

“Ethnographies & Health”

An early-career workshop

1st – 2nd October, 2015

LSHTM, London UK

Keynote speaker: Dr. Tiago Moreira, Durham University

Discussants: Prof. Judy Green & Dr. Simon Cohn, LSHTM

Call for Abstracts, May 2015

This two-day workshop for early-career researchers will focus on the intersection of ethnographic engagements with health (welcoming broad interpretations of both ‘ethnography’ and ‘health’). We will critically engage with ethnography as a practice, methodology, and theoretical orientation, and will debate our methodological choices and the knowledge(s) they produce, across multiple social science disciplines and their attentions to ‘health’. We hope to establish a network for early-career researchers through which methodological and disciplinary debates on our uses of ethnography/ies in health-related research can be extended.

We invite abstracts for papers outlining reflections on ethnographic fieldwork that has been undertaken either on a topic of ‘health’ or within health-related fields, and welcome perspectives from a range of disciplines including anthropology, sociology, geography, history and more. Papers may be topic-focused or oriented towards more methodological or theoretical debates. Some questions we might explore through the workshop include:

- How does one’s approach to ethnography (e.g. feminist, historical) shape knowledge production on ‘health’?
- Does discipline matter? What are the different disciplinary expectations one has to negotiate whilst undertaking ethnographic research in ‘health’?
- In what ways are ethnographic accounts used in health research? And what is the nature of these engagements with other disciplines/ fields/ expertise?

Workshop details:

'Ethnographies & Health' is organised by Sarah Milton, Emma Garnett, Joanna Reynolds and Judy Green, and will take place at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, 15-17 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SH on 1st and 2nd October, 2015.

We envisage a small workshop (20-25 presentations) and prior to the workshop we will organise a buddying feedback system, whereby delegates will be asked to read in advance the paper of another delegate. At the workshop itself, delegates will be asked to briefly comment on their buddy's paper, before opening up the floor for further questions. The sharing of these short papers will help ensure that it is a productive and supportive experience for everyone involved.

The workshop is supported by a Workshop Support Grant from the Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness (<http://www.shifoundation.org.uk/>).

Abstract submission:

Please send abstracts (max. 400 words) to Joanna.Reynolds@lshtm.ac.uk by June 30th, 2015. We will inform you by email notification if your abstract has been accepted by 31st July, 2015. If your abstract has been successful, we will ask you to submit a short written version of your paper in advance of the workshop (mid September), to be shared with another delegate as described above.

Attendance:

Attendance at the workshop will be limited to those whose abstracts have been accepted. Lunch and refreshments will be provided on both days, and there will be a networking and social event on the evening of the 1st October. There will be no attendance fee, and five small bursaries of £75 will be available as contributions towards travel and accommodation costs for delegates with limited funding for attending workshops. Please indicate when you submit your abstract if you wish to be considered for a bursary and why.

