“Learning and Collaboration Across the Art/Social Science Divide (?): Our Experience With ‘Scale’”

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Our section of the workshop will focus on our experience of working together on “Scale,” an award-winning installation / ethnography / theory project conducted and exhibited in 2013-2014 (more info at: https://vimeo.com/89527147; and at http://cornellhci.org/scale). We’ll start with a brief introduction to Scale, as manifested both in its installation form(s) and associated scholarly writing projects. Then we’ll step back from the final result to talk about the collaborative process by which Scale came about: where it came from, what we learned, and the several bumps experienced along the way. We’ll also offer reflections on both the pleasures and limits of this collaboration, as experienced from both the art (Taezoo) and social science (Steve) sides, and some concluding thoughts on what lessons our experience might suggest for other/future collaborations between artists and STS-inflected social scientists.