9th ETHNOGRAPHY AND QUALITATIVE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

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Call for papers

Established in 2006, the Ethnography and Qualitative Research Conference has become a recognized scientific meeting for social researchers interested in ethnographic inquiry.

Ethnography is increasingly practiced as a crucial research method across a range of social sciences, and beyond. In fact, more than a method, ethnography could be said to entail a whole philosophy of social research and a special sensitivity towards the intersubjective worlds in which people and other creatures live.

The 9th edition consolidates the rich intellectual discussion spurred by previous editions. Researchers from across disciplines and fields including sociology, anthropology, political sciences, arts & humanities, education, social work, geography, cultural studies, science and technology studies, and gender studies, are welcome to present their research and discuss their cutting-edge findings in a lively, informal environment.

The aims of the Conference include:

- fostering scholarly exchange and facilitate research collaborations among senior and junior scholars based in different universities and research centres in Europe and overseas;

- supporting the dissemination of fresh, original, and timely research;

- encouraging PhD students at different stages of their research career to share and present preliminary findings and fieldwork experience;

- welcoming graduate and undergraduate students as audience to the conference and active participants in the discussion.

The Conference embraces and endorses a broad, ambitious view of ethnographic research. Contributions can be based on a variety of methods, including participant observation, in-depth interviews, focus group, video-based field studies, auto-ethnography, visual ethnography, discourse studies, and other forms of inquiry inspired and informed by an ethnographic sensibility.

Empirically grounded, theoretically informed, and methodologically sound proposals that contribute to the substantive knowledge of the social world and contemporary emerging phenomena are particularly valued.

The Conference format is based on 3-hour sessions, with 5 to 6 paper presentations per session, leaving as much room as possible for debate and discussion.

The 2023 Edition features 43 themed panels convened by a broad range of practitioners across the social sciences. The panels cover cutting-edge substantive, methodological, and ethical topics in the field of ethnographic research. We are sure you will find the panel for you!

"This is not a conference, it's a feast!", remarked a past participant. Join us in celebrating a shared ethnographic passion! You are now welcome to submit a paper proposal to ERQ 2023. Please follow instructions below. Please also check all updated and relevant information at https://erq-conference.soc.unitn.it/call-for-papers/

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

(Find more info about the Keynote Speakers at https://erq-conference.soc.unitn.it/2023-keynote-speakers/)

Gary Alan Fine
G.A. Fine is James E. Johnson Professor of Sociology at Northwestern University.

Laleh Khalili
Laleh Khalili is Professor of International Politics at Queen Mary College, University of London.

HOW TO SUBMIT

To submit your proposal, please fill in this online submission form. You will be asked:

- the **session** of your choice (see the list below);

- the title of your talk and an **abstract** of maximum 1000 words;

- your **contact details** (full name, e-mail, post address and affiliation) and those of your co-author/s, if any;

Abstracts must be submitted in English. The official languages of the conference, however, are Italian, English, and French; for each session, languages will be used depending on the participants composition.

If you like (we would like!), also send a **short video talk** (2 min. max.) to erq.ethno.conf.soc@unitn.it. It should not necessarily be a piece of what your proposed talk would be, but a sort of teaser trailer for it, and a piece of you too. By sending the video, you thereby allow the organizing committee to upload the video at its discretion, in full or cut form, on the youtube channel of Etnografia e Ricerca Qualitativa.

Proposal must be **submitted by January 16**, 2023.

Acceptance of proposals will be **notified by March 13**, 2023.

Contributors must **register by April 26**, 2023, to be included in the programme.

PANEL SESSIONS
See the conference website for detailed CFPs

1. *The multiple roles of intimacy in ethnography inquiry.*
   Convenors: Alicia Vogt (École des hautes études en sciences sociales/ Goethe University) & Mathias Dambuyant (École des hautes études en sciences sociales).

2. *Human exploitation: ethnographies of labor in the humanitarian sector.*
   Convenors: Simone Di Cecco (University Paris Cité) & Noemi Martorano (University of Paris Nanterre/ University of Padua).

3. *Bridging the political ethnographies of vulnerability.*
   Convenors: Anne-Cécile Caseau (Science Po/ University Paris 8/ Nanterre University/ LEGS UMR 8238) & Sara Cesaro (Université Paris 8/ LEGS UMR 8238).

4. *The politics and poetics of walking ethnographies.*
   Convenors: Giada Peterle (University of Padua) & Chiara Rabbiosi (Centre for Advanced Studies Mobility & Humanities/ Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World).

5. *New religious movements and ethnography.*
   Convenors: Stefania Palmisano (University of Turin) & Marco Castagnetto (University of Turin).

6. *Shame, mortality and the vulnerable self: visibility and authenticity.*
   Convenors: Federica Manfredi (University of Lisbon) & Alvaro Jarrin (College of the Holy Cross).

7. *Preparing for the ecological crisis: material dependencies and the transformation of agri-food systems.*
   Convenors: Maura Benegiamo (University of Pisa), Laura Centemeri (Chargée de recherche/EHEES).

8. *Comics-based ethnographies and ethno-graphic novels.*
   Convenors: Veronica Moretti (University of Bologna) & Francesco Della Puppa (Ca' Foscari University of Venice).

9. *Global health and the post-covid era.*
   Convenors: Sandra L. Trappen (Penn State University) & Katherine McKlean (Penn State University).

10. *Combining social network analysis and qualitative research.*
    Convenors: Francesca Odella (University of Trento).
    Contact: francesca.odella@unitn.it.

11. *The everyday life of civil society.*
    Convenors: Sebastiano Citroni (Insubria University) & Paul Lichterman (University of Southern California)

12. *Ethnography in mental health care settings.*
    Convenor: Gabriele Cerati (University of Milan Bicocca) & Stefan Sjöström (Uppsala University).

13. *From anti-prostitution to anti-trafficking struggles.*
    Convenors: Mara Clemente (University of Lisbon) & Michela Semprebon

(University of Parma).

14. *Ethnographic approaches to recording migrant deaths and disappearances.*
    Convenors: Linda Haapajärvi (University of Helsinki / Centre Maurice Halbwachs [CNRS-EHESS-ENS]) & Filippo Furri (Migreurop).

15. *Ethnographic explorations in 'food sustainability': narratives, practices, processes, challanges.*
    Convenors: Lorenzo Domaneschi (University of Milan Bicocca) & Lorenzo Pedrini (University of Milan-Bicocca).

16. *The many lives of degrado: the affective, aesthetic, and semiotic materiality of urban decay.*
    Convenors: Roberto D'Alba (University of Trento) & Andrea Pavoni (University of Lisbon).

17. *Epistemic disputes and social polarization in times of global health emergency and other emergencies.*
    Convenor: Cecilia Vergnano (KU Leuven).

18. *Decolonising childhood: rethinking children's everyday life beyond the western/global north normativity.*
    Convenors: Caterina Satta (Università di Cagliari) & Emanuela Spanò (Università di Cagliari).

19. *Migrants' access to rights and statuses: the legal-administrative intermediation field.*
    Convenors: Paola Bonizzoni (University of Milan) & Laura Odasso (Collège de France).

20. *Digital labour and informal economy: transformation and challenges.*
    Convenors: Diego Coletto (University of Milan Bicocca) & Iraklis Dimitriadis (University of Milan).

21. *Comparative ethnographies and qualitative studies of workers organizing.*
    Convenors: Paolo Borghi (University of Milan) & Petr Mezihorak (Slovak Academy of Sciences).

22. *Ethnography of the Italian inner areas.*
    Convenors: Enrico Mariani (University of Urbino Carlo Bo) & Giulia De Cunto (University of Milan Bicocca).

23. *Ethnographies of law.*
    Convenors: Luca Sterchele (University of Milan Bicocca) & Francesca

Vianello (University of Padua).

24. *Social sciences and ethnographic disciplines applied to the territories.*
Convenors: Francesca Grisot (Ca' Foscari University of Venice) & Ivan Severi (ANPIA - Associazione Nazionale Professionale Italiana di Antropologia).

25. *Between financialization, resistance and everyday life: ethnographies of housing in historic centres.*
Convenors: Nick Dines (Ca' Foscari University of Venice) & Cristina Mattiucci (Federico II University of Naples).

26. *Conspiracy theories/conspiracy practices.*
Convenors: Massimiliano Guareschi (Nuova accademia delle belle arti of Milan) & Oscar Ricci (University of Milan Bicocca).

27. *Ghosts as ethnographic category.*
Convenors: Salvatore Poier (University of Pittsburgh) & Heath Cabot (University of Bergen/ University of Pittsburgh).

28. *Labour conflicts: transformations and frictions inside and outside the workplaces.*
Convenors: Valeria Piro (University of Milan) & Giuliana Sanò (University of Messina).

29. *Narratives and counter-narratives in the migration battlefield.*
Convenors: Marcello Maneri (University of Milan Bicocca) & Andrea Pogliano (University of Piemonte Orientale).

30. *Mothering across borders: mobility, futures, and multiples times-spaces.*
Convenors: Selenia Marabello (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) & Martina Giuffrè (University of Parma).

31. *The ethnographic study of sexuality: practices, cultures, and stigma.*
Convenors: Mariella Popolla (University di Genoa) & Giulia Selmi (University of Parma).

32. *Music in ethnography: looking in the mirror at ethnography of music.*
Convenor: Micol Pizzolati (University of Bergamo).

33. *Slow disasters: epistemologies of risk in contested domains.*
Convenors: Kyle Cleveland (Temple University's Japan Campus/ TUJ's Institute of Contemporary Asian Studies) & Pietro Saitta (University of Messina).

34. *Multispecies ethnography: methods, results, and potential discussions.*
Convenors: Mylène Tanferri (University of Lausanne) & Aurélie Javelle

(Institut Agro Montpellier).

35. *Sociomateriality and socio-technical assemblages.*
    Convenors: Assunta Viteritti (University of Rome "La Sapienza") & Ludovica Rubini (University of Rome "La Sapienza").

36. *The times of welfare.*
    Convenors: Tommaso Frangioni (University of Turin) & Daniela Leonardi (University of Parma).

37. *Why practices become form: contemporary arts in the making.*
    Convenors: Yaël Kreplak (University of Paris 1/EHESS) & Philippe Sormani (University of Lusanne/ EHESS).

38. *Parenting experiences and family practices.*
    Convenors: Silvia Fargion (University of Trento) & Teresa Bertotti (University of Trento).

39. *Studying up: dissecting the ethnography of wealth and power.*
    Convenor: Federica Duca (University of the Witwatersrand).

40. *Anticipating the unpredictable: logics, actors and techniques of preparedness.*
    Convenors: Frédéric Keck (CNRS-Collège de France/EHESS) & Davide Caselli (University Milan Bicocca).

41. *The Mediterranean as a laboratory of border externalization - ethnographic perspectives from the south.*
    Convenors: Ilaria Giglioli (University of San Francisco) & Timothy Raeymaekers (University of Bologna).

42. *Grounding ethnography. Social struggles, fields of power, and research practices in geography.*
    Convenors: Anna Casaglia (University of Trento) & Chiara Giubilaro (University of Palermo).

43. *Institutional ethnography: a sociology with and for people.*
    Convenors: Morena Tartari (University of Southampton) & Órla Meadhbh Murray (Imperial College London).

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