

Off the Beaten Track

summer field school for
anthropology and ethnography

Mediating Ethnography Examining and Creating Media Practices in Gozo

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General Information

Anthropology begins with fieldwork, and this project aims at both practicing and academic anthropologists (and all those in between) to use and consider media in their research projects.

The past decade has seen an expanding interest in both the anthropology of media practices and the use of media in producing anthropological knowledge.

From Gozo's low-power Catholic community radio stations to ethnographers' use of laptops and cell phones, media flow throughout anthropologists' field experiences in Malta. This project consists of six workshops that are an introduction to the methods and theories of media anthropology. Focused on the ways that media production and consumption are intimately connected through communication practices, media anthropology forces us to think about the ways that media technologies shape the ethnographic worlds we create - and how to imagine different worlds, as well. Through field trips, collaborative multimedia making, workshops, and one-on-one sessions, we will develop methodological strategies for examining and evoking mediated life in Gozo.

Goals

- Expand awareness about ethical issues in creating and using media technologies in various fieldwork scenarios
- Learn to develop and conduct interviews with media professionals about technical knowledge and the enchantment of rational processes
- Learn the ethical use of ambient sound recorders, video, and software to create multimodal ethnographic elements
- Expand understandings of how our own media habits as researchers affect our experiences of doing ethnographic fieldwork

Directed at

Everyone with a genuine interest in the topic is welcome to apply, no experience is strictly needed. In order to be part of this, please request the application form for the Off The Beaten Track program on our website. Also, it is mandatory to contact the leading researcher beforehand concerning your research ideas.

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Program Cost

3.250 euros
Discounts and scholarships are available.

Location

Gozo (Malta)

Application & information

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