

ANTH 318: INTRODUCTION TO ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH METHODS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This is a reading intense and practice-based course that offers insights into the meanings of and approaches to ethnographic research. We will focus on the main principles, ethics, and methods contemporary ethnography employs. This class is organized as a cooperative and collaborative discussion group and think tank with contributions expected from all. Over the course the students will develop a deeper understanding of the methodologies that might fit their future research. Students are expected to be prepared to discuss the readings for each class meeting, contribute to small group (peer-review) and whole class discussions.

Skills Development:

- Become familiar with qualitative research methods and approaches.
- Practice conducting independent ethnographic research including conducting interviews and fieldnote analysis.
- Build and strengthen the skills of making public presentation.
- Build and strengthen the skills of writing an ethnography.
- Practice conducting peer evaluation.