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Department of Sociology

A. Reading course in *Research ethics in practice* (PhD level) – 3 hp

A third level (PhD) “reading course” does not involve any teaching and typically only has one or a few participants taking part in the course. A reading course for 7,5 credits should cover an ambitious and demanding reading material, which exact page number can vary depending on the nature of texts (i.e., heavy dominance of research articles). The Department of Sociology offer reading courses to its PhD students on areas that cover either a specific topic of high relevance for the PhD thesis, or a specific area of research expertise in the Department. This course belongs to the latter category.

This course has been reviewed by the Director of graduate studies, and the Head of Research on 2024-03-04.

B. Course Details, Assessment, Grades

This course is offered by Sara Eldén upon demand as a reading course on the readings listed under D, below. There is no teaching. The course is examined on the basis of a written paper (in English or Swedish) of 10-15 pages (for 7,5 credits) and/or an oral examination.

The grades for the course are awarded as Pass or Fail. To receive a Pass, the student must fulfil the learning outcomes specified for the course and demonstrate an independent, reflective, well-informed and critical relationship to the issues presented in the course

C. Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course the student should be able to:

- 1) Summarize the main outlines of the research field covered in the reading material
- 2) Critically examine contributions to the relevant research field
- 3) Apply some of the ideas in the literature to a research problem

D. Admission Requirements

Applicants must be admitted to a Ph.D. program at the Department of Sociology, Lund University, or be accepted as a visiting student to that program.

H. Course Literature

[Reading list goes here, with clearly marked mandatory and elective readings.]

Alvesalo-Kuusi, Anne, and David Whyte. 2018. "Researching the Powerful: A Call for the Reconstruction of Research Ethics." *Sociological Research Online* 23 (1):136-152.

Alvesson, Mats. 2009. "At-Home Ethnography: Struggling with Closeness and Closure." In *Organizational Ethnography: Studying the Complexities of Everyday Life*, edited by Sierk Ybema, Dvora Yanow, Harry Wels and Frans Kamsteeg, 156-174. London: Sage Publications Ltd.

Bantjes, Jason, and Leslie Swartz. 2018. When Ethical Procedures Can't Do the Job: Ethical Dilemmas of Undertaking Critical Organisational Ethnographies in Social and Health Research. In *The Palgrave Handbook of Ethics in Critical Research*, edited by Catriona Ida Macleod, Jacqueline Marx, Phindezwa Mnyaka and Gareth J. Treharne: Springer International Publishing.

Beech, Nic, Paul Hibbert, Robert MacIntosh, and Peter McInnes. 2009. "'But I Thought We Were Friends?' Life Cycles and Research Relationships." In *Organizational Ethnography: Studying the Complexities of Everyday Life*, edited by Sierk Ybema, Dvora Yanow, Harry Wels and Frans Kamsteeg, 196-215. London: Sage Publications Ltd 2009.

Bell, Kirsten, and LL Wynn. 2020. "Research Ethics Committees, Ethnographers and Imaginations of Risk." *Ethnography* 24 (4):537-558.

Fine, Gary Alan. 1993. "Ten Lies of Ethnography: Moral Dilemmas of Field Research." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 22 (3):267-294.

Fine, Gary Alan, and David Schulman. 2009. "Lies From the Field: Ethical Issues in Organizational Ethnography." In *Organizational Ethnography: Studying the Complexities of Everyday Life*, edited by Sierk Ybema, Dvora Yanow, Harry Wels and Frans Kamsteeg, 177-195. London: Sage Publications Ltd.

Israel, Mark. 2015. "Research Ethics and Integrity for Social Scientists Beyond Regulatory Compliance." In, ed Mark Israel: SAGE Publications Ltd.

Juul Kristensen, Catharina. 2023. "Research Ethics and Organizations: The Neglected Ethics of Organizational Ethnography." *Journal of Organizational Ethnography* 12 (2):242-253.

Marx, Jacqueline, and Gareth J. Treharne. 2018. Introduction: Researching 'Down', 'Up' and 'Alongside'. In *The Palgrave Handbook of Ethics in Critical Research*, edited by Catriona Ida Macleod, Jacqueline Marx, Phindezwa Mnyaka and Gareth J. Treharne: Springer International Publishing.

Reyes, Victoria. 2018. "Three Models of Transparency in Ethnographic Research: Naming Places, Naming People and Sharing Data." *Ethnography* 19 (2):204-226.

Scheper-Hughes, Nancy. 2000. "Ire in Ireland." *Ethnography* 1 (1):117-140.

van Maanen, John. 1988. *Tales of the Field: On Writing Ethnography*. United States of America: The University of Chicago Press.

Wax, Murray L. 1980. "Paradoxes of "Consent" to the Practice of Fieldwork." *Social Problems* 27 (3):272-283.

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