

eFIELDNOTES

The Makings of Anthropology in the Digital World

Edited by

Roger Sanjek and Susan W. Tratner

Sondersammelgebiet
Volks- & Völkerkunde
in Zusammenarbeit mit der DFG



PENN

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA PRESS

PHILADELPHIA

C o n t e n t s

Preface ix

Susan W. Tratner and Roger Sanjek

PART I. TRANSFORMATIONS AND CONTINUITIES

Chapter 1. From Fieldnotes to eFieldnotes 3

Roger Sanjek

Chapter 2. Digital Technologies, Virtual Communities, Electronic Fieldwork:
The Slow Social Science Adapts to High-Tech Japan 28

William W. Kelly

Chapter 3. Changes in Fieldnotes Practice over the Past Thirty Years
in U.S. Anthropology 42

Jean E. Jackson

PART II. FIELDWORK OFF- AND ONLINE

Chapter 4. The Digital Divide Revisited: Local and Global
Manifestations 65

Mary H. Moran

Chapter 5. Writing eFieldnotes: Some Ethical Considerations 78

Mieke Schrooten

Chapter 6. File Sharing and (Im)Mortality: From Genealogical Records to Facebook 94

Martin Slama

PART III. DIGITALLY MEDIATED FIELDWORK AND COLLEGIALITY

Chapter 7. Doing Fieldwork, BRB: Locating the Field on and with Emerging Media 113

Jordan Kraemer

Chapter 8. “Through a Screen Darkly”: On Remote, Collaborative Fieldwork in the Digital Age 132

Jenna Burrell

Chapter 9. Being in Fieldwork: Collaboration, Digital Media, and Ethnographic Practice 153

Heather A. Horst

PART IV. ONLINE FIELDWORK AND FIELDNOTES

Chapter 10. New York Parenting Discussion Boards: eFieldnotes for New Research Frontiers 171

Susan W. Tratner

Chapter 11. When Fieldnotes Seem to Write Themselves: Ethnography Online 192

Bonnie A. Nardi

Chapter 12. The Ethnography of Inscriptive Speech 210

Graham M. Jones and Bambi B. Schieffelin

PART V. WIDENING COMPLEXITIES AND CONTEXTS

Chapter 13. Preservation, Sharing, and Technological Challenges of Longitudinal Research in the Digital Age 231

Lisa Cliggett

Chapter 14. Archiving Fieldnotes? Placing “Anthropological Records” Among
Plural Digital Worlds 251

Rena Lederman

Chapter 15. Digital Engagements: Fieldnotes and Queries for Anthropology
Prompted by Iraqi Kurdistan in the Information Age 272

Diane E. King

List of Contributors 289

Index 291