

# The Ethnography Circle

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## Making Waves: the Aftermath and 'Impact' of Ethnography



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The Circle is a series of informal, multidisciplinary discussions which alternate presentations by leading ethnographers with group sessions where participants reflect on ethnographic research practices. The Circle will run in term 1 and 2 of the academic year 2016-17. Participation is open to all Warwick students/faculty and is extended to students from other DTCs. This is the third edition of the event which is organized by the IKON research group.

As hinted by the title “Making Waves: The Aftermath and ‘Impact’ of Ethnography,” this year we will explore exactly what happens when field-work concludes.

This important yet often overlooked aspect of ethnography is what we plan to focus on. In five meetings we will discuss how ethnographers exit the field, present their findings to informants and the outside world, and what outcomes might ensue. We plan to draw on the experience of the audience, cases of ethnographers dealing with the (good and bad) outcomes of their work, and the expertise of guests whose work illustrates these issues.

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**Wednesday 8 February 2017**

### The Trials of Alice Goffman

In this fourth meeting, we will explore the contemporary case of Alice Goffman — an ethnographer that has generated a big polemic with her study of the tensions between African-Americans and the US police. While her work has had an enormous ‘impact’, even beyond academia, the exposure generated a considerable backlash including critics to the very nature of ethnographic research. The case is not unique and embodies a long-list of polemics that permeated ethnography through centuries.

We plan to put Alice literally ‘on trial’ and ask participants to take a stand either pro or against her case, so come prepared to argue! We suggest participants read the text “The Trials of Alice Goffman” by Gideon-Lewis-Kraus (<https://goo.gl/OToAeM>) and to generally familiarize themselves with her story (media publications on the case abound including a popular TED talk by her).



**Admission is free and open to students from other institutions**

**This event will be from 3.00-4.30pm in the Wolfson Research Exchange.**

**For information and to register please contact [dawn.coton@wbs.ac.uk](mailto:dawn.coton@wbs.ac.uk)**

