

Review of: "Is Fieldwork losing its grace? Encountering Western and Indian Experience"

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The entire premise of this article, that fieldwork is losing its centrality in both Western and Indian anthropology, is based on rather outdated texts that undermine the very premise that the author is trying to argue. The author begins by quoting Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban, who was the co-chair of the American Anthropological Association in 1985 (which was 37 years ago), and most of the text cited since then have been in the twentieth century, with one exception. It makes it hard to make such an argument when you don't cite any of the recent literature. I agree that the nature of fieldwork is certainly changing, particularly due to COVID - which I don't see the author addressing at all. If you're arguing that fieldwork is losing its importance in the discipline, I recommend talking about COVID, as the pandemic put a stop to a lot of in-person fieldwork and required anthropologists to rethink how they are going to collect data.