealing religious or philosophical beliefs
Politics: opinions/beliefs
Politics: membership of political parties/organizations

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

This project does not pose any potential for commercial valorization since it mainly focuses non-profit and volunteer-driven organizations and vulnerable communities.

Do existing 3rd party agreements restrict exploitation or dissemination of the data you (re)use (e.g. Material or 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

Only the researcher and promoters, in compliance with the GDPR of KU Leuven and the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, have exclusive access and right to the use and dissemination of data involved in the study.

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

Data culled from already existing literature, such as published articles, journals, and books, will be cited properly according to the KU Leuven's Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies guidelines for compositions of essays, theses, and dissertations. Generally speaking, the faculty utilizes Chicago Manual of Style, 7th edition. The researcher will also see to it that all citations are properly cited and non-plagiarized.

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).

All important research data will be stored in a OneCloud Drive that KU Leuven provides. This storage system is securely backed up and is only accessible through the researcher's KU Loket account. Transcriptions (ITS1 and ITS2) based on audio recordings of person-to-person interviews (ARS1 and ARS2) are uploaded, coded, and analyzed in the NVivo platform. Thematic analysis and synthesis of empirical data are also performed in the NVivo software. This dataset, which comes in the form of (.nvpx) is saved in the researcher's OneCloud Drive. The coding and analysis of the data is further guided by Kathy Charmaz's constuctivist grounded theory.

Since identifying information, specifically, the proper names and affiliated organizations/institutions of research participants, are pseudonymized, the file entitled Pseudonymization Matching Index (PMI) will serve as the guiding reference so as not to conflate the data. This file will also be accessible to the researcher's thesis supervisors for reference purposes.

Will a metadata standard be used to make it easier to find and reuse the data?
If so, please specify which metadata standard will be used.

If not, please specify which metadata will be created to make the data easier to find and reuse.

- Yes

If deemed necessary, this project will utilize the Dublin Core metadata standard. In terms of the archiving of the reviewed literature, this research makes use of Zotero with articles saved in OneDrive KU Leuven as back up.

Data Storage & Back-up during the Research Project

Where will the data be stored?

- OneDrive (KU Leuven)

This research primarily saves all important data files in the OneDrive (KU Leuven) storage. Most data stored here do not contain any personal or private information of the researcher and the participants (i.e., journal articles, desk research notes, interview questions, information letters, publication materials, pseudonymized transcripts and interview analyses).

The data that may contain personal and private information will be secured in a KU Leuven managed storage, specifically a Sharepoint On-Premise Site. Access to the site will be purchased as soon as the first interview data is generated.

How will the data be backed up?

- Standard back-up provided by KU Leuven ICTS for my storage solution

The data will be stored on OneDrive for Business. KU Leuven ICTS protects and manages the accounts used.

Is there currently sufficient storage & backup capacity during the project?

If no or insufficient storage or backup capacities are available, explain how this will be taken care of.

- Yes

Most data will consist of audio files, texts in pdf, and Word files. It is projected that the data that do not contain personal data and the videos can be stored in the 2TB storage that comes from the KU Leuven's OneDrive cloud storage, which is free for staff and students of KU Leuven. Sensitive files that have personal data will be stored in the SharePoint Online-Site which is free for KU Leuven staff and offers 5TB of storage.

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

Only the researcher (Niel John Capidos) has the restricted access to the files that contain personal data and audio interview files. KU Leuven OneDrive storage utilizes multifactor authentication to protect access to strictly confidential data.

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

OneDrive storage from KU Leuven is free for students and staff. Likewise, SharePoint online-site is free for KU Leuven staff. In the unlikely event that additional storage space is required, the researcher's Global South bench fee will be used to cover the costs.

Data Preservation after the end of the Research Project

Which data will be retained for 10 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...).

- All data will be preserved for 10 years according to KU Leuven RDM policy

The project follows a 4-year timeline and all data that are archived and generated will be preserved for 10 years according to the KU Leuven RDM policy. This project foresees no necessity to store data more than 10 years.

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

- KU Leuven RDR

The data will be archived via the OneDrive account managed by KU Leuven for at least 10 years.

Data that will contain personal and private information will be deleted once the research project is completed according to the 4-year timeline. Only the analyzed and pseudonymized interview data, and other important data gathered during the research will be kept. As such, these will be stored under the supervision of promoters (Prof. Annemie Dillen and Prof. Ellen Van Stichel) for at least 10 years.

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

It is unlikely that this storage will incur additional costs. KU Leuven's storage facility for staff (OneDrive for Business) will be sufficient. In the event that additional storage needs to be purchased, the researcher will use the bench fee fund from the Global South scholarship.

Data Sharing and Reuse

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

- Yes, as restricted data (upon approval, or institutional access only)

Part of the data may be used when the researcher publishes a research article where the generated data is relevant. The researcher's promoters will supervise the approval for the use of this data. Additionally, the used date will continue to observe KU Leuven's research guidelines on privacy and protection.

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

Only the researcher will have access and rights to use this restricted data.

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 per dataset or data type where appropriate.

- Yes, privacy aspects

Interview data may contain personal, confidential, and sensitive data such as name, gender, religion, affiliations, as well as ethnic origin, political and religious views.

Where will the data be made available?

If already known, please provide a repository per dataset or data type.

- KU Leuven RDR (Research Data Repository)
- Other data repository (specify below)

The analyzed data from the empirical research will be made available via KU Leuven's RDR (Research Data Repository). Articles that will be published as a result of the analyzed data will be made available via KU Leuven's Lirias (Leuven Institutional Repository and Information Archiving System).

When will the data be made available?

- Upon publication of research results

It is projected that analyzed data will be made available upon completion of the project and publication of the dissertation.

Which data usage licenses are you going to provide?

If none, please explain why.

- CC-BY 4.0 (data)

The project data that can be shared via the online repositories will be made available under a Creative Commons Attribution license (CC-BY 4.0), so that users have to give credit to the original data creators.

Do you intend to add a persistent identifier (PID) to your dataset(s), e.g. a DOI or accession number? If already available, please provide it here.

- No

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

There are no expected costs for many of the data repositories. However, in the event that a paid service is necessary to share data, the bench fee provided by the Global South funding will be used.

Responsibilities

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

The researcher (Niel John Capidos) will be responsible for the management of the data involved in the research. In other words, he overlooks the important tasks of proper documentation and archiving, secure storage and back up, and organized handling of metadata.
The KU Leuven supervisors, namely prof. Annemie Dillen and prof. Ellen Van Stichel, will oversee the process of retaining, reusing and sharing of analysed and generated data.

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

The researcher (Niel John Capidos) is responsible for managing the data storage and backup of the research project.

Who will manage data preservation and sharing?

As the project is ongoing, the researcher will primarily be responsible for the tasks of data management and sharing. He will, however, be guided and supervised by his promoters. Prof. Annemie Dillen and Prof. Ellen Van Stichel will look after the preservation and sharing of data after the completion of the doctoral dissertation.

Who will update and implement this DMP?

The researcher (Niel John Capidos) will update and implement the DMP.