

EthnoDoks 2024

Interdisciplinary approaches to ethnographic research

Call for Participants

We invite young researchers to join the [16th PhD workshop for ethnographic research](#) on **October 18-19, 2024**, hosted at Central European University in Vienna, Austria, jointly with the University of Vienna.

The past decades saw ethnographic research undergo an astonishing transformation. Caught up in its colonial past and absorbed with its own idiosyncrasies, the ethnographic conception of ‘doing research’ looked dusty, old, and on its way out. Recent years, however, have seen a renewed interest in the methodology. The methodological revival can, in no small part, be attributed to scholars from outside disciplines’ nascent interest in the method. Unburdened by intra-disciplinary inhibitions, an eclectic mixture of research, making creative and innovative use of ethnographic methods, has emerged. Furthermore, concern with the researchers’ responsibility to the people they study - that is, concern with people’s needs, potential benefits of the research, power relations between the researcher and participants, and with the researcher’s responsibility to ‘give back’ - led to the development of engaged research. Therefore, EthnoDoks 16 is an opportunity to reflect on what constitutes ethnography, how interdisciplinarity has changed our understanding of the methods we deploy, discuss various forms of engaged research, the application of creative and innovative methods, the challenges we as researchers face, and share hands-on experience with one another.

EthnoDoks is a student-led doctoral workshop aimed at young researchers doing ethnographic research who would like to share and discuss challenges and peculiarities of ethnographic work, exchange knowledge, practices, and tips, as well as develop academic networks across regions and institutions in a non-hierarchical space. We invite researchers from **any discipline** as long as their research projects deal with ethnographic methods. Apart from **PhD students and candidates**, we also welcome **undergraduate and graduate students in their final years** and **postdoctoral researchers at the beginning of their academic careers**. The working language of the workshop is English.

The workshop will last **two full days** on October 18 and 19 and consist of five sessions with respective themes:

1. Engaged research and ways of giving back.

2. Experimental methods: visual ethnography, podcast ethnography, collaborative ethnography, and the like.
3. Doing digital ethnography.
4. Doing ethnography in authoritarian contexts.
5. Making and unmaking relationships with participants: positioning oneself, drawing boundaries, reflecting on privileges and non-privileges.

The sessions will follow each other; therefore, all participants will have a chance to take part in all of them.

If you wish to participate, please fill out [this form](#) by **August 15**.

Participants will be notified of their acceptance **by September 1**.

We intend to help those travelling to Vienna from other cities and countries by covering some of the costs: we will try to reimburse the invited participants up to 200 EUR (for example, up to 100 EUR for the tickets and up to 100 EUR for accommodation) depending on availability of funds. However, due to limited financial resources, we strongly recommend that, if possible, you seek funding from the institute with which you are affiliated to cover travel and accommodation costs.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the registration procedure, please do not hesitate to reach us via ethnodoks@gmail.com

The online version of the CfP as well as more information about the organizing team are available [here](#).