

PhD Ethnographic Methods Course in Social Anthropology

From Ethnoscapes to Screenscapes

October 17th – 19th 2018. Trondheim, Norway

Course Objectives

This course brings together PhD candidates from Nordic and other institutions across Europe for three days of intensive lectures and discussion on different aspects of the ethnographic research cycle.

We plan to highlight the construction and articulation of theoretical problems and ethnographic data in anthropological research. We will cover the linkages from problem definition and pre-fieldwork preparation, to fieldwork strategies, to analyzing data and preparation of final text. The course will examine methods and genres of representation that pay attention to questions of knowledge, evidence, ethics, power, and experience, across the transition from ethnos/anthropos to cybercultures and digital worlds.

Participants will be expected to submit a draft of their proposed research by September 1st to allow proposals to be pre-circulated to participants prior to the workshop. Participants will also be given the opportunity to present their proposals at the workshop.

Learning Outcomes

1. An understanding of the dynamics between theory, fieldwork and writing up results
2. Skills for the construction of a conceptual research problem relating it both to an empirical field situation as well as with pre-existing theoretical debates
3. Knowledge of ethical considerations
4. Hands on experience in writing up an ethnographically based research piece
5. First-hand experience in presenting research to a professional audience.

There is no course fee, however participants will cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. Applications will require involve limited screening and possible pre-course work.

Evaluation: Submission of essay is required. The essay must fall within one of the following categories: a) A critical appraisal of course literature, b) an application of course content to the participant's own research. The essay should not exceed 8,000 words (incl. bibliography and notes). Deadline: November 10th. The course is equivalent to 10 ECTS.

Registration: Send email to kontakt@sosant.ntnu.no stating institutional affiliation by August 1st 2018, followed by draft of proposed research by September 1st, 2018. Participants should be enrolled in a doctoral programme or equivalent to participate.

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