

Ethnographic Methods (Online course)

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This course introduces participants to the principals and practicalities of ethnographic methods, especially participant observation. Ethnography is widely used, for diverse questions, in creative ways that respond to social and technological developments. This course will address the practicalities of doing participant observation in diverse settings, using a range of published examples as well as practical activities. We will especially consider shorter-term participant observation and mixed methods. The course is as practical as possible, designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills required to immerse themselves in a setting, to listen, to ask questions; and to supplement observation with other methods.

9.30 – 9.45	Welcome and introductions
9.45 – 11.30	Five Contemporary Examples The principles of ethnography Workshop, part 1
11.10 – 11.30	Break
11.30 – 13.00	Workshop: Starting out (30 minutes) The practicalities of ethnography Learning about the field Making field notes
13.00 – 13.45	Lunch
14.00 – 15.15	Mini workshop Special approaches Workshop: sharing field notes Discussion
15.10 – 15.30	Break
15.30 – 17.00	Ethnographic Interviewing Drawing valid conclusions Discussion/workshop: the value of ethnography Final questions