The Contradiction and Limitation of PPGIS as a Mediation of Public Sphere – A Case Study in Rural Taiwan

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Introduction

PPGIS

Spatial information

democracy

Public Participation

Public sphere

Local context
introduction

- How is PPGIS limited as a mediation of public sphere?
- How does the exclusion effect PPGIS?
What is a public sphere?

Habermas (1989):

- Intersubjectivity
- Inter-referring
- Honor
- Bourgeois & homme
Taylor (1993):

opinions of humankind \[\rightarrow\] public opinion

metatopical common space

topical common space
The exclusion in the public sphere

Fraser (1990):
- protocol style -- strong public & weak public
- multiple public

Alexander (1992):
- binary codes
Toward a better public sphere

Lee (2004):
• intimacy

Fun (2009):
• story telling
Methodology

- Participatory research: as a actor and a researcher
- Data collecting: interview and observation
- coding
Research area
If I want to do anything, I can do it on my own, I don’t need to work with THEM, ... there is no way for things to be done by them...” (villager A)

The spread of disagreement in everyday life
• 「... the leather factories are threatening to hurt me, but I never complain...」

• 「...the time (of plead) would be the busiest time of reaping the crops, ...may be we should call off the plead, and wait for a better timing...」

The contradiction of “private” and the “public”
The exclusion of participation

- The “chatty” guy

The exclusion from the protocol style
Conclusion

- The decrease of intimacy from everyday life
- The contradiction of the "private" and the "public"
- The difference ways of communication
- As a solution: gain intimacy and story telling
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