

## *Workshop: Critical Ethnography*

A central concern in political ethnography lies in the relationship between ethnographic research practice and modes of critical and normative politics. Notions of critique in political ethnography can relate to the decisions of what and whom we research, how we understand and represent our objects of research, and how we navigate questions of reflexivity and positionality in our research process. Furthermore, ethnographic research can have the potential to address forms of social injustice and inequalities and develop forms of ‘grounded critique’ that aim at contributing to changing these conditions toward greater equity and equality. We dedicate this workshop to the critical potential of political ethnography and want to dive deeper into the above aspects in a collaborative manner.

The workshop is co-organized by the DVPW working group “Ethnografische Methoden in der Politikwissenschaft” and the Center for Conflict Studies at Philipps-University, Marburg. It will take place in Marburg on November 3/4, 2022. Please note that travel, accommodation, and dinner need to be covered by the participants.

Please register at [ethnografie@dvpw.de](mailto:ethnografie@dvpw.de) until October 12, 2022.

### Program

#### Thursday, November 3, 2022

- 2–2.30 pm Welcome & Getting to know each other
- 2.30–4 pm **Roundtable: Different Perspectives on Critical Ethnography**
- Inputs by:**
- Katarina Kušić**  
Post-doctoral researcher at the Institute for Intercultural and International Studies at the University of Bremen. Research on everyday experiences of state- and peacebuilding interventions, and land politics and human-soil relations in the post-Yugoslav space.
- Kristin Anabel Eggeling**  
Assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Copenhagen. Research on diplomacy, digitalisation, and ethnographic methods in IR.
- Ingo Schröder**  
Private lecturer in social and cultural anthropology in Marburg. Founding member of EASA’s “Anthropology of Fascism(s)” network.

### Organizers

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### Working Group

Ethnografische Methoden in der Politikwissenschaft

### Date

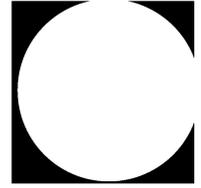
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### Place

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- 4.00–4.30 pm Coffee break
- 4.30–6.00 pm **Ethnography as Mode of Critique**  
 In the late afternoon session, we will work in small groups to read and discuss different approaches to critical ethnography and how these perspectives are applied in practice.
- Selection of texts:  
 Coleman (2015), *Ethnography, Commitment and Critique*  
 Fassin (2017), *The Endurance of Critique*  
 Biel & McKay (2012), *Ethnography as Political Critique*
- Additional reading:  
 Wellgraf (2020), *After exoticism: Ethnography as critique*
- 6.30 pm Joint dinner

Friday, November 4, 2022

- 9.30–10 am Coffee & Warm-Up
- 10–11.30 am **Ethnography as Mode of Critique**  
 Textwork and Discussions continued.
- 11.30–12.30 pm **Means and Ends of Critical Ethnography – Research Experiences: Part 1**  
**Lisa Doppler, Justus Liebig University Giessen:**  
 Discussing Critical Theory in the field as activist ethnography
- 12.30–13.30 pm Lunch
- 13.30–15.15 pm **Means and Ends of Critical Ethnography – Research Experiences: Part 2**  
**Stefan C. Aykut, University Hamburg:**  
 Collaborative event ethnography as a method to analyze global coordination in practice  
**Lena Merkle, University Magdeburg:**  
 Hegemony and Power in Remote Ethnographies
- 15.15–15.45 pm Coffee break
- 15.45–5 pm Final discussion & future events of the working group