

Off the Beaten Track

summer field school for
anthropology and ethnography

Oral History in fieldwork

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General Information

Expeditions shares its knowledge and methods regarding the oral history techniques and how to apply it in ethnographic fieldwork with those who are interested in including oral history techniques or themes in their research project.

The Off the Beaten Track program provides an overarching framework for this focus, and is working bottom-up from the individual research projects of its participants. As storytelling is a recurrent phenomenon in Gozitan daily life, it will inevitably make its way into your research. Oral History techniques are often more 'skills' than 'method', and as such they need to be practiced.

These methods and skills will be used on a daily basis in your own fieldwork. Through practicing and applying them in your own actual fieldwork, the methodological advantages, limits and pitfalls of oral history become tangible and will be reflected upon with fellow participants and staff members.

So don't expect dull classroom sessions or lectures. In the Off The Beaten Track program methods and skills are approached throughout your own research and fieldwork.

How do stories of the past help us understand the present? Can the subjectivity of storytelling be an asset in your research? What do oral history techniques mean for ethnographers? What can we learn about culture from how a story is being told?

Goals

- Enrich your research skills with a toolset of Oral History techniques.
- Learn the advantages of using oral histories in ethnography.

- Explore the potential of interdisciplinary methods and different ways of representation.
- Integrate Oral History techniques in your own fieldwork.

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Everyone with a genuine interest in the method 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. Please note that 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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