

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Practical workshop in micro ethnographic data analysis - 37815

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Education

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

There are always gaps between idealized accounts of research methods and their enactment in actual research studies. This advanced research methods workshop is designed to assist in coping with these gaps, by working together, hands-on, exploring participants' data and discussing methodological issues that emerge.

Course/Module aims:

- A) Deeper understanding of key concepts and methods of micro-ethnographic analysis of discourse and interaction.*
- b) Understanding methodological and interpretive issues and dilemmas involved in "qualitative" data analysis.*
- c) Assisting participants in applying micro-ethnographic concepts and methods in their own research projects.*

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- a) understand and apply microethnographic analytic methods and justify their methodological choices.*
- b) improve the data analysis in their research projects.*

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: The main means of learning in the workshop is group analysis of discourse and interaction data and discussion of methodological issues that arise.

Course/Module Content:

The workshop topics change in accordance with the participants' needs. We will devote 2-3 initial sessions to basic concepts in micro-ethnographic analysis of discourse and interaction data (conversation analysis, transcription, multimodal analysis). Then we will elaborate on the concepts, methods and methodological

issues that are relevant to the data that the workshop participants bring to the table.

Required Reading:

Heritage, J. (2005). *Conversation Analysis and Institutional Talk*. In K. Fitch & R. Sanders (Eds.), *Handbook of Language and Social Interaction* (pp. 103-146). Mahwah NJ: Erlbaum.

Ochs, E. (1979). *Transcription as theory*. In E. Ochs & B. Schiefflin (Eds.), *Developmental pragmatics* (pp. 43-72). New York: Academic Press.

Rampton, B., Maybin, J., & Roberts, C. (2015). *Methodological foundations in linguistic ethnography*. In J. Snell, S. Shaw & F. Copland (Eds.), *Linguistic Ethnography: Interdisciplinary Explorations* (pp. 14-50). London: Palgrave.

Additional Reading Material:

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Blommaert, J. (2006). *Applied ethnopoetics*. *Narrative Inquiry*, 16(1), 181-190.

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Gee, J. P. (2005). *An introduction to discourse analysis: theory and method* (2nd ed.). London: Routledge.

Goffman, E. (1967). *On face-work: On the analysis of ritual elements in social interaction*. In *Interaction Ritual*. Harmondsworth: Penguin. 5-45.

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- Goodwin, C. (1994). *Professional Vision*. *American Anthropologist*, 96(3), 606-633.
- Goodwin, C. (2018). *Co-operative action*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Goodwin, C., & Heritage, J. (1990). *Conversation analysis*. *Annual review of anthropology*, 19(1), 283-307.
- Hanks, W. F. (1987). *Discourse Genres in a Theory of Practice*. *American Ethnologist*, 14(4), 668-692.
- Hanks, W. F. (1996). *Language and communicative practices*. Oxford: Westview.
- Hymes, D. H. (1996). *Ethnography, linguistics, narrative inequality: toward an understanding of voice*. London: Taylor & Francis. (esp. chapter 4)
- Jaworski, A., & Coupland, N. (1999). *The discourse reader*. London: Routledge.
- Jefferson, G. (2004). *Glossary of transcript symbols with an introduction*. In Lerner, G.H., *Conversation Analysis: Studies from the first generation* (pp. 13-34). Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Lefstein, A., & Snell, J. (2011). *Promises and Problems of Teaching With Popular Culture: A Linguistic Ethnographic Analysis of Discourse Genre Mixing in a Literacy Lesson*. *Reading Research Quarterly*, 46(1), 40-69.
- Maybin, J. (2017). *Textual trajectories: Theoretical roots and institutional consequences*. *Text & Talk*, 37(4), 415-435.
- Rampton, B. (2007). *Neo-Hymesian linguistic ethnography in the United Kingdom*. *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, 11(5), 584-607.
- Schegloff, E. A. (1992). *Repair after next turn: The last structurally provided defense of intersubjectivity in conversation*. *American Journal of Sociology*, 97(5), 1295-1345.
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- Tusting, K. (Ed.). (2019). *The Routledge handbook of linguistic ethnography*. Routledge.
- Wooffitt, R. , & Widdicombe, S. (2006). *Interaction in interviews*. In P. Drew, G. Raymond & D. Weinberg (Eds.), *Talking and interaction in social research methods*

(pp. 28-49). London: SAGE.

Wortham, S., & Reyes, A. (2020). *Discourse analysis beyond the speech event*. Routledge.

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 40 %
Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 30 %
Presentation / Poster Presentation / Lecture 30 %

Additional information:

* The course is intended for students who have already started collecting data and are thinking about how to proceed with their analysis. I recommend that students who have not yet collected data register for the course next year.

* Participation in classes is critical (therefore attendance in the course is mandatory). In exceptional cases (such as illness, reserve duty) in which a student must miss a class, he or she is requested to notify me in advance. In such a case, you may request that we record the lesson for you.