

Geography and the New Empirics

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1. Range of what counts as valid areas for empirical research has expanded enormously

2. Range of what counts as empirical material has expanded

3. The range of techniques for generating research material has become much more catholic

4. Openness to re-examining, rediscovering, reconnecting with older geographic traditions

5. We are - perhaps - becoming less hung up on theory

6. The notion of critique and critical-ness has been shifting

Challenges...

- Mastering wider range of techniques
- Developing and mastering new styles of description
- Connecting with others outside the discipline