

## **Minutes of the network meeting NW 19 Ethnography, ECER 2022**

The network meeting took place online on 09 September 2022, with the participation of 18 network members. Four convenors had announced their wish to retire: Dennis Beach, Karen Borgnakke, Camilla Kirketerp Nielsen, and Andrea Raggl. The convenor group thanked the retiring convenors for their long-standing engagement. Due to these retirements, the network required new convenors to be elected. The network participants elected Carl Bagley (University of Belfast, UK) and Florian Weitkämper (University of Education Freiburg, Germany) as new convenors. Clemens Wieser (Aarhus University, Denmark) and Gisela Unterweger (Zurich University of Teacher Education, Switzerland) were elected as new link convenors.

The next topic on the agenda was to discuss building network focus. The subsequent discussion focused on processes and workings of the network on the one hand, and new formats and content on the other hand. The discussion made clear that we need to clarify network proceedings to make the network more transparent and accessible to all network members. Participants articulated the need for a network-specific proceedings to detail general ECER regulations. The link convenors endorsed this idea to make processes within the network more transparent and comprehensible as well as enable a broad representation across European regions. The new convenor group will produce network proceedings in line with the points raised in this discussion.

With respect to communication, the convenor group confirmed that the ethnography network uses two platforms for communication: (1) EERA mailing list: The network's EERA mailing list can and should be used for network-related information and discussions. Convenors encouraged that the mailing list can be used by all network members. (2) Facebook group: The [network's Facebook group](#) may also be used for sharing network-related information and discussions. The additional creation and use of a twitter account was also brought up but did not receive sufficient support.

Regarding new formats, content, and discussions in the network's community, a mix between online and on-site meetings between the annual ECER was welcomed by many. One idea was to launch a "30 minutes with ..." -format online in which an invited speaker would talk about their latest projects and discuss them with participants. The new link convenors presented their ideas to organize an online seminar once per semester with an invited expert and a thematic or methodological focus. Participants also suggested organizing a second winter school, following the successful first winter school in Barcelona in 2018.

The convenors organized breakout groups to enable a discussion on relevant content and themes. Discussions in breakout groups evolved around the idea of exploring potentials of ethnography in a European context, as well as setting focus on methodological questions. Network participants shared the idea to explore concepts of culture, followed by a controversial discussion of the term, and challenges to find a concise definition. Participants

suggested to focus possible discussions on the overlap of culture, democracy, and dialogue, virtual ethnography, and ethnographic analysis.

The meeting concluded with an outlook on the upcoming conferences and events: The Rethinking Educational Ethnography Conference, the online seminar series, and ECER 2023 in Glasgow. Network participants were invited to stay in touch via the EERA mailing list and the Ethnography and Education group on Facebook. The convenors also invited participants to submit their research papers to the Journal Ethnography and Education.