

Wishlist 2072: Amit Kaushik

In this sketch, make a long list of topics, issues, questions and places that you hope to research over the next 50 years. Taking care of this list over the course of your career will help you make decisions about projects you should join, or not, and about how to elaborate or delimit any project you are involved in. Please submit as a PDF file format.

1. Emerging tools and technologies like drones, camera traps, radio-collars, etc. in wildlife conservation, and how they are shaping and will shape human-wildlife relationships. Understanding how materials of modernity recreates coloniality.
2. Quantitative variables used in assessing measures like quality of life, community engagement, human well-being, etc. in protected areas. Who pushes quantitative research and whose standards they follow? What is average, and who decides it? What is the impact of global reports (WHO, UNDP, etc.) on the locality of these variables?
3. Understanding what geospatial tools and technologies do not tell you about geographies, whom it excludes and what it includes.
4. Whom community-engaged research in conservation engages with? When there is high migration from villages in protected areas, who is the community? Ghost villages?
5. What technological interventions are there for village communities? How they deal with changes in governmentality?