Collecting the ephemeral social digital photograph for the future

Collecting Social Photo by

Nordiska museet, Stockholm County Museum, The Finnish Museum of Photography and Aalborg City Archives



Collecting Social Photo is a project spanning over three years (2017-2020), researching how museums and archives can change how we work with photography collections in the age of social media.

Collecting Social Photography (CoSoPho)

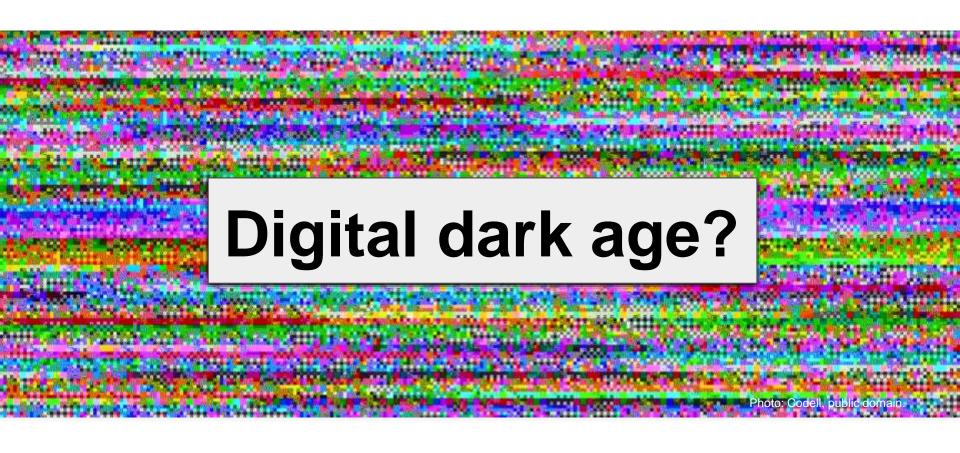
A collaborative research project between
The Nordic Museum, Stockholm County Museum,
The Finnish Museum of Photography, Aalborg City Archive
and the Department of Social Anthropology & Department of
Culture and Aesthetics at Stockholm University.

An advisory board with eight researchers from Denmark, Finland, Sweden, and Great Britain.











The social digital photograph

Dependent of its context, being an **assemblage** of geodata, motif, text, emojis, likes, shares and networks.

Social photography can be regarded as a form of **communication**, where the visual resembles words and language.

It is ephemeral, at risk of being deleted or locked in.

Readiness to collect

Monitoring contemporary society

#instasuomi

#openstockholm

#metoo

#holidays

#knytblus

#midsommar

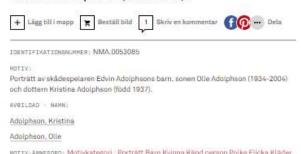
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Infrastructures

- It has to "be there"
- Not immediately dependant on external technical staff.
- The collecting interface as a natural part of the collections management ecosystem



Porträtt av skådespelaren Edvin Adolphsons barn, sonen Olle Adolphson (1934–2004) och dottern Kristina Adolphson (född 1937).



User friendly interfaces

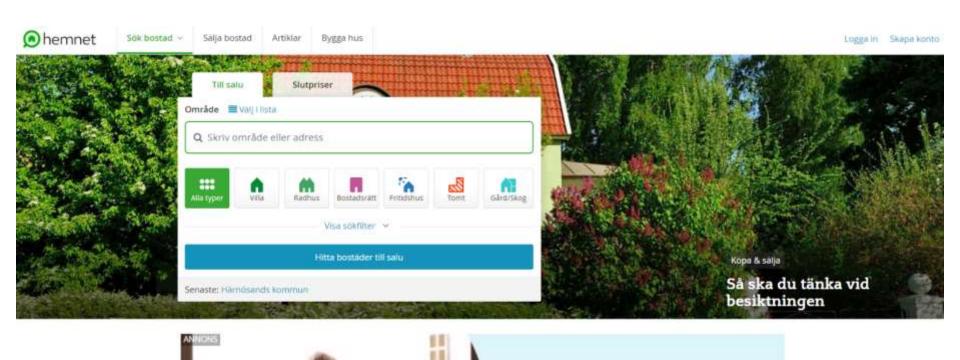


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Collaboration

- Collaborate with other museums and archives to share resources and knowledge
- Collaborate with communities in order to build trust and reach out
- Collaborate internally to achieve successful outreach, collection and dissemination

Successful outreach

- A web app is not enough well designed outreach initiatives are central
- Different strategies for different types of collecting initiatives
- This requires internal cross collaboration and mandate – break the silos!



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KNYTBLUS IDAG? BERÄTTA FÖR NORDISKA MUSEET: Fredag 13 april

2018 trendar #knytblus och #knytblusförsara på sociala medier. Kampanjen är en kommentar till händelser kring Svenska Akademien. Har du postat något, eller delat, i sociala medier i anslutning till kampanjen? Har du tagit en selfie? Ladda upp din bild och berätta varför du deltagit: https://minnen.se/tema/knytblus

Knytblusen på bilden kommer ur Nordiska museets samlingar. Den är gjord av svart bomull/polyester, långärmad, helknäppt modell med mjuk krage som slutar med knytbland. Skall knytas i rosett som hänger. Enkelknäppt fram med sex st plastknappar och maskinsydda knapphål. Tillverkad 1972, Blusen bars till mönstrad långkjol och svarta lackskor av kvinna f. 1942.



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HAR DU POSTAT BILDER i sociala medier i samband med händelserna på Drottninggatan den 7 april? Har du använt dig av hashtags, till exempel #openstockholm, #prayforstockholm eller #tillsammansärvistarka? Ladda upp dem på www.minnen.se så sparar Nordiska museet dem för framtiden!

Direktlänk till insamlingen: www.minnen.se/tema/openstockholm



Trust... and...

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What's in it for me?

A web app for collecting photography



Why a web app?

- We need a tool to collect shared workload, images available immediately, facilitating participation
- Building on the experiences from <u>www.samtidsbild.se</u> and <u>www.minnen.se</u>
- Exploring how we can lower the threshold for participation

The changing needs of the audience

- Digital first > mobile first
- On my terms, when I want to
- Tell my story
- A personal experience > relevance to me
- A social context
- Expectation for preservation

Levels of participation

- Contribute with photos
- Collaborate around collecting initiatives
- Co-produce a collecting initiative
- Let communities initiate and run the collecting initiative

Complementary methods

- Observation, Interviews, Photo documentation,
 Collection of objects, Surveys...
- Successful outreach campaigns in social media engaging audiences to contribute
- Museum experiences bringing collecting and disseminating together

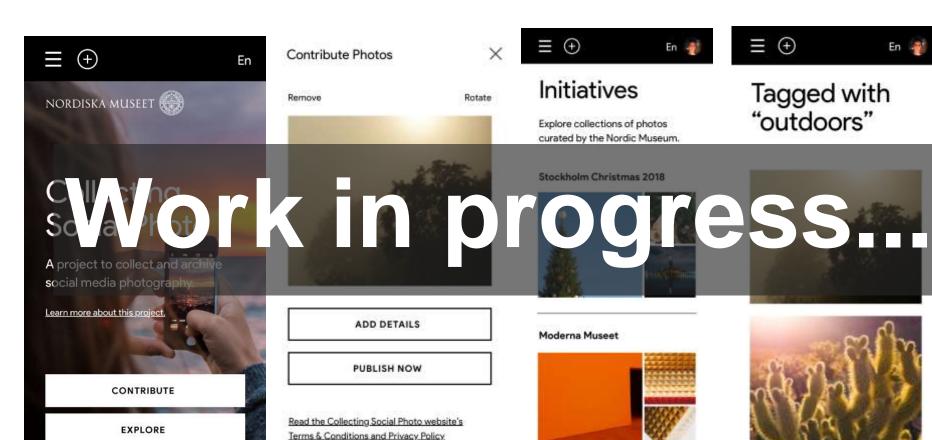


Image recognition

- Potential large amounts of photographs not enough resources to document in detail
- How can image recognition help museums and archives describing photography collections?
- Is it ready to be used?
- A case study by Arran Rees, Leeds university

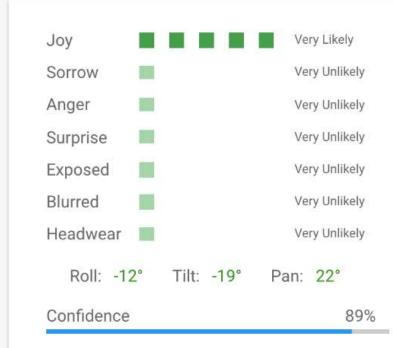
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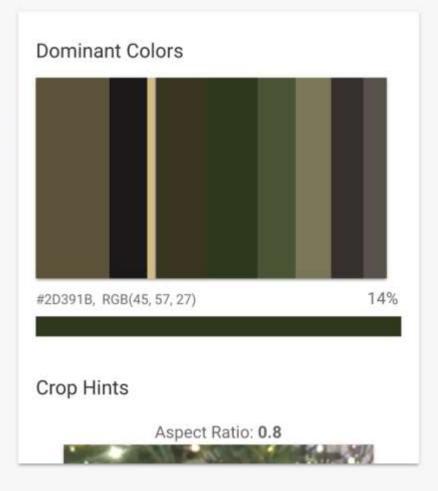


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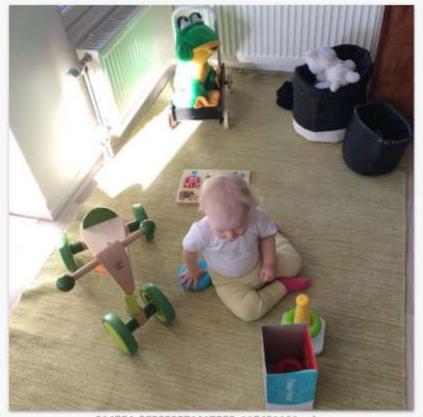


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What's next?

- Further testing of the web app
- Conference March 2020
- Anthology
- Project report
- Web app released on Github

Thank you!

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