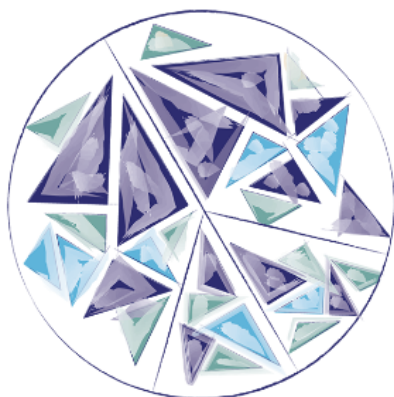


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PECE NEWS March

Research communities around the world are affected by COVID-19 shutdowns. Now, questions of open access, online teaching and digital collaboration become ever more important. Luckily, this month our newsletter is packed with great examples of how PECE supports digital scholarship.

[COVID-19 ALERT](#) is one rapid response to the global pandemic. The research network is hosted on the Disaster STS instance and developed by a transnational group of scholars. There are plenty of opportunities to participate in the growth of the network, so feel free to reach out. The network also interfaces with the public interview series [THE COVID CALLS](#) hosted by historian Scott Gabriel Knowles. You can tune in daily at 5 pm EST (for free, via Zoom) and ask experts in public health, journalism and disaster research about their work amid the outbreak. Follow [#CovidCalls](#) on Twitter for recent updates and call-in links.

While digital collaboration will likely surge in the coming months, the in-person [Austin Anthropocene Field Campus](#) needs to be postponed to Fall 2020. Until the Field Campus can take place, the Design Team, led by Ph.D. student James Adams, plans to uphold their research on energy transition in Texas through online meetings.

Beyond the pandemic, we feature two more creative ways to use PECE for scholarly expression. In her [essay in-progress](#), Angela Okune opens a discussion

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annotations, you are invited to contribute your own analysis of the data. An exciting [photo essay](#) by Maka Suarez and Ronny Zegarra takes you to Cuenca, Ecuador, where "urban tactical interventions" are used to tackle air pollution in the neighborhood of El Vado.

If you recently joined the newsletter, you can find all past and future issues in our [archive](#). To keep the conversation flowing or submit feedback, [join our public Slack channel](#). For those with active PECE instances, we invite you to share updates that you'd like circulated on this monthly newsletter on slack, or via email (tschuetz@uci.edu).

Thanks for your support and we look forward to engaging with you!

Tim Schütz

– *PECE Outreach Coordinator*



Featured PECE Essay

[COVID-19 ALERT](#)

This essay provides a link among disaster researchers working on the unfolding COVID-19 crisis. The collection currently features noteworthy news, a growing bibliography and links to useful teaching materials. The Transnational STS (T-STs) Collective uses the essay to follow COVID-19 responses in different settings, you can

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can also tune in for the #COVIDCalls, a daily discussion of the global pandemic hosted via Zoom. The calls are free and open to the public, scheduled for March 16–27, Monday-Friday at 5pm EST. You can send questions to host Scott Gabriel Knowles (sgk23@drexel.edu) and check his Twitter account @USofDisaster for daily updates and call-in links.



"Being Researched in Kibera"

Angela Okune's [essay in-progress](#) opens up a discussion about the expectations, values and experiences of being researched, based on insights shared by some Kibera residents. You are invited to contribute your own analysis of the data through the [annotate feature](#), building off of two expanding and iterative question sets [here](#) and/or [here](#) (use whichever feels more relevant for you).

Data currently includes transcripts from two discussions ([one](#) and [two](#)) held at the end of 2019 as well as a relevant [external report](#). Here are some [basic tips](#) on how to do add your own annotations to the essay/artifacts.



Postponed: Austin Anthropocene Field Campus

Due to ongoing travel restrictions and health concerns, the [Austin Anthropocene Field Campus](#) will be canceled. The campus was originally scheduled for March 24–27. However, the Design Team will continue digital collaboration and plans to hold the in-person Field Campus to a later date this year.

The Quotidian Anthropocene Austin project focuses on the players and processes of the energy transition, striving to understand cultural, social, technical and economic dimensions. You can find a growing collection of material in the [QA Austin Anthropocene essay](#).



Featured Photo Essay

DISRUPTING AIR POLLUTION IN EL VADO - CUENCA, ECUADOR

In this slideshow, Maka Suarez and Ronny Zegarra focus on air pollution in El Vado—a neighborhood located in the city of Cuenca in southern Ecuador. Here, local inhabitants have been challenging authorities to improve air pollution (mostly from car traffic) since 2010. After years without a response, the sustainable cities research department "Llactalab" (University of Cuenca) applied a tactic urbanism intervention supported by the municipality in late 2019. Through visuals and extended captions, the essay gives insight into the different actors and scales involved. This includes a monitoring campaign by Kaleidos environmental governance laboratory carried out to determine air quality changes related to urban intervention.

We are currently working to migrate the platform to Drupal 8. Following this migration, we hope to update the PECE user interfaces, improve the user experience, and strengthen the data management capacities.

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Want to install your own instance of PECE? Check out our [Github repository!](#)

PECE Instance Administrator News

The latest release of PECE is 1.23. If you need help updating, please contact [Brian Callahan](#) or [Renato Vasconcellos Gomes](#).

About

The Platform for Experimental, Collaborative Ethnography ([PECE](#): pronounced “peace”) is an open source (Drupal-based) digital platform that supports multi-sited, cross-scale ethnographic and historical research. The platform links researchers in new ways, enables new kinds of analyses and data visualization, and activates researchers’ engagement with public problems and diverse audiences. PECE is at the center of a research project that explores how digital infrastructure can be designed to support collaborative hermeneutics.



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