



Field Research and Ethics in Post-Conflict Environments

December 4-5, 2008

Skylight Room, 9th Floor

Agenda

Thursday, December 4th

8:30 *Continental Breakfast*

9:00 Welcome and Introductions

9:15 Ethical problems Encountered / What do we know

Susan Thomson Developing Ethical Guidelines for Researchers working in Post-Conflict Environments

10:00 Safety and Security of Researcher and Research Subjects

- Lee Ann Fujii Ethical Challenges of Micro-level Fieldwork
- Carla Suarez Breaking Community Silences: Field Research Reflections from Guatemala and Peru
- Cyril Adonis Ethical Dilemmas in Conducting Research with Ex-Combatants in Post-Apartheid South Africa
- Elisabeth Wood Comments on the papers

11:15 *Coffee Break*

11:30 Ethics and neutrality

- Mareike Schomerus Chasing the Kony Story
- Bandita Sijapati Contested Moralities, Disputed Ethics: The Dilemmas of Conducting Research in Post-Conflict Environments
- Christine Pagen Implications of Associations Between INGOs and Academic Researchers: Reflections from Southern Sudan
- Christopher Cramer Comments on the papers

12:45 *Lunch*

1:45 Access to and Impact of Research on Local Populations

- Simon Robins A Participatory Approach to Ethnographic Research with Victims of Gross Human Rights Violations: Studying Families of the Disappeared in Post-Conflict Nepal

- Peter Locke Experimental Citizens: Ethical Dilemmas of Fieldwork in Post-War Sarajevo Civil Society
- Olajumoke Accessing Returnee Refugee Women in Post War Liberia: Practical,
- Yacob-Haliso Ethical and Gender Considerations
- Victor Asiedu 'Door knocking' - A Useful Entry Tool in Post-Conflict Environment: A Critical Appraisal based on Empirical Research in Sierra Leone
- Ida Susser Comments on the papers

3:45 *Coffee Break*

4:00-5:00 Discussion

6:15 *Dinner*, Ilii 236 Fifth Avenue (between 27th & 28th Streets)

Friday, December 5th, 2008

8:30 *Continental Breakfast*

9:00 Impact of Post-Conflict Environment on Research Design I

- Christof P. Kurz Eyewitness to Conflict and Peace: Key Informants and Causal Accounts of War and Peacebuilding
- Kristine Hoglund Sensitive Topics, Sensitive Environments: Challenges for Comparative Research in Conflict-Ridden Societies
- Eva Gerharz Ambivalent Positioning in Post-Conflict Settings. Reflections on Ethnographic Field Research in Northern Sri Lanka
- Elisabeth Wood Comments on the papers

11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:30 Impact of Post-Conflict Environment on Research Design II

- Justin Pearce The Victor Makes History: The Challenges of Oral Research in Post-War Angola
- Dana Burde Deliver Aid or Study It? The Ethical Dilemmas of Conducting Research in Countries Affected by Conflict
- Zeena Zakharia Critical Moments, Critical Concerns for Social Science Research, During and After War
- Christopher Cramer Comments on the papers

1:00 *Lunch*

2:00 Further Discussion I

- Revising and Adding to Campbell: Susan Woodward
- Writing a Manual on Ethics and Field Research: Christopher Cramer and Elisabeth Wood

3:15 *Coffee Break*

3:30 Further Discussion II

- Writing the Book on the Field: Susan Woodward
- Possibilities for Publication: David Chandler
- Questions to Consider: Jennifer Mueller

5:45 *Dinner*. The Morgan Library Dining Room, 225 Madison Avenue (at 36th Street)

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