The Ethnography Circle

Traditional and non-traditional ways of doing ethnography

First Meeting 17th November 2020, 1500 – 1630 GMT

Auto Ethnography: Confessions, Questions & Provocations

Autoethnography holds a contentious space with ethnographic research, having both strong advocates and stronger critics. The first session of the Ethnography Circle will look at the realities of autoethnographic research. The session will involve a discussion between two early-career scholars, Nick Cherryman and Dr Jaime García Iglesias who have used autoethnography in their research. Their conversation will explore what autoethnography does, can do, and the realities behind actually doing it. The dialogue will then open for a discussion, allowing the participants to reflect on the actual act of autoethnography and its place within social science research.

Jaime García Iglesias
Jaime is an interdisciplinary researcher with a PhD in Sociology from the University of Manchester and a background in English and Cultural Studies. Dr García Iglesias has published about gender, sexuality and communication applied to HIV and gay men. He has also authored papers in online ethnography and autoethnography across a variety of topics. His current work focuses on cultural and public health similarities between HIV and COVID-19. He can be reached on Twitter at @JGarcialglesias.

Nick Cherryman
Nick is a queer scholar working at the intersections between queer, feminist, and drag theory. They are currently working on their PhD in the Sociology department at the University of Warwick and uses autoethnography as a way of exploring the potential transformative power in drag performance. They sometimes perform, and do research, as drag queen Ibi Profane, and can be found at Instagram @ibiprofane and Twitter @ncherryman. They are also the co-convenor of queer/disrupt, which is a queer research collective, which can be found at www.queerdisrupt.com.

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