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Seminar
by
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“Recent Developments in Public Participation GIS: Have we made any progress?”

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During the early 1990s GIS and Society debates among a number of prominent academics on both sides of the Atlantic ensued over the merits of GIS as a force for good or evil depending upon one's point of view. GIS was viewed as a return to empiricism and positivism and questions arose as to the potential anti-democratic nature of GIS brought about by the disparity of access to data and technology that reinforced particular knowledge-power configurations. A passionate response by others encapsulated the surprise, frustration, and anger of the GIS community to the scale and intensity of such critiques. Other GIS advocates acknowledged the validity of some of these critiques and set about doing something about it by developing a GIS and Society research agenda. This partly led to the development of public participation GIS as a concept and type of GIS application allowing the public access to spatial data and GIS technology. This seminar will examine recent developments in PPGIS and ask whether we have overcome some of the criticisms of GIS as an elitist technology.

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in Hume Building Conference Room, Third Floor

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