

From Field Notes to Narratives: Challenges in Ethnographic Writing



An invitation to researchers in Nordic countries to participate in a workshop on 4th March 2025, at Rikhardinkatu library, Helsinki.

On the 5th to 7th of March, NERA will take place at the University of Helsinki. On the day before, the 4th of March 13.00-17.00 (CET), CRITPEN will arrange a workshop on the theme: *From Field Notes to Narratives: Challenges in Ethnographic Writing*. The idea is for researchers with a critical knowledge interest working with ethnographic data to meet and share experiences on producing text upon their field-notes, what kinds of experiences they have had on writing based on their fieldwork and how to write about tensions and challenges experienced in the field. We believe this will be particularly useful for junior researchers, but also senior researchers are welcome to participate at the seminar/ workshop.

We hope to gather researchers with a broad range of research topics and with diverse experiences of doing ethnographic research in various contexts.

The workshop will start with two short talks by the CRITPEN conveners, in which they share examples of situations highlighting important challenges for critical ethnographic research. Then the idea is that all other participants are invited to share some of their work and that we have a seminar/ discussion in the wake of this. Below you will find more information about the workshop and how to take part. We hope to see you in March!

Kind regards the CRITPEN Committee,
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P.S. If you have colleagues that you think would be interested in the workshop and the CRITPEN-network, feel free to share this information with them.

Webpage: <https://www.gu.se/en/education-special-education/our-research/critpen>

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How to take part

The seminar will take place at the center of Helsinki, in Rikhardinkatu library (Rikhardinkatu 3) 13.00-17.00 CET and will have a limited number of places for participants (max 20). If more people register their interest than there are places at the seminar, we will invite the first 20 people who have registered. Register your wish to participate at the workshop via the following link, at the latest 20th december: <https://forms.office.com/e/GiGU9Lg8GG>. A couple of weeks after registration, we will send you an email with a (hopefully) confirmation of your participation and some more detailed information on the workshop.

When you register, we also want you to tell us if you want to join us for dinner in the evening (if so we will book a seat at a table for you).

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