

The ASNA “Cecil Manona Methodology Workshop” 2014

Sart 28th June 2014

The “Cecil Manona Methodology Workshop” brings together postgraduate students and experts for a one day intensive workshop on theory and scientific methodology in anthropology. This will be achieved through specialized training, tutoring, peer contact and mentoring. The objective is to provide postgraduate students in anthropology with a strong grounding in critical thinking and scientific investigation that will contribute towards advancing science in anthropology. The workshop content will focus broadly on a spectrum of critical questions and key debates in the discipline, with strong emphasis on the relationship between theory and method in anthropology.

Postgraduate students from all Southern Africa universities and colleges are invited to participate in the program as “fellows”. These fellows will be given the opportunity to be mentored by senior scholars, and to receive both expert and peer feedback on writing for their dissertations/theses. They will be given the opportunity to engage experts and senior scholars on specific thematic issues, discuss key readings in these areas, and consolidate their methodology training in the discipline. Students in search of a setting in which to present and discuss parts of their research with peers and experts are particularly welcomed to participate in this workshop.

Structure:

The workshop will take the form of an advanced seminar based on both expert presentation and open discussion. Sessions will be generally animated by senior scholars and invited experts, both foreign and national. Fellows are required to produce one written texts in connection with a session of their choice, with particular relevance to their research project/dissertation/thesis. This paper should be treated as first draft of an article of publishable quality to be submitted to Anthropology Southern Africa for consideration. These texts will be sent to the coordinator in advance for distribution to all participants before the start of the workshop. Students not writing research papers will be required to produce a response paper in which they critically engage with and raise discussion questions about the articles distributed for particular sessions, and the research papers submitted by their peers. These 2-3 pp. reaction papers are required to be ready in written form on the first day of the module. Fellow are required to participate actively in the various workshop sessions and discussions, in the same spirit of constructive criticism requested of senior scholars and invited expert.

Who should Register?:

All postgraduate students studying anthropology in Southern Africa are eligible, and also those students using ethnographic research in their projects. Students who are in the process of developing dissertation projects, preparing dissertation proposals, collecting data, performing data analysis or writing dissertation chapters are particularly encouraged to participate.

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VENUE: Seminar A (Anthropology Department)

WELCOME AND REGISTRATION	8:30-9:00
Preliminaries to Fieldwork	
Session 1: Critical Thinking in Anthropology	9:00-10:00
TEA	10:00-10:30
Session 2: Framing Fieldwork: Fieldwork, Methods and Techniques	10:30-11:30
LUNCH	12:30-13:30
Fieldwork 'Proper'	
Session3: The Ethnographer's Craft: Fieldnotes, Interviews, and Analysis	11:30-12:30
Session 4: The Reflexive Moment: Self and Other	13:30-14:30
Data Analysis, Representation and Ethnography	
Session 5: From Data to Ethnography	14:30-15:30
TEA	15:30-16:00
Session 6: Writing Lives: Representing the Other?	16:00-17:00
CONCLUSION AND WRAP UP	17:00-17:45