

Should remote sensing researchers take measures to keep data that focuses on or images society private?

Academic 1

If there are parts of the image you are not using for research, this seems a reasonable thing to do...In the same way you mask incoherent stuff [incoherent pixels in InSAR data], you could mask private information.

Academic 2

That image is fundamentally capturing the infrastructure...so, yes to the ethics approval, but I think we have to account that the data is freely accessible anyway and it's there for others to use. If you're deriving a product and doing interpretation, to what extent do you need to apply masking to something someone [could access anyway]?

Academic 3

Is the data itself the part that is ethically problematic, or is it your judgment of the group [in the image] in question? You probably shouldn't say: "oh the state has done this". [Instead] you draw a set of conclusions that lead to these things. The data itself is just pixels.

**Focus Group 1
responses**

a)

Academic 1

If you are interested in SO₂ [a volcanic gas] and you accidentally capture some images in high resolution of people and you're not studying or interested in them, then I don't think for me that would present an ethical problem.

Is there an ethical review process for using a UAV?

Academic 1

As an individual no, but as soon as the University realises...then you would have to go through ethical review for sure.

**Focus Group 3
responses**

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