Course description *Field research project* (15 ECTs)

Students will carry out an independent online and on-site field research project on a well-defined topic during the last part of the term with a focus on (online) observation, digital ethnography and visual ethnography, under supervision of a lecturer. Students will join an intensive study trip of two weeks to Morocco during which they carry out multiple ethnographic research assignments and go on excursions to various sites of cultural interest and to social organizations in the surroundings of Rabat and Casablanca and an excursion to rural Morocco will be organized as well. Students may work individually, or in small groups of two or three persons. Students report on their research in an online presentation and an ethnographic paper, in which they combine original empirical research (online and on-site), with the study of existing literature, and a theoretical framework.

Course objectives
-   Gaining in-depth understanding of Moroccan society
-   Acquiring skills in doing (digital and visual) ethnographic research
-   Analysing and presenting data, both orally and in a written form

Teacher
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Course load
Total course load 15 EC x 28 hours= 420 hours
Study trip   112 hours
Research   150 hours
Work group sessions   8 hours (including preparation)
Writing paper   150 hours (including reading secondary literature)

Assessment method
Paper   75 %
Participation   25 %
The final mark for the course is established by determining the weighted average. In case of a mark below 5.5, students will be allowed to rewrite their paper.

The field research project leads up to term paper, written and structured by academic standards. In the Introduction the students present their research questions, the *status quaestionis*, by reviewing relevant literature, their theoretical and conceptual framework, the methods of research, location of research and particularities of their informants, offer a reflection on their own role, a consideration of ethical issues, and present the structure of the paper. In the following sections they present the fieldwork findings. Every paper ends with a conclusion, in the form of answers to the initial research questions. The literature consulted is presented in a Bibliography. The Chicago Manual of Style is used as a reference guide, but students can use other writing styles as well, as long as their paper is written in one consistent style. An individual term paper counts about 10,000 words, by two students 15,000-20,000 words, and by three students 20,000-25,000 words. Line spacing is 1.5, the font used is preferably Calibri font size 11. The term paper should be submitted before 21 January 2021.