



summer field school for
anthropology and ethnography

Anthropology of Food & Eating

Exploring the taste of fieldwork

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General Information

Today, food and eating are core subjects in social sciences anywhere. For social and cultural anthropologists, food connects the human body to its ecological, social and political worlds. While forcing researchers to keep focussed on daily life in their studies, food is always more than food. Issues of power, identity, place, politics, economy, social relationships and so on, are revealed by what we eat, with whom we eat, how, where and when. Food and eating, moreover, hold a central place in the fieldwork process itself. Anthropologists too must eat. Unfamiliar habits, taste, smell and abilities evoke reflection about roles, norms, positions and emotions unexpected.

The aim of this thematic unit is to collectively explore the different topics, possibilities and limitations that emerge when doing food-related fieldwork on Gozo, Malta. Whether emerging through a direct focus on a food-related phenomenon, or through the encounter of food habits and cuisine in methods, we'll digest lessons from the field together.

Goals

'Anthropology of Food' is a thematic focus within the Off the Beaten Track summer field school, which offers hands-on fieldwork training on the islet of Gozo, Malta.

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

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. Please note that it is mandatory to contact the leading researcher beforehand concerning your research ideas.

Examples of Previous Research

- *Maltese Bread: a Changing Symbol of the island's identity.* Greta Kliever
- *Eating in the real Gozo. Sound, authenticity, and identity in Gozitan restaurants.* Bryce Peake
- *Selling Flavor, Selling Fable. The Commodification of Traditional Identity on the Island of Gozo,* by Hannah Howard

Timing & Location

Summer 2022, Gozo (Malta)

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Program Cost

3.550 euros

Discounts and scholarships are available.

Application & information

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