Rethinking Research Ethics, Power, and the Risk of Visibility in the Era of the “Alt-Right” Gaze
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Introduction

- In this paper, we discuss about the issues and challenges that scholars face in the era of the "alt-right" gaze, setting the stage for the paper's critical analysis of these issues and its call for a rethinking of research ethics in the digital age.

- The significance of this trend for academic freedom and the pursuit of knowledge.

- The power dynamics at play in academia and how they contribute to the vulnerability of certain scholars to online harassment and surveillance.
Operation Digging DiGRA

Operation Digging DiGRA was a campaign launched by a group of individuals associated with the "alt-right" movement to expose what they perceived as bias in the academic field of digital game studies.

Using the hashtag #OperationDiggingDiGRA, some individuals publicly declared their intention to fact-check and peer-review every DiGRA conference paper.
Visibility and the “Alt-Right” Gaze

◊ There is a need for new theoretical understandings of how the "alt-right" engages in surveillance of others, particularly social and new media scholars.

◊ Foucault’s work on regimes of visibility sensitizes us to the ways that technological apparatuses can be used as tools for discipline and surveillance.

◊ Laura Mulvey’s came with the concept of the “male gaze”.
Rethinking Researcher Risk

◊ The author suggests 3 ways scholars can move forward.
◊ Research on the "alt-right is risky and can have negative consequences.
◊ Scholars need to be thoughtful and strategic in how they engage with the "alt-right" and its supporters.
Conclusion

❖ There is a need for a rethinking of research ethics in the digital age.

❖ The rise of the "alt-right" movement and its associated tactics of targeted harassment and surveillance pose a significant threat to academic freedom and the pursuit of knowledge.

❖ The importance of protecting academic freedom, promoting ethical research practices, and fostering collaboration and solidarity among scholars.
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