Listen to The World; Map

Building upon the work of Alan Lomax, R Murray Schafer, Chris Watson and Bernie Krause the research of the Global Sound Movement is **inspired by their diverse research into archiving, sound ecologies and location recordings.** However, **this project differs in that it seeks to make available the materials generated through the research to interested parties via new digital technologies developed as part of the project.**

The research fieldwork took place globally, including sites in China, Uganda, Bali, Croatia, Morocco, Cyprus, England, France, Italy, the Caribbean and the USA, and was conducted between June 2015 and October 2018. In total, over 450 recordings have been made.

In addition to such an ambitions and geographically wide-ranging dataset having never been gathered/ compiled before, **the originality of the work ultimately lies in its dissemination insofar as a specially constructed, user-friendly open-access, website has been developed that allows users, through a map interface, to hear sound(s) of/from the different locations** by 'zooming in' on the globe. Users can also embark upon a timeline of sound by listening to recordings made from the same location at different times of the days and/or in different climactic conditions.

A further feature, hitherto unseen in this area, is that the website allows for end-users to upload their own spatially specific/spatially particular sounds to the archive to be shared with other users.

The work is interdisciplinary insofar as, whilst it is primarily a piece of work that lies in the scholarly field of phonography and sound recording, it involves elements of both cultural anthropology and each of human and physical geography; ostensibly in the identification of the particular locations chosen for the recordings.

The significance of the research lies in that, in addition to contributing to the work of sound archiving and driving forward research in this academic area generally, it has engaged the wider non-academic community.

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