# PERSPECTIVES FROM THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF AGING

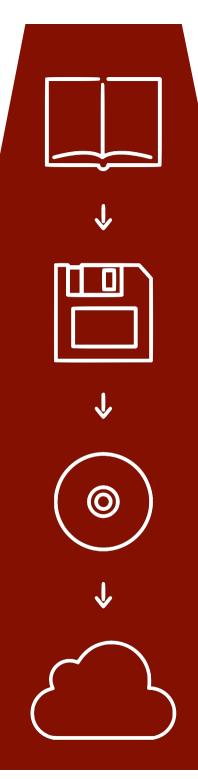
Aging is a topical issue all over the world. It is something we encounter on a daily basis. The process starts from the day we get born. But what does that mean, growing old, physically, emotionally and mentally? What types of care are offered and how do people experience them? What are their daily activities? How do people deal with getting older? How do we as a society perceive elderly? How does society manage aging?

This thematic unit encourages you to ask such questions and explore the topic of aging. The field where you will discover this phenomenon is Gozo, an island of the Maltese Archipelago in the heart of the Mediterranean culture. It can offer you a unique glimpse on diverse aspects of aging in a world marked by both traditions and change. This project is designed to collectively build and refine (y)our knowledge about and experiences of the anthropological study of aging.

The anthropology of Aging module, is one of the units offered as part of the Off The Beaten Track summer school for Anthropology and Ethnography. The Off The Beaten Track program itself is focused on fieldwork, data collection and primary analysis. Writing and editing of any individual or collective research articles will be done after the program through online collaboration.

Starting from individual interests, research topics will be debated and further refined in discussion with the group and your personal mentor(s). Guidance will be offered throughout a three week ethnography and participant observation according to personal demands. Participants are encouraged to experiment with different research methods to enhance their skills, gain practical experience and develop professional competences.





# OFF THE BEATEN TRACK SUMMER SCHOOL FOR ANTHROPOLOGY AND ETHNOGRAPHY, BY EXPEDITIONS

### Goals

- Develop a personal research topic in cooperation with the other participants of the program and even with the other projects (food, sensoriums, oral history).
  - Enhance your participant observation skills through ethnographic fieldwork.
  - Explore the potential of interdisciplinary methods and different ways of representation.
  - Contribute to a scientific publication, and/or make your own.

### Directed at

There are no specific requirements to apply for the Off The Beaten Track Summer School and more specifically this project. We invite participants from different practical and academic backgrounds. In order to be part of this, please request the application form for the Off The Beaten Track program on our website. Note that it is mandatory to contact the leading researcher beforehand concerning your research ideas.

# **Leading Researcher**

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### **Program Cost**

3.250 euros
Discounts and scholarships are available.

### **Timing & Location**

Summer 2020, Gozo (Malta)

## **Application & information**

www.anthropologyfieldschool.org