

569X8 Multi-sited & Mobile Ethnography

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This workshop examines the rise of multi-sited and mobile ethnography, focusing on tensions between what might be conceived as 'the local' and 'the global', where 'place' and 'field' are not only geographic locations, but also representations of broader, sometimes invisible relational and symbolic connections. From Marcus' original 1995 proposition to 'reform' anthropology, the potential of multi-sited ethnography has been critiqued and, to a lesser extent, practised. This workshop will consider theoretical issues but will also be related to practice as students conduct a small multi-sited ethnographic project as the basis for their assessment.

By the end of the workshop, you will be able to:

- Design and undertake a systematic review of specified research literature(s).
- Understand the methodological implications of major trans-disciplinary philosophical and theoretical traditions in the social sciences
- Describe inductive and deductive methods and illustrate how these apply to research projects and theoretical advances within the student's field of study.
- Understand how to design and carry out a small multi-sited ethnographic project.
- Demonstrate analytical skills in producing a succinct project report with appropriate theoretical references

Indicative Readings:

Amit, V. (ed.) (2000) "Introduction", *Constructing the Field: Ethnographic Fieldwork in the Contemporary World*. London and New York: Routledge.

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Falzon, M.A. (ed.) 2009. "Introduction", *Multi-Sited Ethnography: Theory, Praxis and Locality in Contemporary Research*. Aldershot: Ashgate.

Geertz, C. 1973. *The Interpretation of Cultures: Selected Essays*, New York: Basic Books.

Hage, G. 2005. "A not-so multi-sited ethnography of a not-so imagined community." *Anthropological Theory* 5:4: 463-75.

Marcus, G. E. 1995. [Ethnography in/of the World System: The Emergence of Multi-Sited Ethnography](#). *Annual Review of Anthropology*, 24, 95-117.

Olwiga, Mette, F. 2012 "Multi-sited resilience: The mutual construction of "local" and "global" understandings and practices of adaptation and innovation", *Applied Geography*, 33: 112-118.