

9th International Ethnography and Qualitative Research Conference (ERQ 2023)

Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento, Italy

7-10 June 2023

<https://www.sociologia.unitn.it/en>

<https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=17/46.06641/11.11971>

Call for panel sessions

Ethnography is increasingly recognised and practiced as a crucial research method across a range of social sciences and beyond. In fact, more than a method, ethnography could be said to entail a whole philosophy of social research and a special sensitivity towards the social worlds in which people live.

In 2023, the journal *Etnografia e Ricerca Qualitativa* (ERQ) and the University of Trento, Department of Sociology and Social Research, will host their 9th Conference on ethnographic research. We are now launching a call for panel sessions to be included in the event. Panel sessions will normally host one or two 3-hour slots with approximately 5 presentations per slot.

We welcome session proposals that have the following characteristics:

- **Maximum of 2 convenors** per session. A full name, affiliation, and email address should be provided for each convenor, with a clear indication of the contact scholar. A short 100-word bio profile of each convenor is welcome.
- A **session proposal text (maximum 400 words)**. We invite sessions that tackle broad, substantive, and important topics for ethnographic research. Methodological, ethical, and reflexive issues may be included in proposals, but should not constitute the topic itself. We privilege sessions that provide an innovative, fresh take on the classic problems of ethnography as well as more novel areas where current ethnographic research has developed important research insights. Proposals should indicate how they plan to attract presentations from one or more disciplines and fields of study. We also expect proposals to be able to show that the proposed topic is interesting, socially relevant, and that current research on the topic is flourishing (or should be).
- List of **3-10** broad and relevant **open questions** that conference contributions are expected to address.
- List of **5-7 keywords**. Keywords should be substantive rather than disciplinary, specifying as clearly as possible the focus of interest.
- List of **5-7 sub-disciplines** or cross-disciplinary areas of concern.

Submit your Session Proposal to erq.ethno.conf.soc@unitn.it no later than **31 May 2022**.

Received proposals will be reviewed and selected by **1 July 2022**.

The subsequent call for papers will be open from September 2022 to December 2022.

Convenor/s of accepted sessions are free to decide whether or not to ask contributors for full papers. This may also depend on your interest to propose a Special Issue on the topics of your session to the journal *Etnografia e Ricerca Qualitativa* (for any inquiry about this opportunity, please contact erq.ethno.conf.soc@unitn.it).

ERQ Conference

www.etnografiaricercaqualitativa.it

Since 2006, the Ethnography and Qualitative Research Conference, which in its first seven editions was held in Bergamo, has become an increasingly recognised and established scientific meeting for social researchers. The Conference is organised bi-annually, and has grown both in terms of numbers (with the 2018 and 2021 editions gathering almost 300 scholars) and in terms of its international impact (with nearly half the participants coming from outside Italy). Each edition features keynote speakers, thematic sessions, and side events. The format is based on 3-hour sessions with 5 to 6 paper presentations per session, leaving as much room as possible for discussion.

Etnografia e ricerca qualitativa / Ethnography and qualitative research

<https://www.mulino.it/riviste/issn/1973-3194>

Published on a four-monthly basis by Il Mulino – the leading Italian publisher for social sciences – *Etnografia e Ricerca Qualitativa* (Ethnography and Qualitative Research) is a peer-reviewed journal that hosts high-quality, original ethnographic and qualitative research, combining careful empirical observation with sound theoretical reflection.

The journal covers traditional areas of ethnographic inquiry, such as urban ethnography, deviance, work and occupational communities, immigration and ethnic relations, but also promotes the ethnographic analysis of scientific practices and knowledge, information and surveillance systems, religion, politics, the media, sport, and the arts. *ERQ* is not committed to any specific theoretical approach, and is open to papers influenced by different theoretical traditions, provided they are based on rigorous field research. It is published in Italian, English, and French.