

Pre-fieldwork

Workshop held at the Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies

Date:

Friday, June 8, 2012; 9am – 4pm

Preparatory Meeting:

Friday, April 27, 2012, 1pm – 2pm

This is compulsory for everyone wanting to take the course.

Organiser:

Dr. Kai Kresse, Zentrum Moderner Orient

Participants:

doctoral students of the BGSMCS

Readings:

Reading lists and readings will be handed out during the preparatory meeting.

Requirements:

Participants will have to prepare all the relevant readings and select one particular theme for the purpose of presentation and guiding a discussion among the peers. They will also need to prepare a brief statement outlining their own project in terms of fieldwork goals and expectations, as they see them at this preparatory stage. Assignments will be agreed upon during the preparatory meeting.

Credit Points:

1 CP

Further credit points can be gained by submitting a written paper on a chosen topic by the end of the semester. For those choosing this option there will be one more joint meeting for consultation and discussion purposes, as a chance for them to consolidate their ideas.

Application:

The deadline for application is April 30 (via e-mail to office@bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de)

Contact:

For any queries or questions, please contact kaikresse@yahoo.com

Workshop Outline:

This workshop will pick up and zoom in on some selected relevant issues for long-term empirical fieldwork, drawing mainly from anthropological resources and readings but geared towards a wider multi-disciplinary discussion. We will cover and discuss some paradigmatic readings on ethnography (both as fieldwork experience and towards writing) and the experience of fieldwork by researchers. We will also discuss paradigms and strategies of interviewing, and research ethics, in particular the issue of 'informed consent'.