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A Pandemic, An Election, And A Few Survivalists.
On the Im/Possibilities of Ethnographic Research
in 2020

In late 2019, I began a new research project, concerning survivalism in France and the USA. A few weeks later, the world experienced the growth of a global pandemic at an unprecedented scale – hindering global circulation and opportunities for interaction, as well as the prospect of ethnographic research itself. Preppers could no longer gather in person; rather – like everyone else, including the ethnographer – they had to use the internet to engage with one another, leading to new organizational dynamics and forms of political visibility. By focusing on digital discourse and its relation to real-world practice, this talk will describe how empirical challenges may lead, sometimes, to new analytical possibilities.

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