

Chat from Methods Clinic #3: Political Ethnography (March 19, 2021; lightly edited by hosts)

- 10:03:45 From Michelle Weitzel : Janelle Wong, University of Maryland
<https://amst.umd.edu/faculty/janelle-wong/>
- 10:03:56 From Michelle Weitzel : Michelle Weitzel, University of Basel
www.michelleweitzel.com
- 10:04:21 From Michelle Weitzel : David Forrest, Oberlin College
<https://www.oberlin.edu/david-forrest>
- 10:04:31 From Michelle Weitzel : Natasha Behl, Arizona State University
<https://newcollege.asu.edu/natasha-behl>
- 10:05:26 From Michelle Weitzel : <https://connect.apsanet.org/interpretationandmethod/imm-conference-group-apsa/>
- 10:05:57 From Michelle Weitzel : <https://womenscaucusforpoliticalscience.org/>
- 10:15:49 From Peregrine Schwartz-Shea : Symposium on member checking at 'Qualitative & Multi-Method Research, 2020, 17-18 (1), 39-46
- 10:21:25 From Michelle Weitzel : Please feel free to raise questions in the chat!
- 10:25:16 From Rupaleem Bhuyan : I really appreciate Natasha's comments about embodied knowledge and being sequestered to 'area' studies (as a type of epistemic violence). I think we continue to have limited ways of recognizing how the politics of knowledge production overlaid with systemic racism and sexism shapes how we theorize. Would love to hear more on this from the speakers.
- 10:26:17 From Dipali Anumol : How do we grapple with not letting the question control the kinds of data we gather? How do we stay clear of confirmation bias?
- 10:27:36 From Nina Krienke : Adding to what Rupaleem said: In this regard I also sometimes think that the required linearity for publishable articles is a hurdle to data Analysis...I try doing mind-mapping and I think a lot About non-linear possibilities of ordering and making accessible the data...f.e. interactive online Formats, involving creative display forms asf...
- 10:28:32 From Sara Fischer : Political Ethnography: What Immersion Contributes to the Study of Power, edited by Edward Schatz (Dvora refers specifically to chapter 4, Cyrus Ernesto Zirakzadeh, "When Nationalists are not Separatists: Discarding and Recovering Academic Theories while doing Fieldwork in the Basque Region of Spain, pg. 97-118)
- 10:29:39 From Maryia Rohava : Wasn't it the article in Security Dialogue: Wilkinson C. The Copenhagen School on Tour in Kyrgyzstan: Is Securitization Theory Useable Outside Europe? Security Dialogue. 2007;38(1):5-25. doi:10.1177/0967010607075964

10:30:20 From Dvora Yanow : No. I'll have to find the title of Cai's chapter later. [See resource list for chapter title, etc.]

10:30:40 From Rupaleem Bhuyan : Thanks for sharing the resources Natasha. Looking forward to read more of your work.

10:30:47 From Zein Murib | (they/them) : More info on Politics, Groups, and Identities: <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rpgi20/current>

10:31:37 From Guillermo Caballero : <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/21565503.2016.1141104>

10:31:45 From Guillermo Caballero : <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/723569/summary>

10:31:58 From Guillermo Caballero : Pieces are super dope from Dr. Behl

10:32:28 From Sara Fischer : Schatz book: https://www.google.com/books/edition/Political_Ethnography/DtjTCFni594C?hl=en&gbpv=0

10:32:59 From Dipali Anumol : Thank you!

10:35:45 From David Forrest : <https://www.upress.umn.edu/book-division/books/playing-with-fire>

10:35:55 From Dipali Anumol : Playing with Fire is an amazing piece of work! Highly recommend

10:38:27 From Daniel T. Kirsch he/him : Lee Ann Fujii's 2018 book on Interviewing in the Interpretive Research Methods series centers several examples of interview research where the insider/outsider dynamic is challenged, among other dichotomies.

10:38:46 From Tejendra Gautam : What do you mean by attentiveness of knowledge production? Can you put some light on it?

10:39:10 From Guillermo Caballero : Fujii's book is amazing

10:40:58 From Anna Meier : To Dr. Behl's point on insider/outsider: I think it can also be helpful to think about our positionality as an advantage of sorts. I've done some work interviewing the German police, and they seemed to view me as an "insider" insofar as I am white and German-speaking, but as a young woman, I was an "outsider" and (in their view) needed to have policing "explained" to me. And so I am writing in my analysis of those interviews about how those insider/outsider dynamics meant I heard some very frank insights from police about how they viewed their jobs—so thinking about meaning-making in those exchanges themselves, like David is saying.

10:47:56 From Sneha swami : What is role of gender in the relationship of researcher and researched? As in female researcher and male researched.

10:48:10:51:49 From Dilan Okcuoglu : This piece is also useful for those who are interested in insider/outsider dichotomy: Glas, Aarie and Jessica Soedirgo, (2020). "Towards Active Reflexivity: Positionality and Practice in the Production of Knowledge." 2020. PS: Political Science and Politics 53(3): 527-531.

11:03:53 From Daniel T. Kirsch he/him : Dvora's piece in the 2009 piece in the Schatz Political Ethnography volume, "Dear Author, Dear Reader" offers a potential response to the problematic of ontological reality and privilege of the researcher: In acknowledging the researcher's humanity, by writing in the first person "I" to challenge the third-person, panopticon-like social science "voice" that we are all trained to engage in during undergraduate and graduate work, we might begin to bridge the narrative difficulty of placing conspiracy theories & anti-democratic ideology on par with more trustworthy sources.

11:06:06 From Peter DeBartolo : I think both Vishnu and Sybille's question may actually have a lot in common. It seems that both may be asking about how to best investigate what is factual or right in a given situation, but my understanding of interpretive methodology is that perhaps this approach may be more interested in asking different questions to actually understand/analyze how and why certain perspectives maybe 'accepted as true' or naturalized by certain groups, and investigate how those socially constructed realities might be communicated or performed.

11:08:38 From Maria Ortuoste : Just a comment (no need to read aloud): Perhaps it is not only doubt or a mind that questions (doubts) that is important; also humility.

11:11:01 From Jacob Thomas : German cities have navigated the urban landscape with increasing numbers of refugees

11:11:59 From Nina Krienke : There's one Question this tackles regarding field Research ethics (reciprocity asf) which is: is it a bad Thing to behave well, or offering reward, as one does to "nice" participants, toward the not so nice ones...

11:12:10 From Sybille Münch : could you link the podcast please?

11:25:25 From Daniel T. Kirsch he/him : for Sybille: <https://newbooksnetwork.com/peregrine-schwartz-shea-and-dvora-yanow-interpretive-research-design-concepts-and-processes-routledge-2012/>

11:25:43 From Sybille Münch : Thanks!

11:25:53 From Kerstin Tomiak : Thanks all so much!

11:25:56 From Rich Nielsen : Does anyone have syllabi on ethnographic methods they are willing the share?

11:26:09 From MOHAMED BENHLAL : Thank you so much

11:26:30 From Daniel T. Kirsch he/him : <https://connect.apsanet.org/interpretationandmethod/course-syllabi/>

11:26:38 From Michelle Weitzel : Posted at the start of the chat.

11:26:40 From Rich Nielsen : Perfect, thank you!