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ÉTICA Y ANTROPOLOGÍA



El Medical Anthropology Research Center (MARC) al junto al Departamento de Antropología, Filosofía y Trabajo Social, el Programa de Doctorado en Antropología y Comunicación, y el Doctorado Interuniversitario de Trabajo Social de la Universitat Rovira i Virgili, organizan el Seminario Ética y Antropología, coordinado por el Dr. Fernando Vidal y la Dra. Blanca Deusdad.

Los seminarios tendrán lugar en castellano e inglés. En algunos casos se recomendarán lecturas de referencia.

La sesión está prevista para el **7 de mayo de 2024 entre las 17-19h** y se realizará online mediante la plataforma MTeams.

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SESIÓN 6. Can you write an ethnography of hate? Some reflections on why you can't.

7 de MAYO de 2024, de 17:00h a 19:00h

Abstract: In this presentation I offer a reflection on the experience of conducting ethnographic study with people and in a context that is experienced by the ethnographer as challenging their anthropological empathy. Reflections on the ethics of fieldwork often confront the power difference between the anthropologist and the object of their gaze. Questions about the voice of the ethnographic subject, their authorship, or in postcolonial contexts especially, the sedimented violence implied in the relationship between anthropologist and "native," all address a power relation where the anthropologist is at least implicitly the privileged party. In this talk I reflect on my experience of conducting fieldwork with a conservative religious group while members of the group were protesting the legalization of same-sex marriage and adoption in France during the 2013 *Manif Pour Tous* demonstrations. Conducting fieldwork in that context meant I had to sustain a fundamentally empathetic stance towards persons whose ethical position and actions stood in opposition not only to my convictions, but to my selfhood. With reference to my interlocutors' own theological preoccupation with the concept of love, I offer in this talk a reflection on the possible generativity of such a position as the one in which I found myself.

Key Concepts: empathy; ethnographic process; homophobia; Catholicism; social movements; France.

Speaker: Nofit Itzhak is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellow. Her **current research project studies people's relationship to the future at times of crisis and social change** by investigating their attitudes to child-rearing and to children's use of digital technologies. Her **previous research project**, an ethnographic study of a transnational Catholic Charismatic community and its development projects in France and in Rwanda investigates the social life of love, conceived of as community, friendship, charity, and divine gift. She conducted research on neo-shamanism in the United States, investigating the mechanisms through which the imagination as a bodily function was implied in therapeutic process and healing. Nofit's work has been published in *American Ethnologist*, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, *the Cambridge Journal of Anthropology*, and *Ethos*.