Seminar: Capturing testimony of the contemporary migrant crisis
Wednesday 20 November 2019, 9.00 – 17.00
Wivenhoe House Hotel, University of Essex, Colchester

Sharing and archiving qualitative research data for future reuse often poses ethical challenges in research with vulnerable participants and on sensitive topics. Personal stories told may be impossible to anonymise. Research participants from different cultural backgrounds may have a different understanding of ethical principles and consent, which complicates the consent procedures UK-based researchers may be familiar with. At the same time, also qualitative research data provide valuable evidence and often unique resources for future research and policy making. And even vulnerable research participants may want their voices heard beyond the primary research.

Using migration research as a case study, this seminar brings together various stakeholders to discuss the complexities and opportunities of sharing, archiving and reusing qualitative data in an interactive way. Based on views and experiences shared by researchers, research participants, migrants and their representatives and spokespeople, group discussions will aim to develop practical guidelines for sharing and archiving qualitative data for future reuse.

Programme	
9.00	Coffee and registration
9.30-9.40	**Welcome**, UK Data Service, Veerle Van den Eynden
9.40-10.05	**Thinking through the ethics and responsibilities of data sharing in migration studies** Laura Hammond, SOAS University of London and GCRF Challenge Lead for Conflict and Displacement
10.05-11.05	**Migration data in use: reusing data for policy and research** **Chair: Maureen Haaker** - Ed Packard, University of Suffolk – (De)fragmenting the refugee archive: researching the Basque children of 1937 - Norah Karrouche, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam – Reusing community oral histories to explore the history of postcolonial migration to Rotterdam - Paul Dudman, University of East London – Lived Experiences, "Moving Memories" and the Refugee Archive: The Ethics of Archiving and Oral History in the Preservation and Re-use of Migration Data
11.05-11.30	Coffee / tea break
11.30-13.00	**Challenges, possibilities and opportunities for sharing migration data for reuse** **Chair: Louise Corti** - Darena Hristozova, New Europe Centre for Regional Studies, Plovdiv University, Bulgaria – GEMM project: The lived experiences of migration - Katharine Jones, MEDMIG project, Coventry University - Ann Singleton, Mediterranean Missing project, Bristol University

	- Giorgios Tsimouris, Pantheion University, Greece – Transitory Lives: An Anthropological Research of the Migration Crisis in the Mediterranean
13.00-13.45	Lunch break + short animated video of the Archive of Migrant Memories
13.45-15.15	**Research participants' perspectives on risks and opportunities for archiving and reuse of migration stories** **Chair: Gemma Hakins** - EVI-MED project partnership: Elio Tozzi, Borderline Sicily; Dora Papadopoulou, Greek Asylum Service; Eleonore Kofman, Middlesex University and Alessio D'Angelo, University of Nottingham - Mayssa Jallad, American University of Beirut and Relief Centre, UCL – Citizen Social Scientists as stewards of community knowledge in Hamda, Beirut - Nina Moraitou-Politsi, Refugee Council UK – Advocacy work with refugees - Giulia Sbaffi, Archive of Migrant Memories (Archivio delle memorie migranti), Rome - Shakir Syed, research participant's perspective
15.15-16.00	**Group discussions (4 groups)** **Facilitators: Helen Porter, Louise Corti, Maureen Haaker, Veerle Van den Eynden** - Pros and cons of preserving migration research data for future reuse - How to discuss data sharing / reuse with research participants - Ownership / stewardship of migration stories and knowledge - Views of migrants / refugees as participants or partners in research on what to do with their stories after the research - Research as a platform for migrant voices - Participants as equitable partners or vulnerable subjects - Do RECS support or hinder sensitive research - Can practical ethical guidelines for sharing migration stories for reuse develop? - Etc.
16.00-16.15	Tea break
16.15-16.45	Synthesis of group discussions + cartoons
16.45	Closing remarks