

Citizen sensing: the potential of collected data for litigation and mediation

..stories from Basilicata and beyond

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“Citizen sensing as a source of evidence in environmental litigation and as a tool for mediation”



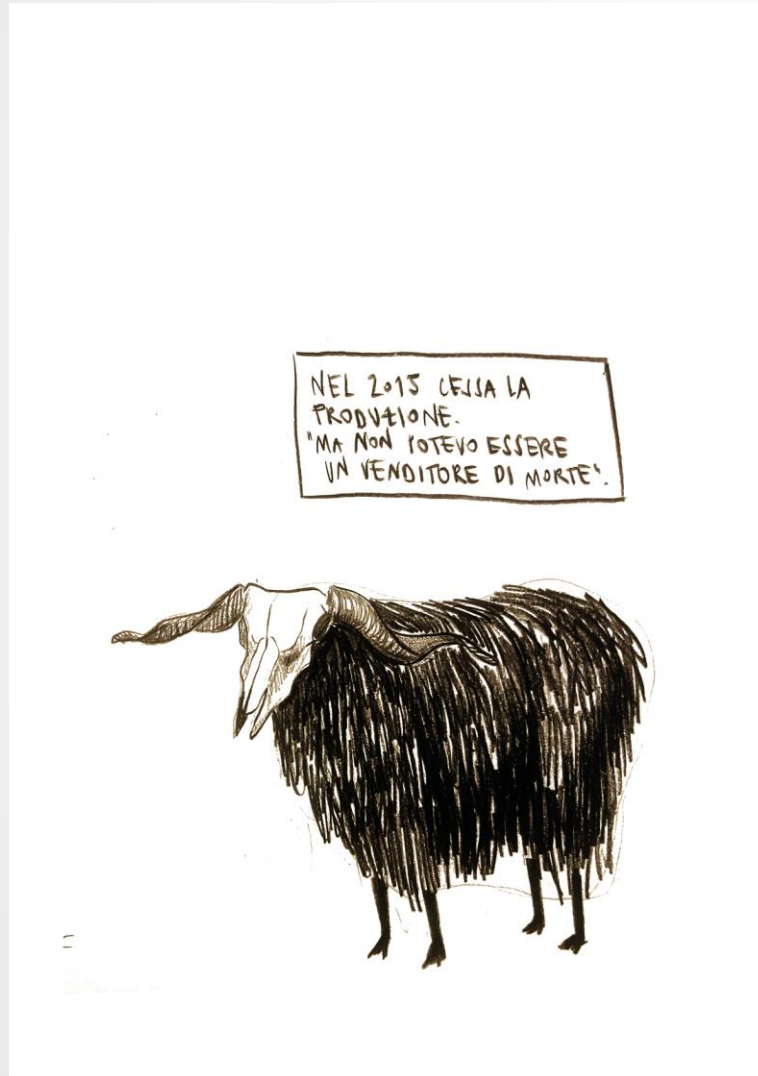


*Recently back from fieldwork
in Basilicata*

Andrea Marinelli's pictures

<https://sensingforjustice.webnode.it//on-the-footprints-of-the-civic-sentinels/>

A story of clash



Alice Toietta's drawings

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Inspiring quotes

“I produced ricotta and exported it all over the world, but I abandoned my production: *I couldn't be a death dealer.*”

Distrust



Inspiring quotes

“We are *a people without a father*: the institutions use the system to hide the situation or just remain silent”.

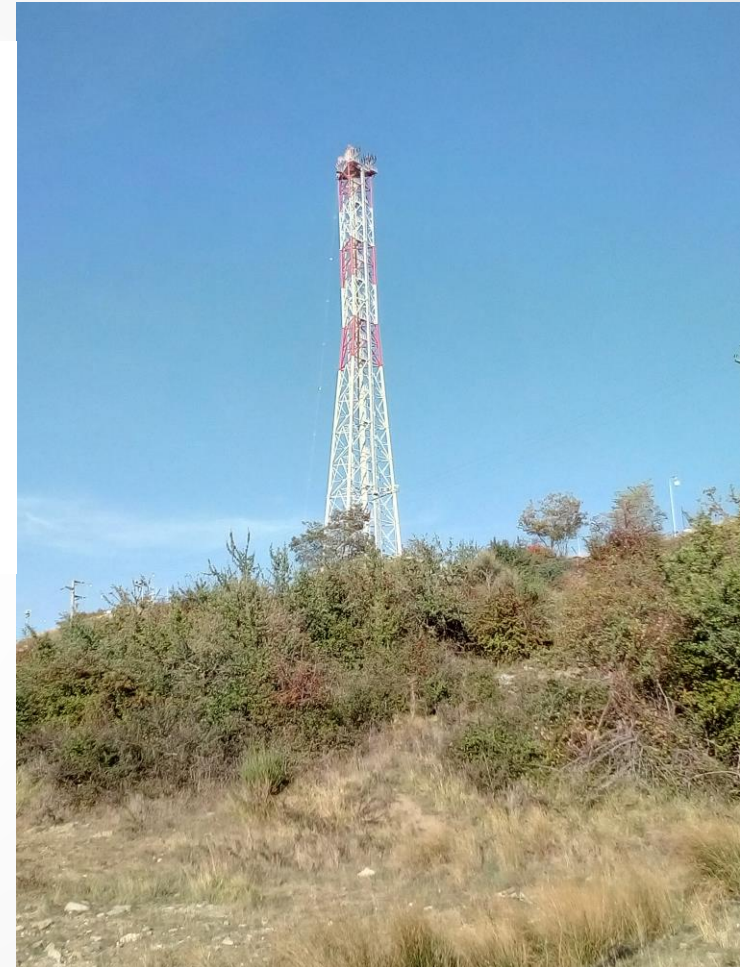
Covered truths



The search for correlations



Powerful evidence



Frustration and faith



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The litigation(s) – At stake



The litigation(s) – Evidence



The litigation(s) – Parties



The litigation(s) – Outcomes/status



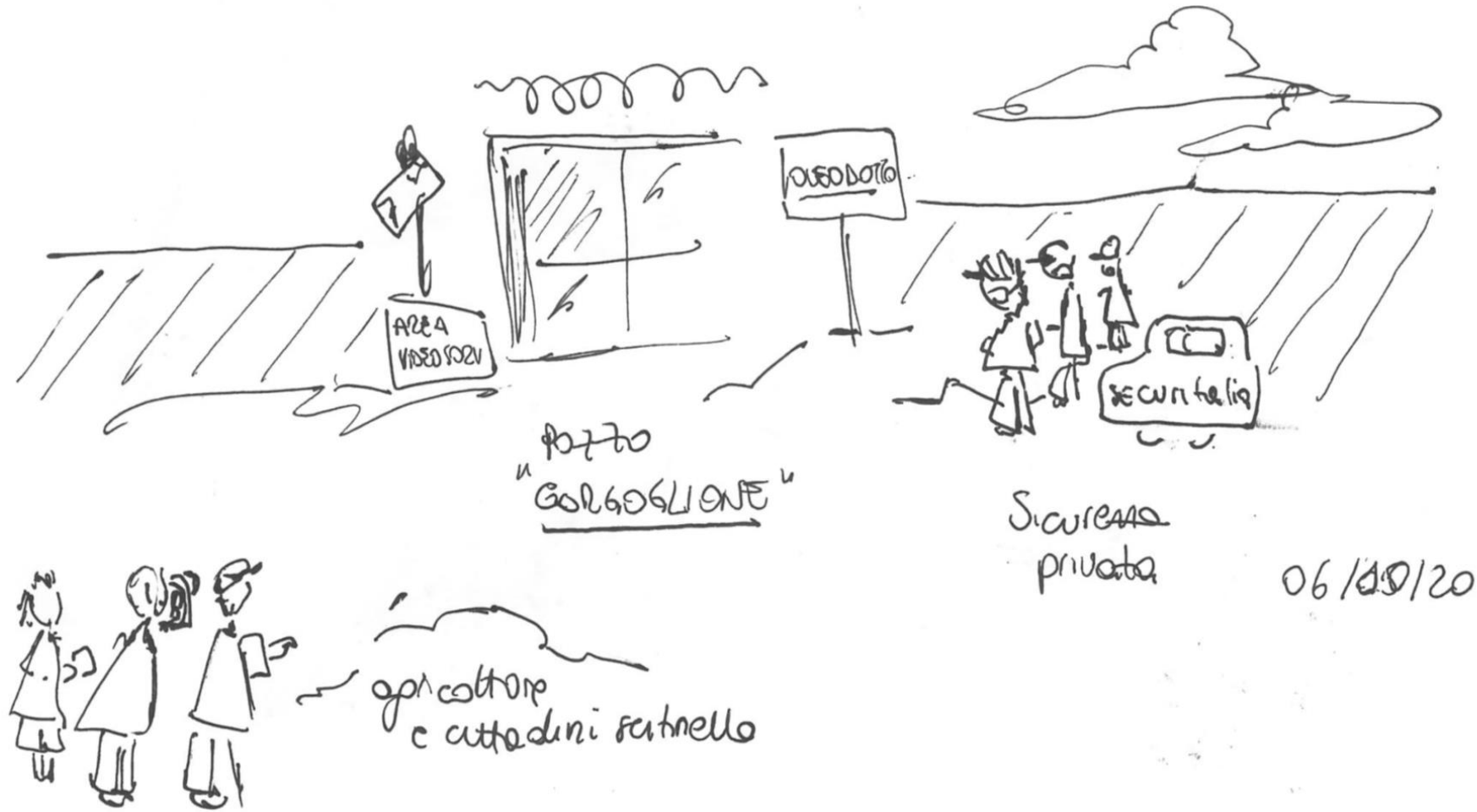
Need and royalties



Inspiring quotes

“The law does not ask to look for heavy metals in milk. *If the law does not ask, why do I have to look for them?*”

The state of 'fear'



Inspiring quotes

“They treat us as if we were terrorists, even when we are *only doing our job of providing information.*”

The role of the media



Inspiring quotes

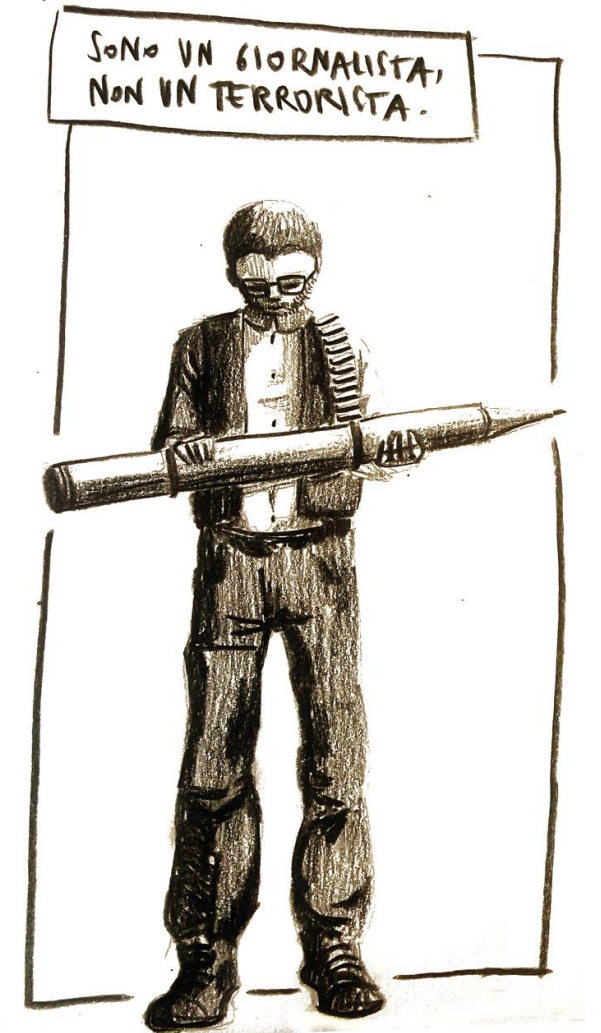
“Recognizing the right to contribute to environmental information would *legitimise the action of investigative journalists and citizens acting as informers*”.

The role of the scientists





Citizen Sensing but...
there is way more:
- freedom of information
- freedom of expression
- the right to health
- dignity...



Lessons

- the value of fieldwork
- the 'genuine' civic sentry
- the query for a response
- the differentiated trust/faith



Thank you for your attention!
Questions?

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