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Working with Third Sector Organizations to develop digital technologies: Design as Justice-Oriented Ecologies

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“Ways of knowing, theories and concepts have ethico-political and affective effects on the perception and re-figuration of matters of fact and sociotechnical assemblages, on their material-semiotic existences (Barad, 2007; Haraway, 1991). Ways of studying and representing things can have world-making effects.”

Maria Puig De La Bellacasa, 2017

Charities,
NGOs,
activists,
community
groups

**Alex Feis-Bryce**

Director of Services, National Ugly Mugs Scheme

THE BLOG

Why the Third Sector Must Be Political



Most of us could get more money and have more resources at our disposal in the private sector or even in the public sector. We do what we do because we identify with those for whom we advocate and are disgusted at the injustices they face. Surely we are doing a profound disservice to them if we choose to remain silent rather than joining with them in calling for changes that will improve their lives.

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"We don't campaign." "We're not political." "We just provide services." Three phrases, uttered frequently by fellow CEOs in the third sector, that I'm sick of hearing.

Every charity was set up to address a need, to support or advocate for people who are left behind by mainstream services. Or, in our case, to support people whose safety is compromised by laws that discriminate against them and police that too often see them as problems to solve rather than members of the public

the main problems. If we didn't speak out to change those laws or challenge

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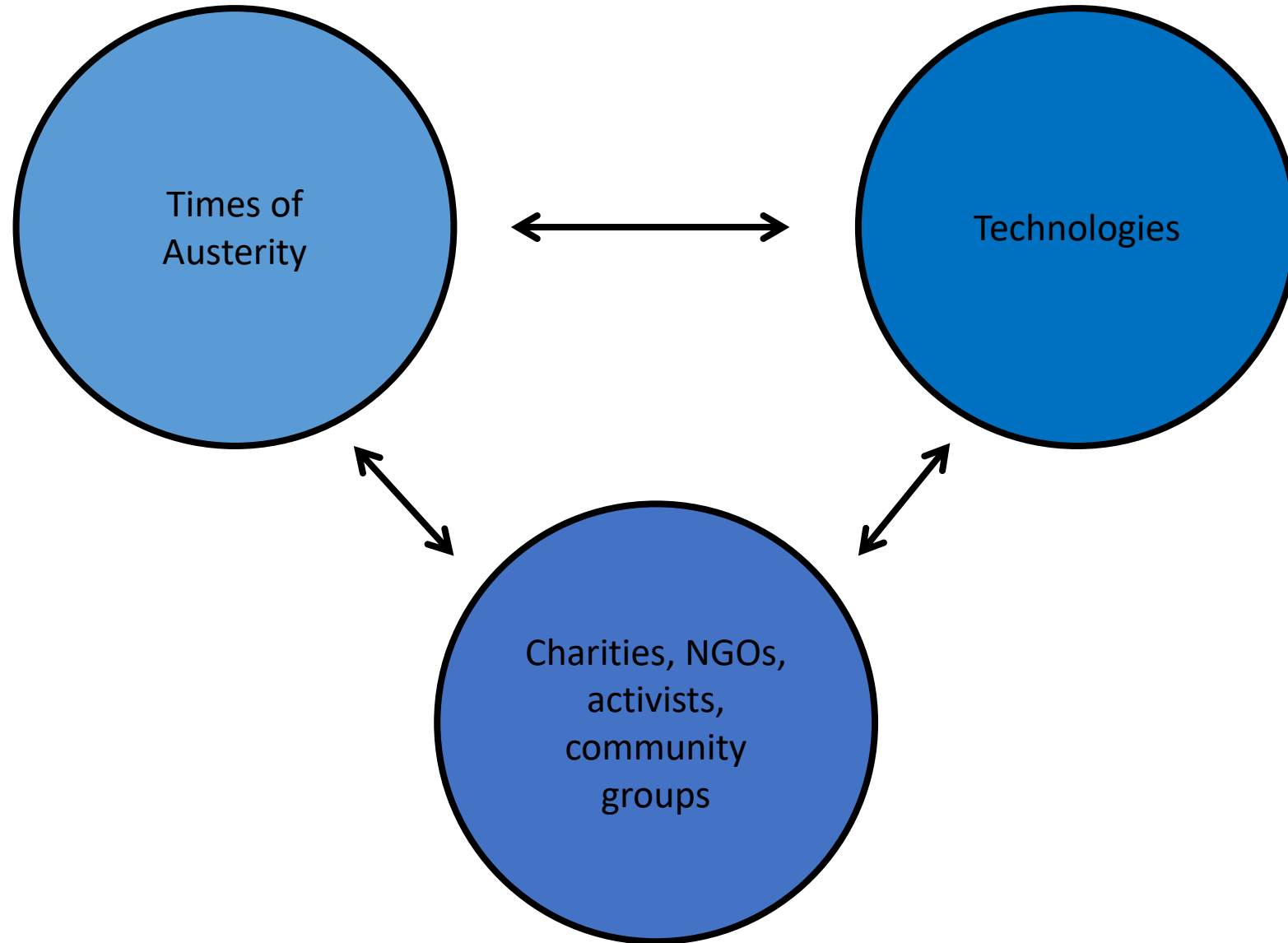
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Technologies



Times of
Austerity





Field Work
(Collaborations,
2016-2018)

Attempting to work
on moving towards
more just worlds
with and through
Design and HCI

2014 Learning among People Experiencing Homelessness in Romania

2015 VoiceBoard: peer support for addiction peer support mentors

2016-18 Administrative tech and ending violence against sex workers

2016-17 The Red Umbrella Archive: Technologies to commemorate lives lost to violence perpetrated against sex workers

2017 The Partnership Quilt: Sewing a touch-interactive quilt to share womens' experiences of service delivery

2017+ Collecting trans sex workers' experiences of healthcare provision in the UK to improve services

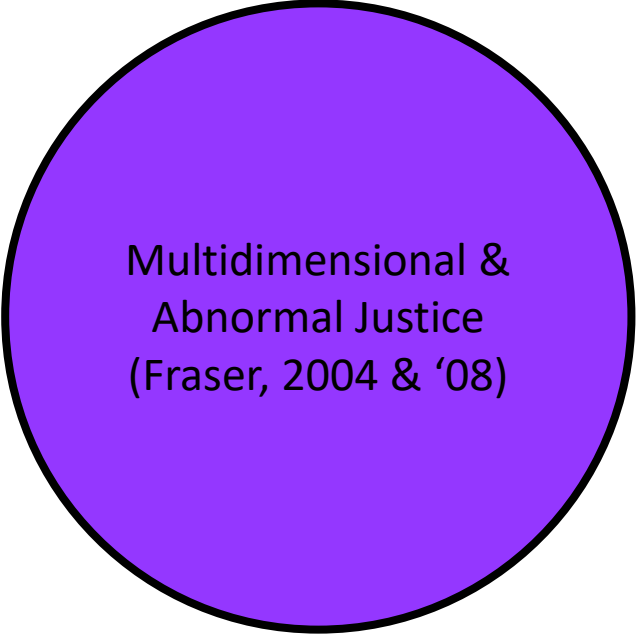
2018 Imagining new technologies with and for sex workers to share information about potentially dangerous clients

2019 Evaluating research impact on Welsh sex work support services, healthcare, and policy development



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worlds with and through Design and HCI

socio-technical systems
are inextricably tied to
socio-political contexts



Multidimensional &
Abnormal Justice
(Fraser, 2004 & '08)

What does justice
mean?

How do we get
there?

Who gets to decide
how we get there?

“we can then use design processes with the affected communities as a way of pinpointing routes towards and enacting genuine political change to tackle the injustices at their roots, rather than designing technologies in an attempt to rectify some of the symptoms of abnormal justice.”

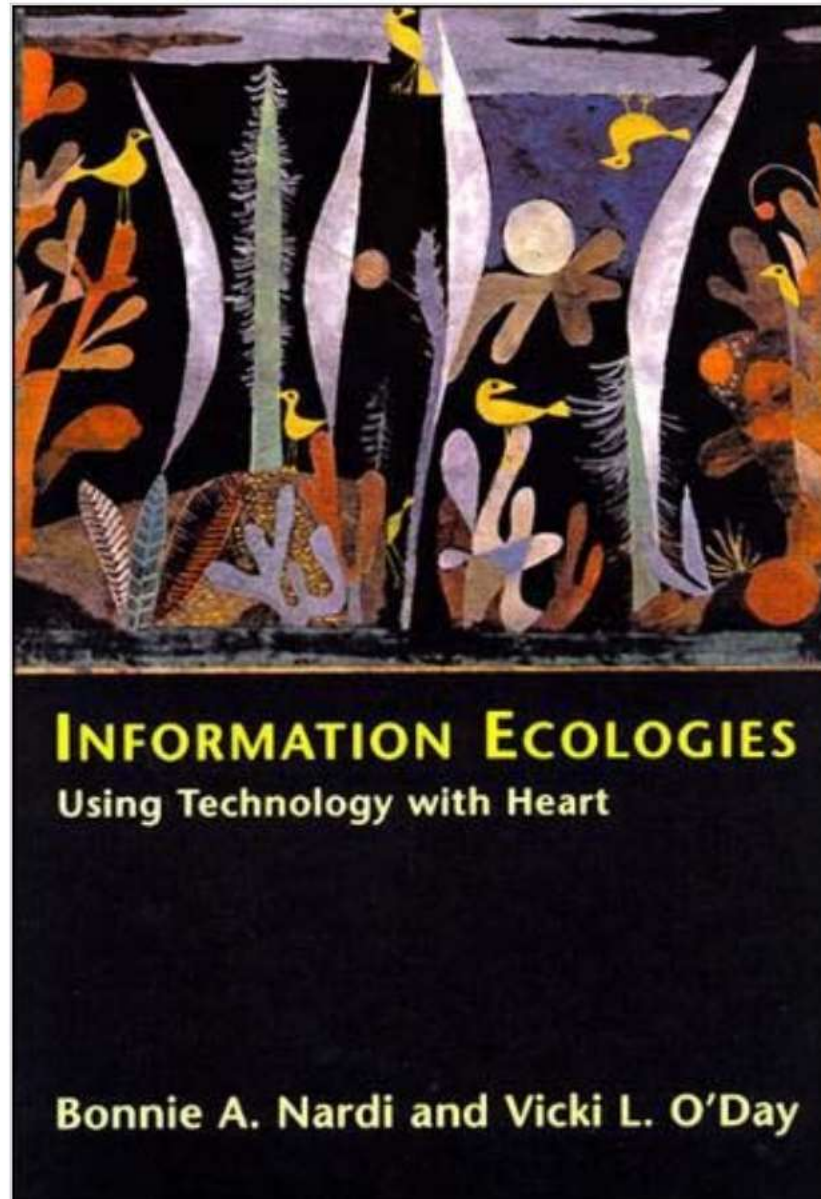
(Strohmayer, Clamen, & Laing, 2019)

Information
Ecologies, Using
Technologies with

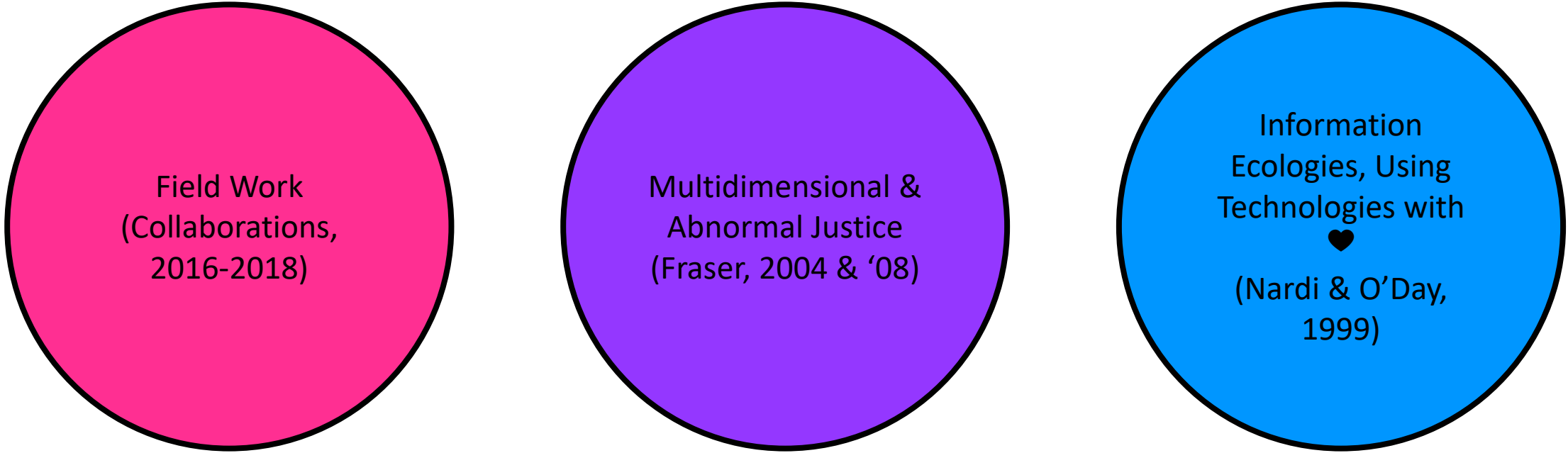


(Nardi & O'Day,
1999)

A call for informed,
responsible
engagement with
information
technology at the
local level.



a system of people,
practices, values,
and technologies in
a particular local
environment



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