

**6<sup>th</sup> ETHNOGRAPHY AND QUALITATIVE RESEARCH CONFERENCE**  
**VI CONVEGNO DI ETNOGRAFIA E RICERCA QUALITATIVA**

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Organized by:  
University of Bergamo  
*Etnografia e Ricerca Qualitativa* (ERQ)  
il Mulino

Since 2006, the Bergamo conference of ethnography has become an increasingly recognised and established scientific meeting for social researchers at the Italian national level. In 2014, the conference has been opened to international participants adopting English as second working language. The 2016 Conference aims to preserve and renew the rich intellectual discourse engaged in the previous editions. Researchers from across the disciplines of sociology, anthropology, political sciences, arts & humanities, education, social work, geography, cultural studies, science and technology studies, and gender studies are invited to present their research and discuss their findings in a lively, relatively informal environment. The mission of the conference is to:

- foster scholarly exchange and facilitate collaborative research among senior and junior scholars based at different universities and research centres in Europe and abroad;
- support the dissemination of fresh research;
- encourage PhD students at different stage of their research career to share and present preliminary findings and fieldwork experience;
- welcome graduate and under-graduate students as audience to the conference and active participants in the discussion.

The conference embraces and endorses a broad, ambitious view of ethnographic research. Ethnography is understood as an inquiry into the processes, implications, and meanings of social life and culture in groups, organizations, and institutions across diverse social spaces and settings. Accordingly, contributions to the conference can be based on a variety of methods, including but not limited to participant observation, in-depth interviews, focus group, auto-ethnography, visual ethnography, discourse studies, video-based research and other forms of inquiry inspired and informed by ethnographic sensibility. The Conference welcomes theoretically informed and methodologically sound proposals that contribute to the substantive knowledge of the social world. The format is based on 3-hour sessions with 5 paper presentations per session, leaving as much room as possible to open discussion.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

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## HOW TO SUBMIT

To submit your proposal please send an e-mail to the convenor/s of the session of your choice and to the conference committee (erq.conference@unibg.it), indicating the title of the chosen session. Please send:

- the **title** of your talk and an **abstract** of maximum 1000 words (.doc, .docx, .odt, .txt, .rtf);
- your **contact details** (full name, e-mail, post address and affiliation) and those of your co-author/s, if any;
- if you like (we would like!), a **short video talk** (2 min. max.), not necessarily a piece of what your proposed talk would be, but a sort of teaser trailer for it, and a piece of you too (by sending the video, you thereby allow the organizing committee to upload the video at its discretion, in full or cut form, on the youtube channel of *Etnografia e Ricerca Qualitativa*: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTAnycGjE5KzDCr-AnFJwow/feed>).

Abstracts (and video talks) must be submitted in English. The official languages of the conference, however, are Italian, English, and French; for each session, languages will be used depending on the participants composition.

Proposal must be submitted by **January 15, 2016**.

Acceptance of proposals will be notified by **March 8, 2016**.

Contributors must register by **April 15, 2016** to be included in the program.

## SESSIONS LIST

(see [www.etnografiaricercaqualitativa.it](http://www.etnografiaricercaqualitativa.it) for detailed CFPs)

1. *Submerged conflicts. Ethnography of the invisible resistances in the quotidian* Convenor: Pietro Saitta (pisait@gmail.com)
2. *Ethnography of predatory and mafia practices* Convenors: Lucio Castracani & Marco De Biase (luciocastracani@yahoo.it; mdebiase@ulb.ac.be)
3. *Young people practicing everyday multiculturalism. An ethnographic look* Convenor: Enzo Colombo (enzo.colombo@unimi.it)
4. *Innovating universities. Everything needs to change, so everything can stay the same?* Convenors: Daniela Falcinelli & Annalisa Murgia (daniela.falcinelli@unimi.it; annalisa.murgia@unitn.it)
5. *NGOs, grass-root activism and social movements. Understanding novel entanglements of public engagements* Convenors: Alex Koenler & Filippo Zerilli (alexanderiht@yahoo.de; zerilli@unica.it)
6. *Immanence of seduction. For a microinteractionist perspective on charisma* Convenors: Chiara Bassetti & Emanuele Bottazzi (chiara.bassetti@unitn.it / @loa.istc.cnr.it; emanuele.bottazzi@loa.istc.cnr.it)
7. *Lived religion. An ethnographical insight* Convenors: Alberta Giorgi, Stefania Palmisano & Giovanna Rech (albertagiorgi@ces.uc.pt; giovanna.rech@unitn.it; stefania.palmisano@unito.it)

8. *Critical ethnographies of schooling* Convenors: Fulvia Antonelli & Marco Romito (fulvia.antonelli@yahoo.it; romito.marco@gmail.com)
9. *Subjectivity, surveillance and control. Ethnographic research on forced migration towards Europe* Convenors: Elena Fontanari & Barbara Pinelli (elena.fontanari@unimi.it; barbara.pinelli@unimib.it)
10. *Ethnographic and artistic practices and the question of the images in contemporary Middle East* Convenors: Donatella Della Ratta & Paola Gandolfi (donatelladellaratta@gmail.com; paola.gandolfi@unibg.it)
11. *Diffraction ethnography in the anthropocene* Convenor: Elena Bougleux (elena.bougleux@unibg.it)
12. *Ethnography of labour chains* Convenors: Domenico Perrotta & Devi Sacchetto (domenico.perrotta@unibg.it; devi.sacchetto@unipd.it)
13. *Tradition of Chicago as a way to understanding the conflicts in contemporary societies* Convenors: Marco Pitzalis & Izabela Wagner (pitzalis@unica.it; izabela.wagner@gmail.com)
14. *States of imagination/Imagined states. Performing the political within and beyond the state* Convenors: Federica Infantino & Timothy Raeymaekers (Federica.Infantino@ulb.ac.be; timothy.raeymaekers@geo.uzh.ch)
15. *Ethnographies of waste politics* Convenor: Nick Dines (n.dines@mdx.ac.uk)
16. *Experiencing urban boundaries* Convenors: Cristina Mattiucci & Federico Rahola (cristina.mattiucci@unitn.it; federico.rahola@unige.it)
17. *Ethnographic fieldwork as a "location of politics"* Convenors: Marc Abélès & Lynda Dematteo (marc.abeles@ehess.fr; dematteo@ehess.fr)
18. *Rethinking 'Europe' through an ethnography of its borderlands, peripheries and margins* Convenors: Ilaria Giglioli, Camilla Hawthorne & Alessandro Tiberio (giglioli@berkeley.edu, camilla.hawthorne@berkeley.edu, a.tiberio@berkeley.edu)
19. *Detention and qualitative research* Convenors: Alvis Sbraccia & Francesca Vianello (alvis.sbraccia@unibo.it; francesca.vianello@unipd.it)
20. *Ethnographies of social sciences as a vocation* Convenor: Sebastiano Citroni & Gianmarco Navarini (sebastiano.citroni@unimib.it; gianmarco.navarini@unimib.it)

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP in Italian  
*Workshop sperimentale di scrittura di un articolo etnografico –  
 ovvero, Come passare sotto le forche caudine delle redazioni delle riviste accademiche*  
 Organized by Andrea Mubi Brighenti (University of Trento)

In questo laboratorio sperimentale vorremmo mettere a profitto l'esperienza redazionale di ERQ per dare la possibilità a ricercatori e ricercatrici che stanno iniziando o completando il dottorato di confrontarsi con la realtà del processo di pubblicazione in rivista accademica.

Il laboratorio è organizzato per un massimo di 12 partecipanti, selezionati sulla base del c.v., di una dichiarazione di interesse e di un sample di scrittura contenente titolo e abstract di un articolo, 5 parole chiave, indice dell'articolo ed estratto di 2 cartelle massimo.

Possono partecipare in forma gratuita gli iscritti al convegno. Il laboratorio si terrà in due slot prima del convegno (cfr. Programme Overview sotto).

Gli interessati devono spedire la propria candidatura a [erq.conference@unibg.it](mailto:erq.conference@unibg.it) entro il **15 gennaio 2016**. Il messaggio deve contenere il nome completo, l'affiliazione istituzionale (dottorato di appartenenza, supervisore della tesi) e l'indirizzo postale.

## REGISTRATION FEES

**Standard fee** (full time employed scholars): € 100 by April 1, 2016; € 150 after April 1, 2016.

**Reduced fee** (PhD, unemployed/part-time scholars): € 75 by April 1, 2016; € 100 after April 1, 2016.

The fee includes:

- access to all conference sessions;
- yearly subscription to the journal *Etnografia e Ricerca qualitativa* (publishing articles in Italian, English and French);
- buffet lunch on June 10, 2016 and coffee breaks;
- certificate of attendance to the conference;
- access to the pre-conference workshop if you apply and are then selected (see above).

With an **additional fee of € 15**, it is possible to obtain a **two-year subscription** to the journal.

	Standard		Reduced	
	Yearly subs.	Two-year subs.	Yearly subs.	Two-year subs.
<b>Early bird registration</b>	€ 100	€ 115	€ 75	€ 90
<b>Late registration</b>	€ 150	€ 165	€ 100	€ 115

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

	Wed. June 8	Thu. June 9	Fri. June 10	Sat. June 11
<b>Morning</b>		Pre-conference Workshop	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions & Closing
<i>Lunch time</i>		<i>Registration</i>	<i>Buffet lunch</i>	
<b>Afternoon</b>	Pre-conference Workshop	Keynote Lecture & Parallel Sessions	Keynote Lecture & Parallel Sessions	Meet the Editorial Board
<i>Dinner time</i>		<i>Social dinner</i>		

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