This presentation asks why the military-industrial complex known as Bergkristall (which drew on slave labor from KZ Gusen II to construct the tunnels and the ME 262 jet) continues to be left off maps or diminished in narratives about the Holocaust, German air-armament construction, and World War II. 13000 humans were murdered there, many of them Polish and Hungarian Jews. An examination of recent German, Austrian, and American academic and public histories reveals the persistence of nationalist narratives that have allowed the history of the Holocaust in Austria to be presented as “un-knowable,” enabling the absence of this important air armament complex and extermination-by-labor site from the historical record.

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Efraim Roxas, Geography
Mapping Sea Level Rise Exposure in Tacloban City, Philippines
This study demonstrates hazard exposure mapping of potential sea-level rise (SLR) for Tacloban City, Philippines. It explores how the use of different digital elevation model (SRTM, CoastDEM, Lidar DEM) and different SLR + storm-surge scenarios would affect population and building exposure to coastal flooding. The hazard modelling was done in GIS using a raster-based bathtub-fill and static approach. Exposure mapping used latest census population (2015) and building footprint from OpenStreetMap. Hazard exposure is an important input in vulnerability and risk assessment that often informs adaptation planning and comprehensive planning. This was the initial stage of my PhD research which now had to be shifted due to COVID-19 impacts on fieldwork which I will also share.

Cassandra Kepple, Higher Education
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Angela, Media & Communication Studies
A Change in Perspective: Enhancing Access Through Crisis
This study analyzes secondary survey data, collected by FSU’s Office of Distance Learning, to reach a contextualized understanding of the experiences of higher education instructors as they transitioned from their usual instructional methods to alternative methods, known as emergency remote teaching (ERT), in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, during the Spring 2020 semester.