

The Ethnography Circle

November 2020 – April 2021

Traditional and Non-Traditional Ways of Doing Ethnography: Methods, issues & tricks of the trade



The Circle is a series of informal, multidisciplinary discussions that alternate presentations by leading ethnographers with group sessions where participants reflect on their ethnographic research practices. In short: an ethnographic self-help group.

Ethnography, as with other research methods, has had its share of innovations and adaptations to suit changing times and demands of disciplines. Nevertheless, the 'traditions' of ethnography hold firm. Ethnographers still look for a population of 'natives' to explore, though these may now be employees of an organisation, members of a social movement or online avatars. We still go to the 'field' and conduct observations for long periods. We still write thick descriptive texts. Due to current global circumstances, these 'traditional' ways of conducting ethnography may no longer be possible or suitable in certain situations. As Karl Weick noted, turbulent times and crises invite reflection. Drawing on the experience of participants and our expert speakers, **in this year's edition, we will use our informal gathering as a space to reflect on traditional and non-traditional ways of doing ethnography.**

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Meetings (15.00-16.30 UK time)

- 17th November** Conversations on Auto Ethnography with Nick Cherryman (University of Warwick) & Jaime Garcia Iglesias (University of Manchester)
- 8th December** Seminar on Industrial Ethnography with Simon Roberts (President of EPIC & CEO of Stripe Partners)
- 12th January** Relational and Visual Ethnography: Thinking through research design
- 11th February** Seminar on Decolonial Ethnography with Carolina Alonso Bejarano (University of Warwick)
- 3rd March** Workshop on Shadowing and Accessing Elites with Maja Korica (University of Warwick)
- 1st April** Seminar with Daniel Beunza: (City University) Exploring the Ethnographic Backstage

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Event location: Online unless things change dramatically