

EVALUATION: SOSANT9510 – ETHNOGRAPHIC TRACING

Autumn 2024, Kisumu, Kenya

Course convenor: Paul Wenzel Geissler (teaching prepared jointly with Ruth Prince, Noemi Tousignant, Nick Rahier and others)

Evaluation date: 21st January 2025

Participant's feedback

Learning outcomes:

- 75 % of the participants gave top marks on the theoretical insights (the rest good marks)

Teaching methods and organization

- 100% gave top marks on lecturer preparation and engagement
- 66 % of the participants gave top marks on feedback
- 66 % of the participants gave top marks on presentation practice
- Most participants gave top marks on overall satisfaction

Some participants suggested that some practical arrangements, notably transport, could have worked even better. Several participants found the horizontal learning structure, conducting fieldwork together with their “teachers” highly satisfactory and instructive (the same applies to the teachers). Several participants would have liked to have more time – for fieldwork, for writing, and for sharing - then this five-day full-time course allowed for.

Overall assessment and further development

The overall assessment of the course was highly positive. Participants found it a great learning opportunity and the course well-structured and well-taught this. Several participants would have liked to extend the time of the course, to have more opportunity to digest and present the findings, which, however, would not be possible within the limits of funding and credits.

While this course in its exact form will not be repeated, similar field courses clearly have great potential to convey innovative methodological ideas and generate shared reflection and analysis.