

# DATAHUB

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## KICK-OFF

## GOVERNANCE BY DATA INFRASTRUCTURE

WELCOME to this THINKING SPACE



STEFANIA

WHAT HAPPENS TO DEMOCRACY WHEN GOVERNANCE IS EMBEDDED IN INFRASTRUCTURE?



CARINA

IMPACT in the REAL WORLD  
learning from DIFFERENT CONTEXTS

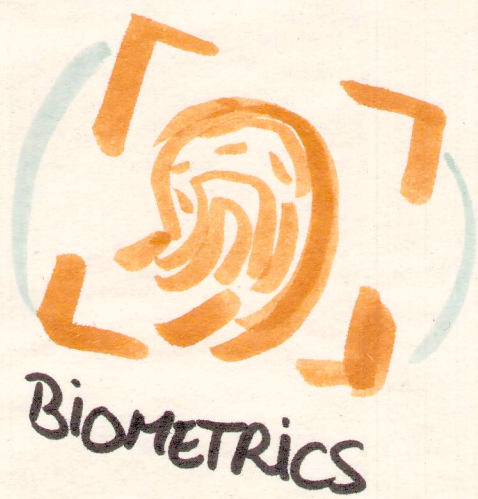
ACTORS  
CIVIL development  
METHODOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT



## MAPPING the TERRAIN



DIGITAL IDENTITY



BIOMETRICS



HEALTH TECH



EDUCATION TECH

PRIVATE vs. PUBLIC  
BAD vs. GOOD

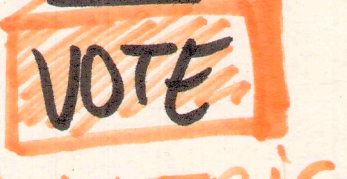
How do we steer private organisations in the direction of PUBLIC INTEREST

the DEBATE is too UNWANTED



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CONTEXT SENEGAL 60's-70's  
INDEPENDENCY



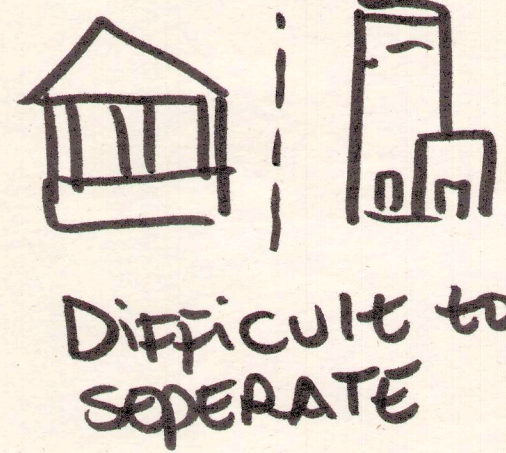
BIOMETRIC VOTING

DE-COLONIALISATION OF TECHNOLOGY

how can we discuss or debate

CONTEXT HUMANITARIAN SECTOR (refugee camps in Thailand)

COLONIALISM



DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE



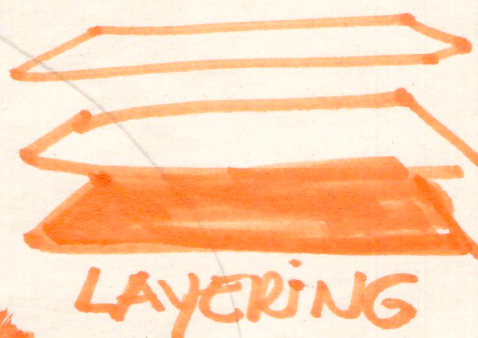
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INSTRUCTIONAL VIOLENCE

you have to CHOOSE

MULTIPLE INFRASTRUCTURES

POWER RELATIONS



LAYERING

DIFFERENT LOGICS

GLOBAL

NATIONAL NARRATIVES

CAN [HOW DO] WE ACTUALLY DISTINGUISH?

STATE STEERS  
examples RUSSIA CHINA

the CLOUD

STACK

STANDARDIZATION



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INFRASTRUCTURAL ANXIETY

domestic vs Foreign

PUBLIC vs. PRIVATE  
3rd sector?

ENTANGLEMENT

Beware of PERSPECTIVE too WESTERN

Historical now

it's POLITICS baby!

DISCUSSION

DATA ≠ DIGITAL

don't UNDERESTIMATE the LOGICS

sovereign commercial

INFRASTRUCTURAL INEQUITIES or VALUES

de CENTRALIZED vs DISTRIBUTED

PARTICIPATION

tools health police  
A NEW CONSTITUTIONAL LAYER  
inequality

DEEPLY Political



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POWER STRUCTURES

ETHICS

WE NEED TO ADDRESS DEBATE

Tools aren't NEUTRAL

SYSTEMS of CONTROL

We need a stronger THEORETICAL BASIS

SPHERE OF CARE vs SPACE of RISK

INVOLVE the COMMUNITY

ART ACTION RESEARCH

IS the STATE better than PRIVATE?

who controls what?

AGENCY POWER STRUCTURES CONTROL

FOUNDER or client?