GEO-ETHICS: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE





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PROLOGUE





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Google earth





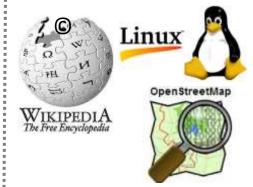


















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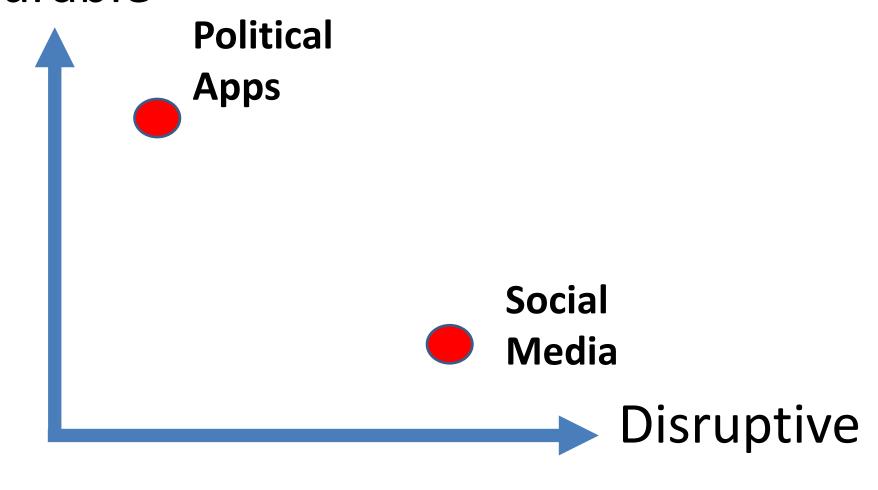
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EMERGENCE OF GEO-ETHICS

GEO

Geo-ethics

What can my data tell me about here?

What can my data tell you about me?

Who is "you"?

What can my data tell you about me?

☐ State

Data companies

Who is "you"?

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The state must ...

1. classify

2. decide

- -Is the classification legitimate?
- -Are the inferences legitimate?



But citizens can mobilise

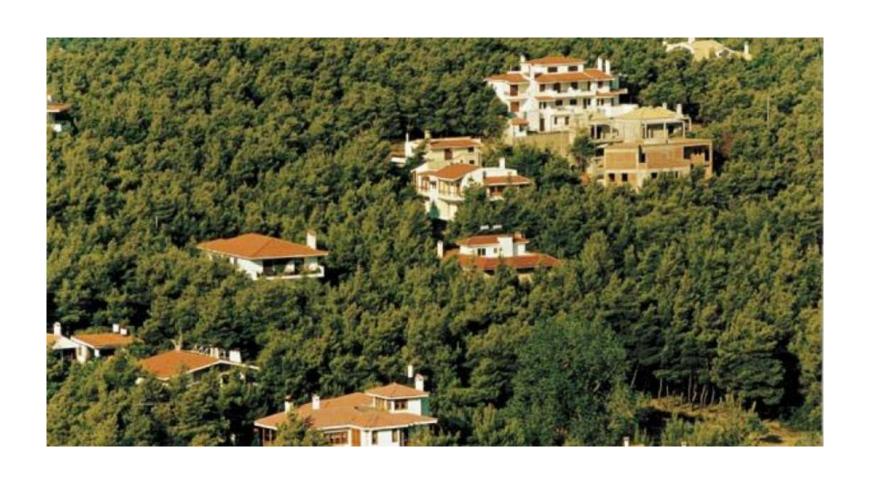


Don't count us, count your days!

Berlin 1987



The state says this a forest?



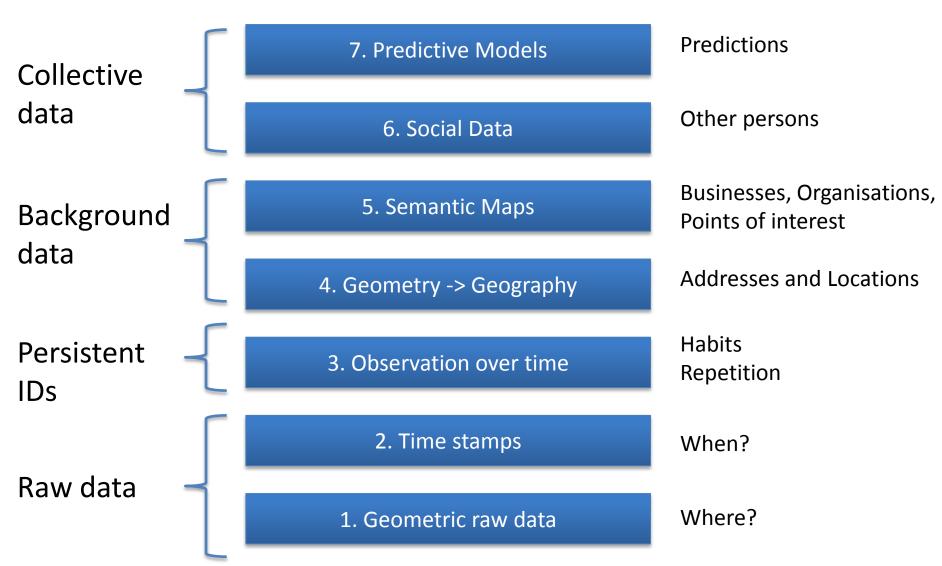
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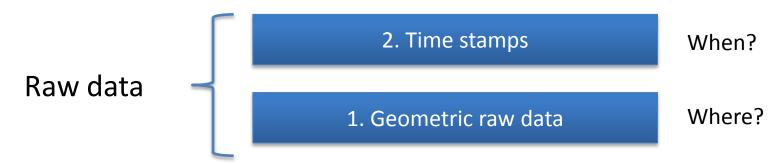
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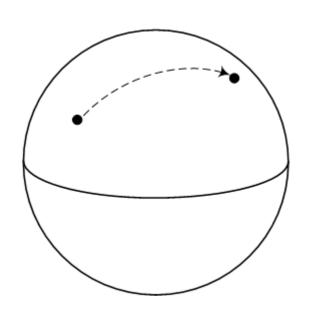
Hofmann's step model



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Geometric raw data



Latitude	Longitude
+47.661222	+9.176919
+47.661150	+9.176900
+47.661171	+9.177096
+47.661183	+9.177116
+47.661225	+9.177177
+47.661201	+9.177336
+47.661201	+9.177402
+47.661267	+9.177446
+47.661376	+9.177352
+47.661365	+9.177256
+47.661153	+9.176823
+47.661149	+9.176795
+47.661108	+9.176713
+47.661038	+9.176459
+47.661004	+9.175972
+47.660999	+9.175868
+47.661030	+9.175663

What do my data tell you about me?

"I moved along a trajectory (measured in discrete intervals) on the globe from A to B."

$$A = +47.6612222, +9.176919$$

$$B = \dots$$

What is my action radius?

Straight ahead or round about?

+ Time stamps

Timestamp	Latitude	Longitude
15 May 2013, 09:35:51 am +0200	+47.661222	+9.176919
15 May 2013, 09:37:01 am +0200	+47.661150	+9.176900
15 May 2013, 09:37:11 am +0200	+47.661171	+9.177096
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15 May 2013, 09:37:16 am +0200	+47.661225	+9.177177
15 May 2013, 09:37:22 am +0200	+47.661201	+9.177336
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15 May 2013, 09:38:32 am +0200	+47.660999	+9.175868
15 May 2013, 09:38:39 am +0200	+47.661030	+9.175663

11.61 km/h	2 5 -
16.44 km/h	
14.22 km/h	
12.99 km/h	

What do my data tell you about me?

"I moved with an average speed of 14 km/h from A to B. Possibly on a bike."

How athletic am I?

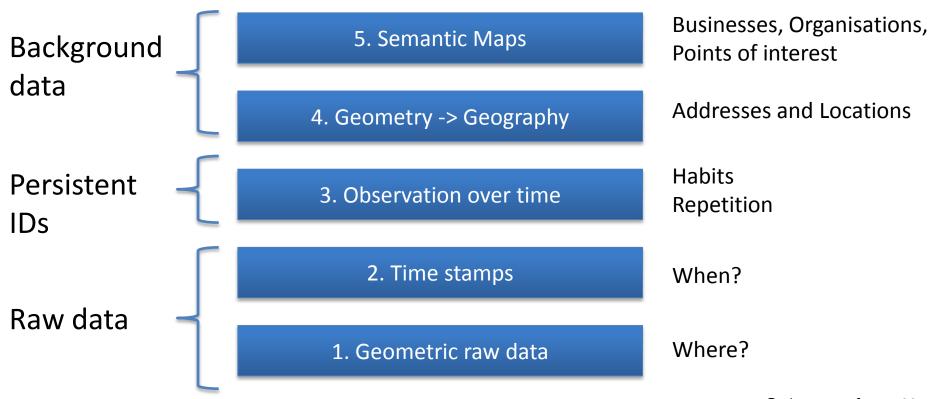
How fit am I?

Did I stop?

Do I own a bike?

Did I get lost?

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What do my data tell you about me?

"This week I visited my house doctor XY three times."

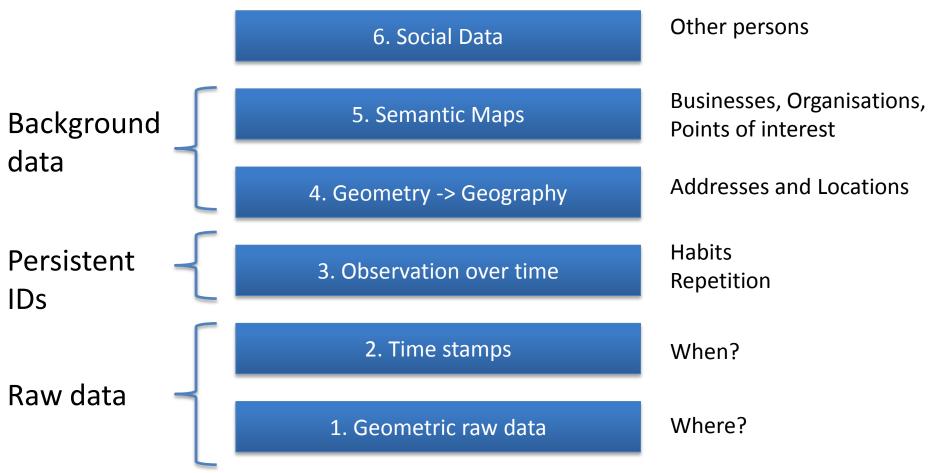
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"This week I spent 3 hours at Café Henrici."
"I spent 30 minutes at Ochsner Sport in the Bahnhofstrasse."
"On Friday at 7:00 I saw the movie Still Life in Arthouse."
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"This week I went to the City Pool for swimming twice for approx. 50 minutes."

"Saturday evening I was at Club Hive until 3:00am."

"Monday to Thursday I stop at 8:00am at Kindergarten XXX." "Within 3 days I visited the Police Station in Pfäffikon twice."

Hofmann's step model



+ Social Graph

Assumptions:

- Wall-to-wall data collection for large part of population
- Essential addresses inferred for every user
- Data connected via Social Graph =(e.g. Facebook)

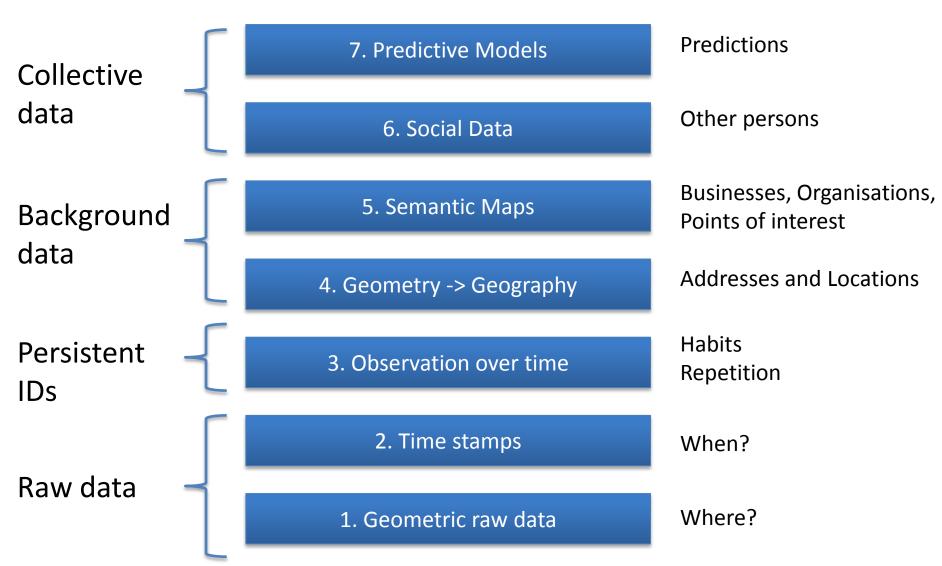
Then motion data at a social level can be interpreted

What do my data tell you about me?

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"How often do I meet my son, when and where?"
"With whom do I often go hiking or biking ?"
"How much time do I spend with my spouse? How does my marriage fare?
"Who are my colleagues?"
"Do I still see friends from school?"
"Are there persons, who I meet very often lately?"
"Did I make any friends during vacation?"
"Am I active in clubs or other organisations (e.g. political parties)?"
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"Is it possible to derive from all my traces, that you are here and are listening to this presentation?"

Hofmann's step model



What can you infer about me?

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"How probable is it that I react to an advertisement? …, that I conclude a purchase?"
"Which could be my next travel destinations?"
"When will I be on the road with my car?"
"Am I receptive to religious or political propaganda?"
"How interesting could another person be for me?" (Dating, Partnering)
"Am I trustworthy?"
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Location-based classification...Inferences?



HOW IS PRIVACY DEFENDED IN EU?

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2. Law

- based on a specific purpose made explicit by the data controller
- allowed if the subject has given consent to the processing for one or more specific purposes

KEY SERVICES - AFRICA



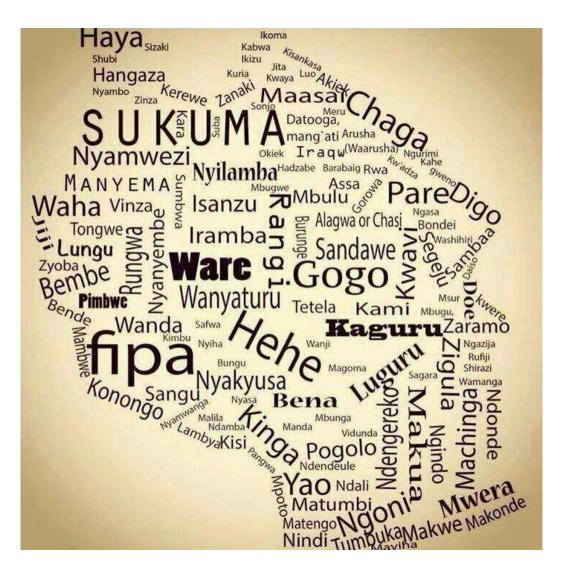






WHO DEFENDS PRIVACY IN AFRICA?

Key services in Tanzania



personal data processing

Context: local and national bureaucracy where (in)formal rules and procedures either compete or are complementary

Purpose: Who will guarantee the purpose of data processing?

Consent: Can villagers give their informed consent?

Context

Education
Health
Water
Tenure
security

USAID Mobile Application to Secure Tenure (MAST)





MAST Framework



The key component of MAST Framework is an Android-based Mobile Data Capture Application that captures land rights information

Data collected and stored on the users' handheld device

Data sent to the cloud

Context

2. Procedures and rules

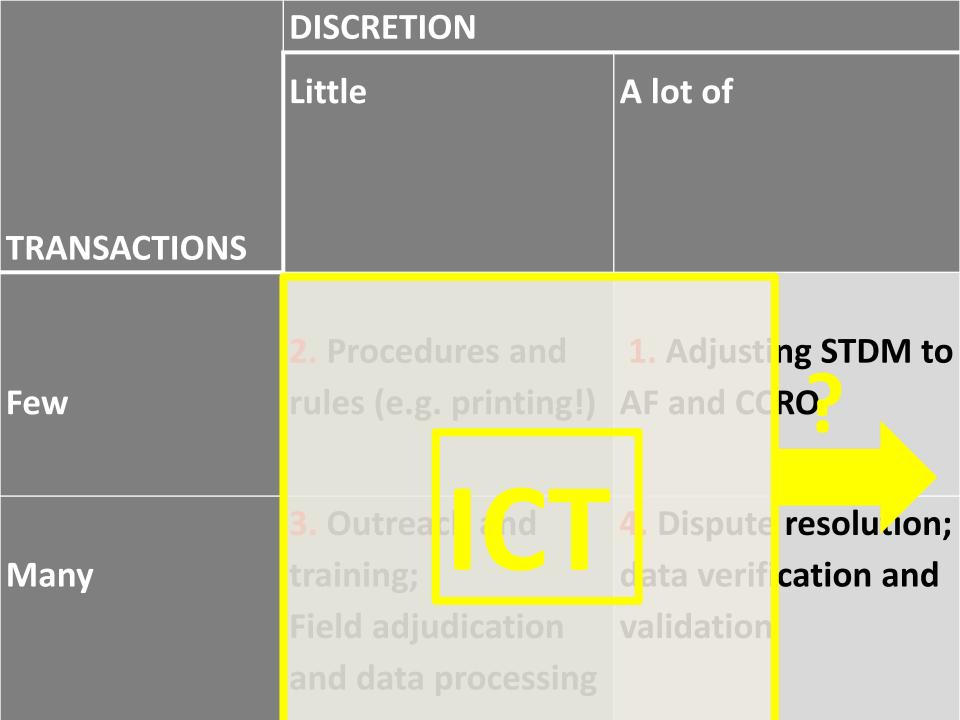
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TRANSACTIONS			
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Simplification of rules

Purpose: Data controller liable

Consent: Algorithmic transparency





Summary

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Low income	Donors	People and territory	Who thinks about: - Context?
	Nation state (?)		- Consent?
(e.g. Africa)	Data companies		- Purpose binding?

GEO-ETHICS IN AFRICA?



Surveyors?

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Lawyers?

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Ethicists?

