The Ethnography Circle

Where is the Theory in My Data?

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. Participation is open to Warwick students/faculty from all departments and is extended to students from other DTCs. This is the sixth edition of the event which is organized by the IKON research group and the PPI group at Warwick Business School.

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Third Meeting | Tuesday 14th Jan
Wolfson Room 1 – 3:00-4:30pm

What is “Good Theorising” in Ethnographic Research

The aim of this session is to look at and discuss what “good” theorising in ethnography is or can be. The session will be conducted in a show and tell style. Participants are encouraged to bring one piece of work as an example, either of what you consider to be interesting theorising in ethnographic work OR on how to theorise in ethnographic research.

We ask you then to think through the following questions which we will discuss during the session:

If you choose to bring an example of interesting theorisation in ethnography, please consider the following questions:

- How did the author(s) move from data to theory?
- What type of theory did they propose? Mid-range, grand theory etc?
- What was one key learning point for you?

If you choose to bring a paper about theorising in ethnography, please summarise 3 points of what you considered to be most useful in the paper.

Seminar will be conducted between 3:00-4:30 pm at Wolfson Research Exchange, Uni of Warwick, Library, CV4 7AL

For information and to register please contact: ethnography@wbs.ac.uk