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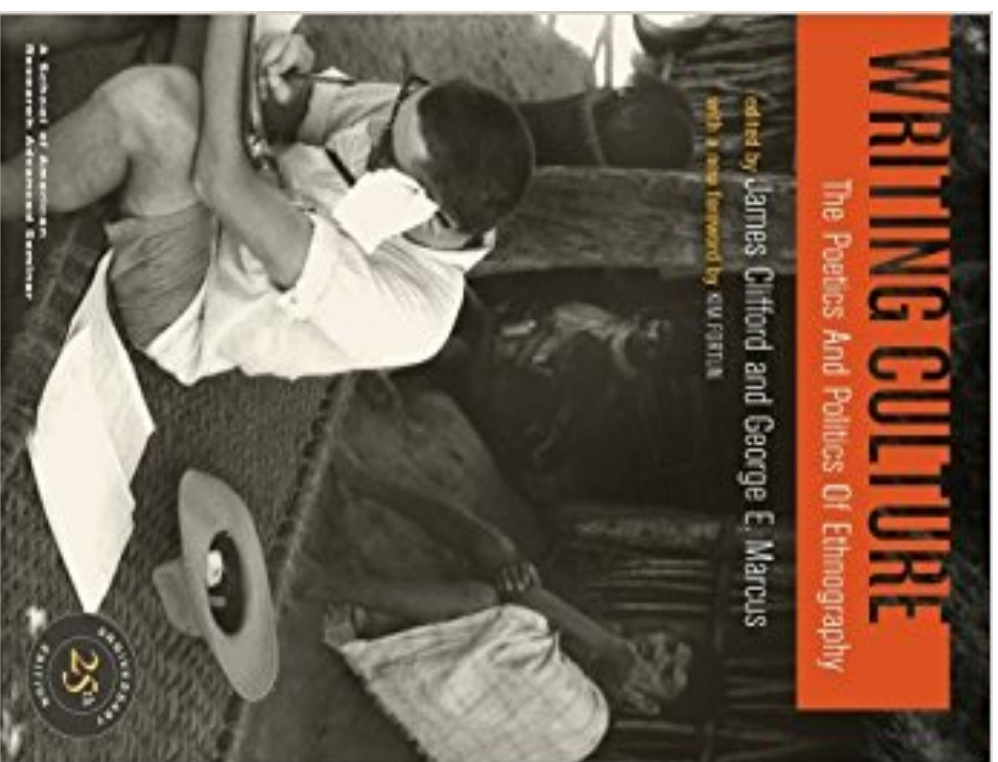
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The Poetics And Politics Of Ethnography

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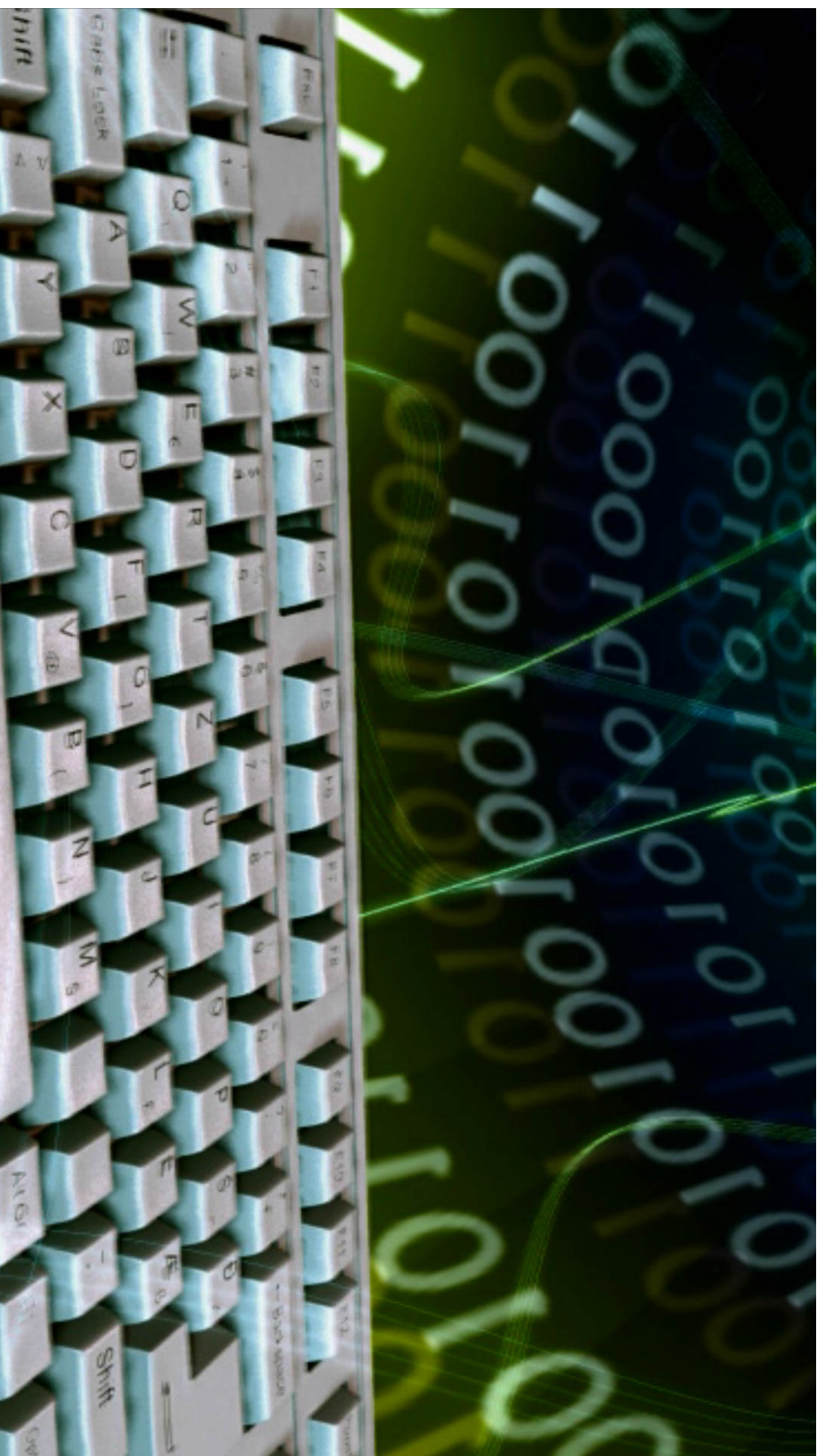


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Data (n): plural of *datum*, Latin for thing that is given. Also, something given as a “basis for reasoning or inference”

Data: a gift



THE GIFT

[*The Form and Reason for Exchange*
in Archaic Societies]

TRANSLATED BY W. D. HALLS • FOREWORD BY MARTIN DUGGLES

MARCEL MAUSS

"A profound and original book" - from the foreword

Give a gift

Receive a gift

Reciprocate the gift

No free gifts!

Gift = social relationships

Gift = 3-part relationship

Gift= harmony + discord

Data = gift

Human Genome Diversity Project



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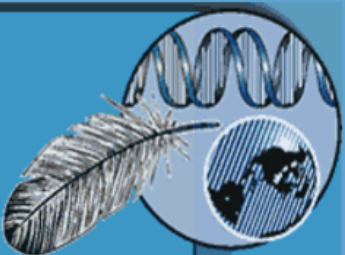
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Introduction

A group of scientists at Stanford University have collaborated on a large study to understand genetic diversity in human populations. We analyzed genomic DNA from 1,043 individuals from around the world, determining their genotypes at more than 650,000 SNP loci, with

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Indigenous Peoples Opposition to the HGDP

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1. **Karioca Declaration (June 1982) Brazil**

An assembly of indigenous peoples worldwide who met prior to the UN Conference On Environment and Development (Earth Summit) in Rio De Janeiro.

2. **The Mataatua Declaration (June 1993)**

A meeting of over 150 participants, from 14 UN member states, who developed and tabled with the United Nations the Declaration:

3.5 Calls for an immediate halt to the ongoing Human Genome Diversity Project until is moral, ethical, socio-economic, physical and political implications have been thoroughly discussed, understood and approved by indigenous peoples.

3. **The UN-Working Group on Indigenous Populations (July 1993-94)**

An annual UN meeting at which on average 300-400 indigenous representatives attend. The working group and the Sub-commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (comprised of 26 human rights experts) in Aug. 1994 approved Article 29 in the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Article 29: Indigenous peoples are entitled to the recognition of the full ownership, control and protection of their cultural and intellectual property. They have the right to special measures to control, develop and protect their sciences, technologies and cultural manifestations including human and other genetic resources, seeds, medicines, knowledge of the properties of fauna and flora, oral traditions, literatures, designs, and visual and performing arts.

4. **Maori Congress (1993)**

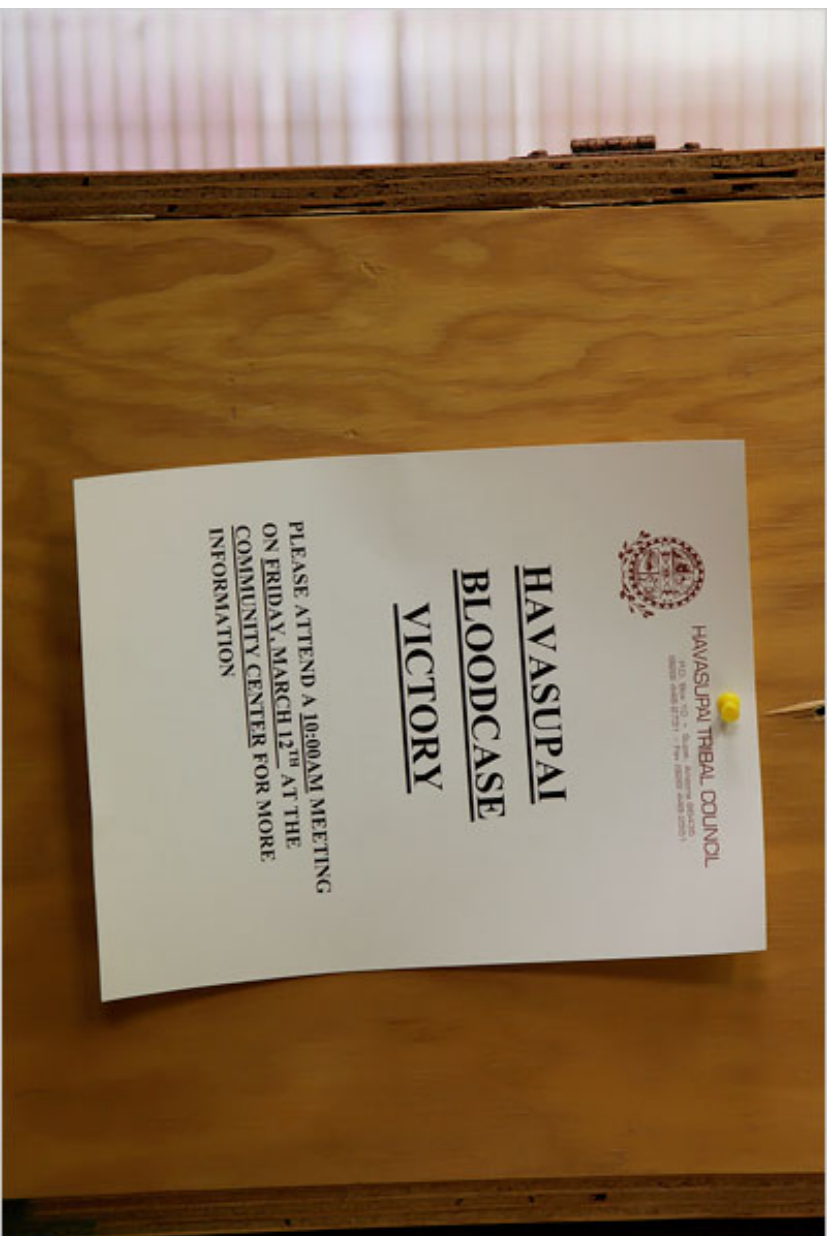
An assembly of representatives of the tribes of the North and South Islands of Aotearoa, passed resolutions at three Executive Meetings, condemning the Project, the patenting of life-forms and the potential for the GATT to encourage exploitation of genetic materials.

5. **World Congress of Indigenous Peoples (1993)**

WCIP are the ones who re-named the Project "The Vampire Project". They have been consistent critics of the Project and of human genetic research in general, working directly alongside communities at risk.



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