The **Citizen Media Evidence Partnership (C-MEP)** is a project designed to filter and process human rights-related citizen videos. After providing a basic training in video validation and International Humanitarian Law to participating students and/or faculty, we envision a three-step process for participants to follow.

   -Collection/Filtering/Cataloging of relevant videos

   -Contextualization or validation of videos

   -Processing (for internal documentation or publication)

Videos should be systematically collected and cataloged in a database, with use of a general database.

Challenges: Some material will be highly graphic, and very disturbing to most. Those who face challenges emotionally processing highly graphic imagery, or those easily disturbed by scenes of intense violence should consider a later project with differing human rights violation content.

Roles and Responsibilities: Amnesty International staff have worked with a team at Florida State University and with a pilot group at the University of Michigan over the past two years to develop a set of training materials that will introduce participants to current methodologies for validating video content using a wide range of tools. You can read more about the project here: willopines.wordpress.com/2013/09/23/introducing-the-citizen-media-evidence-partnership-c-mep/

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