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ETHNOGRAPHIC AND SCIENTIFIC Storytelling

The course offers interaction with creative writers, experienced ethnographers and anthropologists as well as refugees and practitioners.

Course description

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SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATION WITH THE WORLD THAT IS STUDIED AND ANALYSED. THE course stresses ethnography, not in the form of “studying” the world as an otherness but rather, students are invited to reflect on their own positions, how their backgrounds, ways of seeing, sensing and being shapes stories. During the course, students will meet academics, activists, journalists, and refugee scholars who shall share their stories and students will learn from their storytelling. Accordingly, students conduct a mini-fieldwork, practice storytelling and deliver a story essay as their final submission.

It is difficult to argue with the simple principle of ‘stories matter’, but then the question is how to tell ethnographic stories and encourage social sciences to remain faithful to those who share their stories with us. What is the role of ethnographers, fieldworkers, and story collectors in the formation of stories? How can we experiment with language, images, imaginations, and thoughts to tell scientifically valid stories? We trace the challenges of ethnographic storytelling in this course in three levels:

1. What is a story? What do stories tell? How do we write them?
2. What are methods/techniques/methodologies to collect them?
3. How a storyteller or a story collector become part of their story?

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**Master /
Advanced**



**Younes
Saramifar**



3 ECTS



Contact hours
50



Language
English



Tuition fee
€700 - €1250

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