

Guides & Handbooks

Name	Description
Bellingcat Resources ↗	The resources section on the website has a large amount of guides on a variety of topics including geolocation, using satellite imagery, and so on.
Bellingcat Tech Series ↗	Youtube series that helps open source researchers learn how to use tools and research methods.
Verification Handbook ↗	Several editions which are available in multiple languages: Verification Handbook , ↗ Verification Handbook for Investigative Reporting , ↗ Verification Handbook for Disinformation , ↗ Media Manipulation . ↗
Global Investigation Journalism Network Resource Center ↗	Guides on various journalism-related topics including open source investigations. Other sections are amongst others: Investigative Techniques ↗ and Reporting Tools & Techniques ↗
Quiztime ↗	Solve geolocation challenges to improve your skills.

[Recordings from the International Journalism Festival](#)



Bellingcat's Online Investigation Toolkit

open source research skills. By Julia E

Recordings of most sessions from the International Journalism Festival in Perugia are available online. This list shows panels of interest for open source research



[Berkeley Protocol on Digital Open Source Investigations](#)



Document outlining terms, guidelines, standards for conducting open source for human rights investigations

[Academic reading list](#) ↗

List of scholarly readings on open source research and methods

[OSINT at Home](#) ↗

YouTube Series from Ben Strick on how to conduct open source research.

[Recordings from Bellingfest](#)



Recordings of various open source research related talks from Bellingfest (10 years of Bellingcat).

[Exposing the Invisible](#) ↗

Resources for investigators by [Tactical Tech](#)

[Online course: Open Source Investigations for Human Rights](#) ↗

Two videos, 90 minutes each. Offered by Human Rights Foundation International. They also have a page with a number of [guides](#) ↗.

[Video as Evidence Field Guide](#) ↗

Offered by Witness. Particularly relevant for open source researchers: [Ethical Guidelines for using eyewitness videos in human rights reporting and advocacy \(pdf\)](#) ↗ and: [using eyewitness videos in human rights reporting and advocacy](#)

Provides standards and practices for human rights reporting

Open-Source Practitioner's Guide to the Murad Code - Pilot Version ↗	Provides standards and practices for dealing with information related to systematic conflict-related sexual violence (SCRS) in open source investigations. Offered by the Institute for International Criminal Investigations and the Human Rights Center at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.
Bellingcat - SGBV guide ↗	Recognising Sexual and Gender-Based Violence as an Open Source Researcher.
INHOPE hotline ↗	Report potential child sexual abuse material (CSAM) online.
How to Maintain Mental Hygiene as an Open Source Researcher ↗	Guide with practical steps and browseable content to limit exposure to graphic content or trauma.
Setting your Moral Compass: A Workbook for Applied Ethics in OSINT ↗	Provided by the Stanley Center for Peace and Security
The Replaybook: A field guide to the climate and information crisis ↗	Insights from 30 organisations and practitioners on the climate and information crisis (including a contribution from Bellingcat founder Ewen Macdonald).

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