

THE NEW UNIVERSITY IN EXILE CONSORTIUM

SYLLABUS

DATA, DISPLACEMENT, AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

Interpreting and Analyzing Crisis Data

General Information

Field	Detail
Name of the Course	Data, Displacement, and Democratic Governance: Interpreting and Analyzing Crisis Data
Accredited Hours	Lectures — / Seminars 15 / Theoretical — / Practical — / Total 15
Duration	10 sessions, 90 minutes per session
Season	Fall 2026
Prerequisites	None. No coding, GIS, or remote-sensing experience required.
Program	The New University in Exile Consortium Co-lead Seminar
Medium of Instruction	English
Mode of Study / Delivery	Online
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Course Description

This ten-week seminar introduces participants to the political economy of humanitarian and crisis data — how it is produced, governed, extracted, surveilled, and published — using real datasets and reports from HDX, IDMC, ACLED, UNHCR, and IOM. The seminar is designed for researchers from any discipline, including history, law, journalism, sociology, and human rights, who want to bring critical, evidence-based analysis of crisis data into their work.

The course moves in a deliberate arc: Weeks 1–3 build foundational data and metadata literacy and interrogate governance and accountability frameworks; Weeks 4–5 turn to data sovereignty, decolonization, and algorithmic architecture; Weeks 6–7 examine surveillance, biometrics, and platform power as mechanisms that make some populations hyper-visible and others invisible; Week 8 applies hands-on remote-sensing and time-series methods (NASA Black Marble, MODIS NDVI, Trends.Earth) to climate displacement; Week 9 covers the ethics of annotation, captioning, and publication; and Week 10 synthesizes the full arc.

No coding, GIS license, or prior technical experience is required. Working with real crisis data and reports, participants learn not only how to read these sources but how to read them critically — recognizing what the evidence shows, what it leaves out, and whose experiences risk disappearing from the record entirely.

By the end, each participant will have produced a short **Image Interpretation Memo**, a publication-ready analytical piece grounded in the time-series and remote-sensing work of Week 8 and the annotation/captioning ethics of Week 9, drawing on multiple sources and reflecting the skills developed across the course.

This seminar holds particular meaning at a moment when conflicts in Afghanistan, Sudan, Ethiopia, and many other parts of the world continue to displace communities and restrict access to independent research. It is designed for scholars and researchers living and working closest to these realities, including those in exile, who need practical, critical tools to keep documenting, analyzing, and bearing witness to what is happening on the ground.

Weekly Schedule (Summary)

Weeks	Focus
Weeks 1–3	Foundations: data production, infrastructure decay, and governance/accountability
Weeks 4–5	Data sovereignty, decolonization, and algorithmic architecture

Weeks	Focus
Weeks 6–7	Surveillance, biometrics, and platform power
Week 8	Hands-on time-series and remote-sensing methods for climate displacement
Week 9	Archiving, ethics, and publication-ready evidence
Week 10	Synthesis: democratic futures and final deliverable

Detailed Course Outline (10 Sessions)

Required-reading totals target ~20 pages per week, per program guidance for this non-credit seminar. Videos are listed with runtime, not page count, and are not included in the page totals below. Optional readings deepen a topic for participants who want to go further and are not required. Each page figure is tagged for confidence: “**verified: file**” means counted directly from the actual PDF provided; “**verified: source-stated**” means taken from the source's own stated length where no local file exists; “**estimate**” means a reasonable approximation that should be confirmed once the specific excerpt is pulled. Notes in red mark corrections made during accuracy review.

Wk.	Topic	Description	Readings
1	Crisis, Governance, and the Political Economy of Data	Introduces core data types (raster, vector, tabular) and metadata literacy; examines how institutional mandates, funding, and methodology shape what humanitarian datasets measure and omit. Hands-on comparison of three HDX datasets for a shared crisis.	1) Specht, D. (Ed.). (2020). <i>Mapping Crisis: Participation, Datafication and Humanitarianism in the Age of Digital Mapping</i>. University of London Press. "Introduction: mapping in times of crisis" (pp. 1–11) — 11 pp 2) Bigo, D., Isin, E., & Ruppert, E. (Eds.). (2019). <i>Data Politics: Worlds, Subjects, Rights</i>. Routledge. "Introduction: Data Politics" (Chapter 1, excerpt pp. 1–5) — 5 pp 3) Thatcher, J. E., & Dalton, C. M. (2022). <i>Data Power: Radical Geographies of Control and Resistance</i>. Pluto Press. "Introduction: Technology and the Axes of Hope and Fear" (excerpt pp. 1–4) — 4 pp
2	Displacement, Borders, and Narrative Erasure	Uses the IDMC 'displacement continuum' to show how legal definitions (IDP / refugee / stateless) produce systematic undercounts. Examines the 2025–2026 humanitarian data funding cuts as a case of data infrastructure decay.	1) IDMC, <i>The displacement continuum: the relationship between internal displacement and cross-border movement in seven countries</i> (June 2020) — pp. 4–9 (Introduction and Key Messages) — 6 pp 2) OCHA, <i>The State of Open Humanitarian Data 2026</i> — excerpt on the data-funding drought (Sections 1–3, pp. 4–9) — 6 pp 3) Specht et al., “Mapping as Tacit Reconstruction of Colonial Worldviews” — excerpt, original pp. 17–26 — 10 pp
3	Humanitarian Data Governance and Accountability	Evaluates the gap between aspirational data-governance principles and enforceable practice. Compares self-regulation (IASC), transparency standards (IATI), and participatory models, and introduces “ethics washing” as an analytical lens.	Aarathi Krishnan (Harvard Berkman/Carr), "Foresight and Decolonial Humanitarian Tech Ethics — A New Digital Humanism" — video presentation, ~60 min Link: https://vimeo.com/563925280 1) IASC, <i>Operational Guidance on Data Responsibility in Humanitarian Action</i> — Executive Summary, Overview & Principles (pp. 7–19) — 13 pp 2) CHS Alliance, <i>Humanitarian Accountability Report 2026</i> — excerpt from Executive Summary & "Levers for Change" (approx. pp. 5–12) — 7 pp Required reading total: ~20 pp + video <i>Optional :</i> OCHA, <i>Data Responsibility Guidelines (2025), Section 1: Introduction</i> (pp. 6–12) — 7 pp IASC, <i>Operational Guidance, full document</i> — 44 pp CHS Alliance, <i>Humanitarian Accountability Report 2026, full report</i> IATI (International Aid Transparency Initiative) Standard — browse iatistandard.org

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4	Data Sovereignty, Algorithmic Futures, and the Architecture of Democratic Data	Synthesizes Weeks 1–3 (production, infrastructure, governance) and turns forward to algorithmic humanitarianism, AI extraction from open platforms (HDX), interoperability models, and emerging sovereign data-space initiatives. Hands-on: design a governance architecture for a crisis of the participant's choosing.	1) OCHA, <i>The State of Open Humanitarian Data 2026</i> — Section 4: Web Traffic, AI Bots and Open Data (pp. 10–11) — 2 pp 2) MERIP, “Artificial Humanitarianism” (2025) — 8 pp https://www.merip.org/2025/01/artificial-humanitarianism/ 3) OCHA, <i>Fit for the Future Series: Interoperability: Humanitarian Action in a Shared Space</i> (July 2015) — excerpt: Executive Summary and Introduction (approx. pp. 1–6) — 6 pp 4) <i>Interoperability, Track 1: Data Protection in Humanitarian Action Briefing Paper</i> — full document — 4 pp
5	Data Sovereignty and Decolonization	Introduces OCAP® and CARE principles as frameworks for community-controlled data governance; examines data colonialism as a structural extraction relationship; explores counter-mapping and displacement economies as alternatives to extractive models.	1) The CARE Principles for Indigenous Data Governance (RDA, 2019) — pp. 1–12 2) Squire & Alozie (2023), <i>Coloniality and Frictions</i> — excerpt, first half — pp. 1–8
6	Surveillance, Biometrics, and Border Technologies	Examines the Rohingya biometric data-sharing scandal and the politics of hyper-visibility versus deliberate unseeing (the “Left-to-Die Boat” case). Covers function creep, the structural limits of consent in humanitarian settings, and the visual politics of refugeehood.	Awan, N. (2024), “The Visual Politics of Refugeehood,” Gresham College lecture — video, 60 min + 20 min Q&A Link: https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/visual-politics-refugees 1) Human Rights Watch (2021), “UN Shared Rohingya Data Without Informed Consent” — pp. 1–4 — 4 pp 2) The Engine Room, <i>Biometrics in the Humanitarian Sector</i> (2023) — Executive Summary (pp. 1–4 of report) — 4 pp 3) Rothe, D., Fröhlich, C., & Rodriguez Lopez, J. M. (2021). “Digital Humanitarianism and the Visual Politics of the Refugee Camp: (Un)Seeing Control.” <i>International Political Sociology</i> , 15(1) — excerpt pp. 41–50 — 10 pp
7	Platform Suppression and Search Invisibility	Distinguishes deliberate suppression (takedowns, geo-blocking, API limits) from structural absence of data collection. Uses Google's crisis-response portfolio and UNHCR's displacement-prediction model as paired case studies in platform and institutional invisibility.	Data for Peace 2023 Conference: Baxter (Google) & Pellandra (UNHCR) — video or transcript Link: https://cic.nyu.edu/events/data-peace-annual-conference 1) Bigo, D., Isin, E., & Ruppert, E. (Eds.). (2019). <i>Data Politics: Worlds, Subjects, Rights</i> . Routledge. — Chapter on platform power, excerpt pp. 1–15 — 15 pp 2) Comparing Platform Content Moderation Guidelines Meta: Community Standards YouTube: Community Guidelines X: The X Rules TikTok: Community Guidelines (Browse the linked pages; focus on the sections listed in the comparative worksheet below. Approx. 5 pp equivalent.) Optional : Bigo, Isin & Ruppert (2019), full chapter — pp. 1–22 COMPARE dataset (Content Moderation Policies and Reports) — https://github.com/transparency-in-content-moderation/COMPARE
8	Climate Displacement and Environmental Data: A Time-Series Approach	Hands-on technical session applying time-series methods (stationarity, decomposition, ARIMA) to displacement data alongside remote-sensing indicators — NASA Black	1) IDMC, <i>Global Report on Internal Displacement 2026 (GRID 2026)</i> — Executive Summary — pp. 1–8 — 8 pp Link: https://www.internal-displacement.org/publications/summary-global-report-on-internal-displacement-2026/

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		Marble nighttime lights, MODIS NDVI, VIIRS fire activity. Builds a country-level time-series pipeline as the technical foundation for the final deliverable.	2) Trends.Earth, <i>Land Productivity Guide</i> — core methodology section — pp. 1–8 — 8 pp Link: Compute Sub-indicators 3) IDMC / <i>Humanity Centered Data, Climate Change & Disaster Displacement: 2026 Data Guide</i> — excerpt — pp. 1–4 — 4 pp Link: https://www.internal-displacement.org/ (search "2026 Data Guide") Tools & Dashboards (browse and explore): Trends.Earth — Land Change Monitoring Dashboard Link: https://trends.earth Off-Nadir Delta — Nighttime Lights Map Link: https://offnadir-delta.com/nighttime-lights-map UNHCR — Refugee Data Finder (interactive dashboard) Link: https://www.unhcr.org/refugee-statistics/insights/forcibly-displaced-and-stateless-persons/visualisation-world.html IOM — Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) Dashboard Link: https://dtm.iom.int IDMC — Global Internal Displacement Database (GIDD) Link: https://www.internal-displacement.org/database/ HDX — HAPI Data Availability Dashboard Link: https://ocha-dap.github.io/viz-hapi-availability/ World Bank — Light Every Night (data access portal) Link: https://worldbank.github.io/OpenNightLights/wb-light-every-night-readme.html Optional (for further depth): IDMC, <i>GRID 2026, full report</i> — pp. 1–40 — 40 pp Trends.Earth, <i>Land Productivity Guide, full documentation</i> — pp. 1–20 — 20 pp Climate Change & Disaster Displacement: 2026 Data Guide, full — pp. 1–15 — 15 pp Nansen Initiative, <i>Protection Agenda</i> — pp. 1–30 — 30 pp Link: https://disasterdisplacement.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/PROTECTION-AGENDA-VOLUME-1.pdf Trends.Earth, <i>Developer Guide</i> — pp. 1–32 — 32 pp
9	Archiving, Ethics, and Publication-Ready Evidence	Applies the UK Office for Statistics Regulation's misleadingness framework to images, maps, and forecasts. Covers image annotation as a political act, caption writing as an ethical practice, and a publication-readiness audit of a displacement dataset.	Royal Statistical Society, "Misuse of statistics: what does it mean to be misleading?" — panel discussion (2023), 90 min Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhP6QzoTZO8 (Note: This is the available RSS recording on misleadingness. A 2026 panel may exist; check the RSS website for updates.) 1) Humpherson, E., & Saul, J. (2026). Misleadingness: A follow-up thinkpiece. Office for Statistics Regulation — excerpt: the three approaches + blended definition — pp. 1–12 — 12 pp Link: https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/publications/misleadingness-a-follow-up-thinkpiece/

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			2) Ethical Visualization and Displacement Data Reader (course-compiled) — excerpt: poverty-porn critique + consent/community review — pp. 1–8 — 8 pp • Poverty-Porn Critique: The Guardian (2025) — Link; Shabbir et al. (2024) — Link • Consent/Community Review: "Data and Ethics – Cartographies of Courage" — Link; Hepworth (2020) — Link Tools & Resources (browse and explore): OSR — What does OSR think about misleadingness? (new working definition + case studies) Link: https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/publications/what-does-osr-think-about-misleadingness/ OSR — Misleadingness: A short thinkpiece (2020, three approaches) Link: https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/publication/misleadingness-a-short-thinkpiece/ OSR — Think TQV: Trustworthiness, Quality and Value (ethical framework) Link: https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/publications/think-tqv-how-trustworthiness-quality-and-value-provide-an-ethical-framework-for-building-confidence-and-combating-misinformation/ Optional (for further depth): OSR paper, full document — pp. 1–25 — 25 pp Ethical Visualization and Displacement Data Reader, full — pp. 1–40 — 40 pp RSS Data Ethics and Governance Section — https://rss.org.uk/membership/rss-groups-and-committees/sections/data-ethics/
10	Democratic Futures, Data Justice, and Final Reflections	Synthesis session connecting all nine weeks — production, infrastructure, governance, sovereignty, surveillance, platform power, environmental data, and publication ethics — into a single analytical framework. Participants workshop and complete their Image Interpretation Memo.	1) Specht, D. (Ed.). (2020). Mapping Crisis: Participation, Datafication and Humanitarianism in the Age of Digital Mapping. University of London Press. "Conclusion" — pp. 1–6 — 6 pp Link: https://library.oapen.org/handle/20.500.12657/46152 (Note: The book does not have a separate chapter titled "Conclusion." The final substantive chapter is Chapter 9, "Modalities of united statelessness" (pp. 217–252). 2) Mulder, F. (2025). "Justice in Humanitarian Data." In Quantifying International Conflicts. Palgrave Macmillan — excerpt: the five dimensions of data justice — pp. 1–3 — 3 pp Link: https://discovery.ucl.ac.uk/id/eprint/10211780/ 3) OCHA Centre for Humanitarian Data. (2023). "Data Responsibility and Accountability to Affected People in Humanitarian Action." Guidance Note Series, No. 11 — excerpt: key takeaways and introduction — pp. 1–2 — 2 pp Link: https://data.humdata.org/dataset/2048a947-5714-4220-905b-e662cbcd14c8/resource/725c1295-9e24-40a2-b98f-ef0844d72208/download/guidance-note-11.pdf 4) IASC. (2023). "Principles for Data Responsibility in Humanitarian Action." In Operational Guidance on Data Responsibility in Humanitarian Action — excerpt: the 12 principles — pp. 1–2 — 2 pp Link: https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/operational-response/iasc-operational-guidance-data-responsibility-humanitarian-action 5) McElhinney, H., Mazumder, A., Tjalve, M., Madigan, S., & Spencer, S. (2026). SAFE AI Framework: Standards and Assurance

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			Framework for Ethical AI in Humanitarian Action. CDAC Network — excerpt: the governance gap and right to know — pp. 1–3 — 3 pp Link: https://www.cdacnetwork.org/library/safe-ai-framework Tools & Resources (browse and explore): OCHA, Data Responsibility Guidelines (2025 revision) — https://centre.humdata.org/revised-ocha-data-responsibility-guidelines/ Centre for Humanitarian Data — https://centre.humdata.org/data-responsibility/ Humanitarian Data Exchange (HDX) — https://data.humdata.org/

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

ILO	Intended Learning Outcome	Bloom's Level
ILO1	Explain core data types and metadata conventions, and analyze how institutional mandates and funding shape what humanitarian datasets measure and omit.	Understand / Analyze
ILO2	Compare multiple crisis datasets (displacement, conflict, governance) to identify gaps, undercounts, or methodological divergence produced by legal definitions and infrastructure decay.	Analyze / Evaluate
ILO3	Evaluate humanitarian data-governance and accountability frameworks (IASC, IATI, CHS Alliance) and distinguish genuine accountability from self-regulation without enforcement.	Evaluate
ILO4	Apply data-sovereignty frameworks (OCAP®, CARE) to assess extractive versus community-controlled governance models, including interoperability and algorithmic architectures.	Apply / Evaluate
ILO5	Analyze surveillance and biometric data practices in humanitarian response, and evaluate platform suppression mechanisms against structural absence of data collection.	Analyze / Evaluate
ILO6	Apply time-series and remote-sensing methods to climate-displacement data, and produce an ethically annotated, publication-ready analytical deliverable.	Apply / Create

Teaching & Learning Strategies

Strategy	Purpose	Online Tool / Method
Instructor-Led Framing Lecture	Introduce the week's core theoretical concept before hands-on work.	Slide presentation, screen-share
Guided Hands-On Analysis	Build data literacy through direct practice with real crisis-affected datasets.	HDX, ACLED, IDMC, UNHCR, IOM DTM
Small-Group Discussion	Encourage critical comparison of datasets, governance models, and case studies.	Breakout discussion, live chat
Data Log and Governance-Design Exercises	Build habits of critical metadata reading and institutional-interest analysis.	Data Log Template, Governance Architecture Template
Case Study Comparison	Develop analytical skill in explaining why some crisis sites/populations are visible and others are not.	Biometrics case table, platform-suppression case studies
Time-Series & Remote-Sensing Workshop	Apply technical methods cumulatively toward the final deliverable.	NASA Black Marble, MODIS NDVI, Trends.Earth
Ethics and Annotation Workshop	Build responsible practices for annotating, captioning, and archiving sensitive evidence.	OSR Misleadingness Framework, caption-writing exercise

Deliverables

Deliverable	Description
Weekly Data Log	Ongoing metadata and dataset comparison notes maintained across Weeks 1–3
Reflection and Analysis	Short written reflections tied to weekly critical-discussion prompts
Image Interpretation Memo	Final deliverable: an annotated, publication-ready analytical memo grounded in the Week 8 time-series/remote-sensing pipeline, developed across Weeks 8–9 and completed in Week 10

Course Matrix: Aligning ILOs with Content

Wk.	Topic / Content	Primary ILO(s)
1	Crisis, Governance, and the Political Economy of Data	ILO1
2	Displacement, Borders, and Narrative Erasure	ILO2
3	Humanitarian Data Governance and Accountability	ILO3
4	Data Sovereignty, Algorithmic Futures, and the Architecture of Democratic Data	ILO4
5	Data Sovereignty and Decolonization	ILO4
6	Surveillance, Biometrics, and Border Technologies	ILO5
7	Platform Suppression and Search Invisibility	ILO5
8	Climate Displacement and Environmental Data: A Time-Series Approach	ILO6
9	Archiving, Ethics, and Publication-Ready Evidence	ILO6
10	Democratic Futures, Data Justice, and Final Reflections	ILO1, ILO3–ILO6 (synthesis)

Appendix

A. Core Readings

Books and Monographs

- Specht, D. (Ed.). (2020). *Mapping Crisis: Participation, Datafication and Humanitarianism in the Age of Digital Mapping*. University of London Press. (Open access.)
- Bigo, D., Isin, E., & Ruppert, E. (Eds.). (2019). *Data Politics: Worlds, Subjects, Rights*. Routledge. (Open access.)
- Thatcher, J. E., & Dalton, C. M. (2022). *Data Power: Radical Geographies of Control and Resistance*. Pluto Press.
- Haggart, B., & Tusikov, N. (2023). *The New Knowledge: Information, Data and the Remaking of Global Power*. Rowman and Littlefield.

Journal Articles and Chapters

- Rothe, D., Fröhlich, C., & Rodriguez Lopez, J. M. (2021). "Digital Humanitarianism and the Visual Politics of the Refugee Camp: (Un)Seeing Control." *International Political Sociology*, 15(1), 41–62.
- Squire, R., & Alozie, C. (2023). "Coloniality and Frictions in Data-Driven Humanitarianism in North-Eastern Nigeria and South Sudan."
- Madianou, M. (2019). "Technocolonialism: Digital Innovation and Data Practices in the Humanitarian Response to Refugee Crises."
- Couldry, N., & Mejias, U. A. (2023). *Data Colonialism and Data Infrastructures*.
- Mulder, F. (2025). "Justice in Humanitarian Data." In *Quantifying International Conflicts*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- Hepworth, K. (2020). "Make Me Care: Ethical Visualization for Impact in the Sciences and Data Sciences."
- Shabbir et al. (2024). "Poverty Porn as Humanitarian Business."
- "You Already Know Enough: Certainty and Ignorance in Data-Driven Humanitarianism" (2025).
- Verifiable Data Sovereignty for Vulnerable Populations (IEEE MDM 2026).

Reports and Institutional Publications

- IDMC. (2020). *The displacement continuum: the relationship between internal displacement and cross-border movement in seven countries*.
- IDMC. (2026). *Global Report on Internal Displacement 2026 (GRID 2026)*.
- IDMC / Humanity Centered Data. (2026). *Climate Change & Disaster Displacement: 2026 Data Guide*.
- OCHA. (2026). *The State of Open Humanitarian Data 2026*.
- OCHA. (2015). *Fit for the Future Series: Interoperability: Humanitarian Action in a Shared Space*.
- OCHA Centre for Humanitarian Data. (2023). *Guidance Note Series*, No. 11.
- OCHA. (2025). *Data Responsibility Guidelines*.
- IASC. (2023). *Operational Guidance on Data Responsibility in Humanitarian Action*.
- CHS Alliance. (2026). *Humanitarian Accountability Report 2026*.
- Human Rights Watch. (2021). "UN Shared Rohingya Data Without Informed Consent."
- The Engine Room. (2023). *Biometrics in the Humanitarian Sector*.
- Research Data Alliance. (2019). *The CARE Principles for Indigenous Data Governance*.
- OCAP® Principles (First Nations Information Governance Centre).
- Nansen Initiative / Platform on Disaster Displacement. *Protection Agenda*.
- Humpherson, E., & Saul, J. (2026). *Misleadingness: A Follow-up Thinkpiece*. Office for Statistics Regulation.
- McElhinney, H., Mazumder, A., Tjalve, M., Madigan, S., & Spencer, S. (2026). *SAFE AI Framework*. CDAC Network.
- MERIP. (2025). "Artificial Humanitarianism."
- *Interoperability, Track 1: Data Protection in Humanitarian Action Briefing Paper*.
- Trends.Earth. *Land Productivity Guide*.
- Lidén, K. (2026). Critique of the IASC Guidance on Data Responsibility.
- Tech Policy Press. (2026). "The Humanitarian Halo."
- Privacy International. (2026). WFP–Palantir partnership coverage.

Course-Compiled Reader

- Ethical Visualization and Displacement Data Reader — compiled from:
 - The Guardian. (2025). "AI-generated 'poverty porn' fake images being used by aid agencies."
 - Shabbir et al. (2024). "Poverty Porn as Humanitarian Business."
 - "Data and Ethics — Cartographies of Courage."
 - Hepworth, K. (2020). "Make Me Care: Ethical Visualization for Impact."

B. Videos and Lectures

- Chloe Sydney (IDMC). "The Displacement Continuum" — video presentation, ~15 min. *Note: the original UNU-MERIT event page no longer hosts a working recording. Use the IDMC report as the stable text companion.*
- Aarathi Krishnan (Harvard Berkman/Carr). "Foresight and Decolonial Humanitarian Tech Ethics — A New Digital Humanism" — ~60 min. <https://vimeo.com/563925280>
- Nishat Awan. (2024). "The Visual Politics of Refugeehood," Gresham College lecture — 60 min + 20 min Q&A. <https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/visual-politics-refugees>
- Data for Peace 2023 Conference: Baxter (Google) & Pellandra (UNHCR) — video or transcript. <https://cic.nyu.edu/events/data-peace-annual-conference>
- Royal Statistical Society. "Misuse of statistics: what does it mean to be misleading?" — panel discussion (2023), 90 min. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhP6QzoTZO8>

C. Online Handouts and Guides

Metadata and data literacy

- HDX Metadata Reference — <https://docs.humdata.org/about/hdx-metadata>
- UBC Library Research Commons, "Assembling your data" (raster, vector, tabular) — <https://ubc-library-rc.github.io>
- OCHA. "How to Build Data Literacy at the UN: Lessons from OCHA" — <https://unite.un.org/en/article/how-build-data-literacy-un-lessons-ocha>

Humanitarian standards and governance

- IATI (International Aid Transparency Initiative) Standard — <https://iatistandard.org>
- OCHA Centre for Humanitarian Data — <https://centre.humdata.org/data-responsibility/>
- OCHA Data Responsibility Guidelines (2025 revision) — <https://centre.humdata.org/revised-ocha-data-responsibility-guidelines/>
- Office for Statistics Regulation (misleadingness) — <https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk>
- OSR — What does OSR think about misleadingness? — <https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/publications/what-does-osr-think-about-misleadingness/>
- OSR — Misleadingness: A short thinkpiece (2020) — <https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/publication/misleadingness-a-short-thinkpiece/>
- OSR — Think TQV: Trustworthiness, Quality and Value — <https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/publications/think-tqv-how-trustworthiness-quality-and-value-provide-an-ethical-framework-for-building-confidence-and-combating-misinformation/>
- RSS Data Ethics and Governance Section — <https://rss.org.uk/membership/rss-groups-and-committees/sections/data-ethics/>

Platform content moderation policies

- Meta: Community Standards — <https://transparency.meta.com/en-us/policies/community-standards/>
- YouTube: Community Guidelines — <https://support.google.com/youtubecreatorstudio/answer/9288567>
- X: The X Rules — <https://help.x.com/en/rules-and-policies/x-rules>
- TikTok: Community Guidelines — <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/account-and-user-safety/community-guidelines>
- COMPARE dataset — <https://github.com/transparency-in-content-moderation/COMPARE>

Data sovereignty

- CARE Principles for Indigenous Data Governance — <https://www.gida-global.org/care>
- OCAP® Principles (First Nations Information Governance Centre) — <https://fnigc.ca/ocap-training/>

D. Tools, Dashboards, and Data Sources

Accessed during hands-on sessions. Not assigned as page-based readings.

Displacement and humanitarian data

- Humanitarian Data Exchange (HDX) — <https://data.humdata.org>
- UNHCR Refugee Data Finder — <https://www.unhcr.org/refugee-statistics/>
- IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) — <https://dtm.iom.int>
- IDMC Global Internal Displacement Database (GIDD) — <https://www.internal-displacement.org/database/>
- HDX HAPI Data Availability Dashboard — <https://ocha-dap.github.io/viz-hapi-availability/>
- ACLED (Armed Conflict Location & Event Data) — <https://acleddata.com>
- ReliefWeb — <https://reliefweb.int>
- OCHA FTS (Financial Tracking Service) — <https://fts.unocha.org>

Climate, environment, and remote sensing

- Trends.Earth — <https://trends.earth>
- Off-Nadir Delta — Nighttime Lights Map — <https://offnadir-delta.com/nighttime-lights-map>
- NASA Black Marble — <https://blackmarble.gsfc.nasa.gov>
- NASA FIRMS (VIIRS fire data) — <https://firms.modaps.eosdis.nasa.gov>
- World Bank Light Every Night — <https://worldbank.github.io/OpenNightLights/wb-light-every-night-readme.html>