Archaeological practices, knowledge work and digitalisation

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We all know what is an archaeological practice, yes?

Practice versus practice.

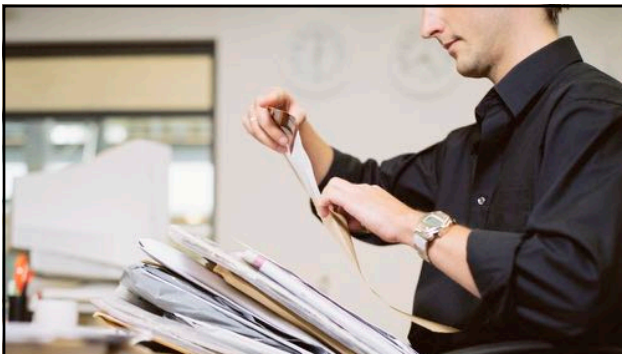# "mode, relatively stable in time and socially recognized, of ordering heterogeneous items into a coherent set"

Silvia Gherardi, *Organizational knowledge : the texture of workplace learning*
(Oxford: Blackwell, 2006).

"embodied, materially mediated arrays of human activity centrally organized around shared practical understanding"

Theodore R. Schatzki, "Introduction: Practice theory",
in Theodore R. Schatzki and Knorr Cetina, Karin and von Savigny, Eike, ed.,
The practice turn in contemporary theory (London: Routledge, 2001), pp. 10--23.

Knowledge work?

Information work sustains knowledge work sustains work.

Perspectives to archaeological practices.

"archaeological practice"
≈ what is being done in archaeology, or
what is being done by archaeologists.

"archaeological practice"
≈ field practice

practice vs theory

Diversity of practices

**traditional practice
vs. open practice
vs. participatory practice**

Beale, Nicole, "How community archaeology can make use of open data to achieve further its objectives", *World Archaeology* 44, 4 (2012), pp. 612--633.

On-going work in COST-ARKWORK WG3

Bourdieu, Callon, Latour, Knorr Cetina, Stengers …

Why bother?

archaeological practices–how archaeology is done in practice (sic!)–are constitutive of the boundaries and distinctions that define what archaeology is.

Thomas Yarrow, "Different Ways of Knowing an Archaeological Excavation", in Matt Edgeworth, ed., *Ethnographies of Archaeological Practice: Cultural Encounters, Material Transformations* (Lanham, MD: Altamira Press, 2006), pp. 20--32.

critical science studies as a premise of understanding archaeological knowledge production and as "an integral part of archaeological practice"

Wylie, Alison, "Moderate Relativism, Political Objectivism", in Ronald F. Williamson and Michael S. Bisson, ed., *The Archaeology of Bruce Trigger: Theoretical Empiricism* (Montreal: McGill-Queens University Press, 2006), pp. 25--35.

Both theoretical and empirical question.

Especially important when practices are changing.

Suggestions

archaeological practices encompass all activities that belong to the domain of archaeology, directly contribute to its aims and follow its epistemological norms and ideals.

archaeology-related practices to describe practices that excert influence on or are influenced by archaeological work or archaeological pursuits of knowledge

the both are supporting and supported by their respective forms of **knowledge work**, which are again, sustained by their respective forms of **information work**

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