

MIGRATION, LANGUAGE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

PROJECT OF THE OFF THE BEATEN TRACK 2016 FIELD SCHOOL

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Since Malta's entry into the European Union (EU) in 2004, the small island archipelago has undergone rapid sociocultural change, resulting in significant shifts in demographics, national and international laws, and public opinion on human rights. Although within the last year Malta has legalized same sex unions and ended mandatory detention of irregular migrants, much work remains in creating an equal, open society. As the southern most EU country, irregular immigration to Malta has increased dramatically since 2004, creating significant social and economic tensions between many locals and migrant communities. Considering Malta's insularity, and relatively homogenous religious, ethnic, and cultural composition, many migrants struggle with integrating into Maltese society. Although English is spoken widely throughout the islands, Maltese remains extremely important in developing interpersonal relationships and professional

networks. Participants in this module will learn methods in applied and linguistic anthropology, and use them in the field to explore the intersections of language and migration in Gozo and Malta.

Goals

- Read and discuss recent literature on migration and language
- Learn research methods in linguistic and applied anthropology
- Learn to how conduct ethnographic interviews and data management
- Learn how to select and recruit local research collaborators
- Learn how to conduct participant observation using the Community Based Participatory Research model
- Complete a collaborative research project using data collected during fieldwork

Project Leaders

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Practical Information

This workshop is part of the Off The Beaten Track field school. Registrations can be done on our website.

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