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Finding Balance in the Post-Truth World of the Anthropocene: A Geovisual Approach

The modernist dream of development is over. Its maps and charts have limited relevance, if at all, for the post-truth world of the anthropocene. These times also call for new types of geovisualization. In spite of the characteristic indifference to facts that dominate media today, this talk suggests that geovisualization can contribute to the process of finding balance for the new situation, which transcends the perception of fragmentation in the contemporary world. Geovisualization is no panacea, but in its mutability offers modes and means of communication to facilitate understanding and change, discuss transgressions and find common ground for mitigation and empowerment. It also remains a focus of critical engagement and tension. After the predominance of maps in modernity, people around the world are developing new forms of geo-graphical communication that account for new experiences of reality. This talk will present some examples and concepts for the development of engagement and creation of geovisualizations to find balances. Even imperfect, instead of material consumption and hegemonic rhetorical constructions, these new approaches and geovisualizations support processes of finding balance in the world through the engagement with uncommon interests and the development of a dynamic sense of balance commensurate with developments in this epoch.

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