

From Fieldwork to Text: Writing Ethnographies, 7,5 hp

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Warmly welcome to a course on how to turn your fieldwork material into a presentable and publishable text!

This course is aimed at PhD students who already have done at least part of their ethnographic fieldwork; it also welcomes postdocs and junior lecturers (subject to availability). The course will be given in English (Swedish if all participants are fluent and comfortable Swedish speakers) and in person, alternating between campuses Norrköping and Valla, early September through mid-December 2024. Please see below for details, including enrollment.

Course plan:

This course addresses turning fieldwork material – notes, interviews, documents – into publishable text from an anthropological point of view. Through theoretical texts and practical exercises, it covers the analysis of diverse fieldwork material, relating to theory, and writing reflective and publishable scholarly texts.

The course addresses primarily PhD students in about mid-training; participants need empirical material to work with throughout the course.

Upon successfully completing the course, students will be able to

- discuss and perform the analysis of a range of different fieldwork material
- identify how a text builds a narrative or argument and construct one themselves
- be able to reflect on others' and their own practices of writing their field

Practicalities:

The **course work** consists of

- assigned reading
- preparation for classes
- hands-on exercises
- participation in the classroom activities
- writing an article or chapter draft as a course paper

Examination

The examination consists of the following components:

- Active participation in all course sessions.

- Submission of a short seminar document before each reflection seminar, providing brief reflections on or posing questions for the seminar in question. It must be submitted to the seminar teacher and the other participants two days before the seminar.

- Submission of a course essay in which one theme related to the theoretical perspectives addressed in the course is discussed.

Literature

The course literature consists of scientific articles and book chapters. The literature list is required preparatory reading, unless otherwise indicated. The literature list will be available in early October.

Enrollment

The course admits a limited number of PhD students (and needs a minimum number of five participants to run). If you're interested in enrolling, please e-mail the course coordinators (Johanna.Dahlin@liu.se, Corinna.Kruse@liu.se) by September 27th with a brief description of yourself, your fieldwork, and your expectations of the course.

Course organization

The course will take place on Campuses Norrköping and Valla, Linköping University. Participants are expected to attend all sessions.

The course is scheduled into five all-day sessions as follows:

October 21 Norrköping	10-12	Prologue: Introduction
	Module I: Coding and Analyzing	
	13-15	Coding and Ordering
	15-17	Patterns and Contradictions

November 11 TBA	10-12	Reflection Seminar: Coding/Analyzing
	Module II: Theory	
	13-15	Using Theory
	15-17	Generating Theory

December 2 TBA	10-12	Reflection Seminar: Theory
	Module III: Writing	
	13-15	Constructing Narrative
	15-17	Lost and Found in Translation

December 16 TBA	10-12	Writing Culture
	13-15	Writing with Integrity
	15-17	When They Read What We Write

January 13 TBA	10-12	Reflection Seminar: Writing
	Epilogue: Presenting Papers	
	13-17	Article/Chapter Seminar