



#events: Let's Get Geographical!

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They say 'the early bird catches the worm'. Would you like to catch that worm? Or, perhaps, that worm isn't so enticing! How about a short course on decolonisation in anthropology or a conference on geo-ethnographic research?

The New Year is already looking up with all kinds of opportunities to advance your career and knowledge in anthropology. Maybe you've always wanted to travel off the beaten track to a Maltese island, or maybe you have something to say about the emphasis on positivity in post-reform China? Whatever you're



feeling for the coming year, we're sure something below will appeal to you! So give yourself the 2020 you want and smash those learning goals!

Merry Christmas to you all and a very Happy New Year!

As always, if you would like your event to feature in our next events list or if you wish to write a short report, don't hesitate to get in touch with our events admin, Kanchi, at events@allegrolaboratory.net or through any one of our social media platforms - [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#).



Short course: "[Decolonising Anthropology: Why and How it matters](#)"

Goldsmiths University

13 Jan 2020, 18:30 - 23 Mar 2020

Through the study of anthropology and its methods, this course will focus on ways of thinking about anthropological issues from multiple perspectives, including through films, documentaries, literature, and art. You will revisit traditional discussions of anthropology, such as the human-nature relationship, subject-object divides, and gift economies, and reflect on indigenous knowledge systems and alternative ways of knowing.

The course is based on materials from anti-colonial research methods, intersectional feminist theory, critical race theory, and indigenous research perspectives to social movements, and theory from settler-colonial contexts and anti-racist movements. [\[more\]](#)



Call for Papers: “[Anthropology and Geography: Dialogues Past, Present and Future Conference](#)”

The British Museum, Clore Centre, SOAS, Senate House and Royal Geographical Society
4 – 7 June 2020



This panel focuses on the potential and limitations of geo-ethnographic research in the Indian Ocean region. You will be able to explore geographers’ and anthropologists’ methodological use of (visual) research tools like photography or mapping to engage with concepts like mobility, belonging, or identity.[\[more\]](#)

Deadline for application: 8 January 2020



Summer School: [Off the Beaten Track Field School for Cultural Anthropology and Humanities](#)

Gozo, Malta

June 5 – June 24 | July 2 – July 21 | July 29 –

August 17 2020

The Off the Beaten Track summer field school is held annually on the islet of Gozo, one of the three inhabited islands of the Maltese Archipelago in the heart of the Mediterranean. The program offers both budding anthropologists and more advanced scholars, a valuable opportunity to acquire ‘in the field’ experience on an island with 7,000 years of history. The islands present a balance of past and present: rural Mediterranean traditions intersect with foreign influence in small



fishing villages. At the crossroads of maritime routes between Europe, Africa and Asia, Malta has always been strategically important, and thus many influences have contributed to the Maltese and Gozitan culture. This can be seen for example in the Maltese language - a fusion of Arabic, Italian and other languages.[[more](#)]

Deadline for [Scholarship calls](#): 5 January 2020

Call for Papers: Locating Negative Affects in China's Post-Reform Era: Public Culture, Stranger Sociability, Political Potentials

Conference of the European Association for Chinese Studies,
University of Leipzig, Germany
25-29 August 2020



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This panel aims to bring together scholars from different disciplinary horizons to reflect on the expression of negative affects and emotions in everyday life and public culture in post-reform China. You will have the opportunity to explore the negative affects in a political and social context marked by an emphasis on positivity, and whether there are any spaces left for negativity to be expressed and acted upon in the overwhelmingly positive public sphere that is dominant in China.

If you are interested, please send an abstract to [Lisa Richaud](#) by **15 December 2019**.



**Maynooth
University**
National University
of Ireland Maynooth

Winter School: Maynooth University
Ethnography Winter School
Maynooth University, Iontas Building
13 - 17 January 2020, 10:00 - 17:00

This comprehensive introduction to ethnography covers various different themes such as culture and difference, politics of knowledge, research ethics and ethnographic engagement. This course provides anthropologists and ethnographers alike, whether students planning proposals or professionals returning to academia, a chance to produce work through the workshop style of the school. The course also features two guests; Professor Pinney who is well known for his contributions to visual anthropology and the ethnographic analysis of images in sociocultural life, and Dr. Shankland from the RAI who will discuss contemporary ethnographic research.

Contact [Dr. Thomas Strong](#) by **20 December 2019** to enrol on the course!

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