

PhD in Education and Social Sciences
cycle XXXIX academic year 2023/2024

Course title:	Ethnographic research methods
Course year:	1
Semester:	2nd
Course Code:	15144
	Methodological courses 1st study year
Scientific sector:	Multidisciplinary
Lecturer:	Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Tauber
Module:	Yes - number of modules: 9
Credit Points of the module:	35
Total lecturing hours:	20
Office hours:	from Monday to Friday on request
Attendance:	according to the regulations
Teaching Language:	English
Propaedeutic course:	
Course description:	<p>Ethnography is the study of social interactions, behaviours and perceptions that occur in groups, teams, organisations and communities. It is a research method that aims to look at the world from the point of view of its social relations. The main aim of ethnography is to provide a comprehensive, holistic insight into people's views and actions through detailed observations, participation in social life, informal conversations, ethnographic interviews, and the like. Ethnography means practical learning on the ground - and it is relevant wherever people are relevant. The ethnographer's task is to understand and describe people's perspectives from within their cultural contexts. Its aim is to ethnographically empathise with the way people see the world. Ethnography is the primary method of social and cultural anthropology, but it is an integral part of the social sciences and humanities in general and draws its methods from many fields, including the natural sciences. Recently, ethnography has also been concerned with more-than-human subjects in order to reveal systems of relationships that go beyond the human.</p>
Specific educational objectives:	<p>M-DEA 01</p> <p>The course gives a general overview of scientific contents</p>
List of topics covered:	ethnographic research, analysis and writing
Teaching format:	lecture with presentation in class
Learning outcomes:	<p>Knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of basic methodological concepts in ethnography.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of appropriate application of the method. <p>Applying knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to apply ethnographic approaches and concepts to the analysis of concrete research questions. • Ability to distinguish and motivate for different methodological choices following ethnographic questions. <p>Making judgements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of critical and independent thinking regarding socio-cultural, historical, and political dynamics • Development of reflexive self-awareness. <p>Communication skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to recognize the fundamental elements of the ethnographic method and ethnographic writing. • Ability to participate in scientifically grounded discussions and express an informed opinion. <p>Learning skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to autonomously extend the knowledge acquired during the course in dealing with the choice for a specific method. • Ability to adapt ethnography to research questions and contexts.
Assessment:	Assessment is based on presentation of own research project and its relation to potential ethnographic questions, participation at discussions and critical reflection.
Required readings:	Will be announced during lesson
Supplementary readings:	Will be announced during lesson