



## Ethnographic Research Methods

**RESA:** Research School for Swedish Anthropology

**PhD course open to:** PhD students in Anthropology and related disciplines

**Course title:** Ethnographic Research Methods

**Dates:** 9 March – 3 April 2020

**Location:** Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University, (Room B600)

**Course coordinator/Teaching:** Bengt G. Karlsson and guest lecturers from the department

**ECTS:** 7.5 credits

**Course fee:** 2 000 SEK (For travel and accommodation)

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### Schedule:

#### Week 1

##### Monday 9/3, 10-12

- 10 - 12 *Introduction* - Course outline and an introduction to what ethnographic research is and is not.  
*Read: Goffman, Clifford, Favret-Saada, Bourdieu, Borneman & Hammoudi (introduction) and Ingold.*
- 15 - 17 - Individual projects, prepare a 5 minute presentation of your PhD project with focus on your planned fieldwork.

##### Tuesday 10/3

- 10-12 Guest Lecture with Hege Hoyer Leivestad: The Ethnography of mobile materials and infrastructures.  
*Read: Leivestad.*
- 10/3 13-15 Guest lecture with Anette Nyqvist: Doing ethnography in and among complex organizations.  
*Read: Nykvist, Marcus, Hannerz and Hage.*

##### Wednesday 11/3

- 10-12 Guest lecture with Johan Lindquist: New Methodological Approaches in Digital Anthropology. *Read: Lindquist, Swedberg.*
- 13-15 Guest lecture with Annika Rabo: Ethical Challenges in Ethnographic Research:  
*Read: Falk Moore (in Borneman), Code of Ethics of the American Anthropological Association and research application (hand out).*

##### Thursday 12/3

- 10-12 Guest lecture with Ivana Macek: Participant Observation in Deadly Fields. *Read Macek, Stevenson (in Borneman).*
- 13-15 Seminar on Ethnographic Interviews, prepare a semi-structured interview.  
*Read: Skinner (selected chapters).*

##### Friday 13/3

- 10-12 Guest lecture with Susann Baez Ullberg: The Anthropology of Natural Disasters: The Great Forest Fire of Västmanland, 2014.
- 13-15 Fieldwork seminar.

## Week 2

### Monday 23 March to Friday 27:

Fieldwork in Norberg, Bergslagen. Interviews and participant observations during the days and seminars during evenings. Read: Emerson. Transport from Stockholm and accommodation will be organized and covered through the course fee. Meals will be cooked jointly and paid by the participants themselves.

## Examination

Submission of Final Paper Friday April 3. The paper will be based on the fieldwork and course readings, approximately 5-7 pages.

## Readings:

### Articles (available to download through SUB):

Bourdieu, P. (2003) "Participant Objectification", *JRAI*, 9(2):281-294.

Clifford, J. (1983) "On Ethnographic Authority", in *Representations*, 2:118-146.

Favret-Saada, J. (1990) "About Participation", in *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 14(2):189-199.

Goffman, E. (1989) "On Fieldwork", *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 18(123).

Hage, G. (2005) "A not so multi-sited ethnography of a not so imagined community", in *Anthropological Theory* 5(4): 463-475.

Hannerz, U. (2003) "Being there ... and there ... and there! Reflections on Multi-sited ethnography", in *Ethnography* 4(2):201-216.

Lindquist, J. (2018) "Illicit Economies of the Internet", in *Made in China Journal*, Vol. 3(4): 88-92.

Marcus, M. E. (1995) "Ethnography In/Of the World System: The Emergence of Multi-Sited Ethnography", in *Annual Review of Anthropology*, vol. 24: 95-117.

Swedberg, R. (2012) "Theorizing in Sociology and Social Science", in *Theory and Society* 41: 1-40.

### Book chapters (through the department):

Borneman, J and A. Hammoudi, eds. (2009) *Being There: The Fieldwork Encounter and the Making of Truth*, Berkeley: University of California Press. (Introduction pp. 1-24, and Lisa Stevenson "The Suicidal Wound and Fieldwork among Canadian Inuit", pp. 55-76 and Sally Falk Moore "Encounter and Suspicion in Tanzania", pp. 151-182).

Ingold, T. (2011) "Drawing Together: doing, observing, describing", in *Being Alive*, London & New York: Routledge. pp. 220-228.

Leivestad, H. H. "Inventorying Mobility: Methodology of Wheels", in *Methodologies of Mobility*, eds. A. Elliot, R. Norum & N. B. Salazar.

Nyqvist, Anette. 2017. "Scheduled Schmoozing: Notes on Interludal Practices at Responsible Investors' Conferences" in *Ethnographies of Conferences and Trade Fairs: Shaping Industries, Creating Professionals*, eds Høyer Leivestad & Nyqvist. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.

Macek, I (2018) "Experience, Empathy, and Flexibility: On Participant Observation in Deadly Fields," in Antonius C. G. M. Robben (ed.) *A Companion to the Anthropology of Death*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley, pp. 237-248

Skinner, J. ed. (2012) *The Interview: An Ethnographic Approach*, London: Berg (Introduction and selected chapters).

Reference book: Emerson, R. M. et al (1995) *Writing Ethnographic Fieldnotes*, Chicago & London: The University of Chicago Press.