

Ethnographic Approaches in Social Inquiry: From Theory to Practice

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The workshop on **Ethnographic Approaches in Social Inquiry: From Theory to Practice** brings together researchers and experts interested in applying ethnographic methods to social and political research. Over five days, participants will explore the practical and theoretical aspects of ethnography, including accessing the field, safeguarding researchers and subjects, analyzing empirical data, theorizing, and writing ethnographic narratives. The workshop will be taught by lecturers from diverse fields ranging from Political Science to Anthropology.

We will use hands-on techniques for:

- Identifying and entering research fields while building trust and rapport.
- Navigating ethical concerns, including researcher well-being and subject protection.
- Interpreting field notes and developing analytical frameworks to connect data with theory.
- Crafting ethnographic pieces for diverse audiences.

Part of the course is focused on the challenges and practices of conducting fieldwork in varied contexts, featuring facilitators with extensive experience in Northern Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and Southeast Asia. The workshop emphasizes practical skills over theoretical discussions, providing participants with actionable insights to apply to their own research.

The interactive workshop will allow attendees to gain practical experience with ethnographic practices, concluding with applications to research across disciplines and topics. To earn credits, participants must actively engage and attend at least three of the five sessions.