

# Fieldwork

## Doing Ethnographic Research

Confirmed Keynotes

**Professor Elijah Anderson**  
**Yale University**

**Professor Karen O'Reilly**  
**Loughborough University**

Ethnography is one of the oldest methods in social research and provides unparalleled access to social life. The Centre for Critical Social Research is organising a one day conference that will bring together ethnographers to discuss developments, challenges and the future of the ethnographic method. We are delighted to have confirmed Professor Anderson and Professor O'Reilly who have years of experience working in the field; with the aim of the day to explore approaches, difficulties and novel ways to conduct fieldwork. We invite papers from established and early career academics exploring a range of themes in ethnography. The method has been used across a range of disciplines and we welcome papers from any subject area including but not limited to sociology, anthropology, education, health studies, migration, politics and activist research.

Please send an abstract of no more than 250 words to [Kehinde.andrews@bcu.ac.uk](mailto:Kehinde.andrews@bcu.ac.uk) by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

The cost to attend the conference will be £50 for full time employed; £30 for part time employed and postgraduate students.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 10-5pm**  
**Birmingham City University**

Elijah Anderson is the William K. Lanman, Jr. Professor of Sociology at Yale University. He is one of the leading urban ethnographers in the United States. His publications include *Code of the Street: Decency, Violence, and the Moral Life of the Inner City* (1999), winner of the Komarovsky Award from the Eastern Sociological Society; *Streetwise: Race, Class, and Change in an Urban Community* (1990), winner of the American Sociological Association's Robert E. Park Award for the best published book in the area of Urban Sociology; and the classic sociological work, *A Place on the Corner* (1978; 2nd ed., 2003). Anderson's most recent ethnographic work, *The Cosmopolitan Canopy: Race and Civility in Everyday Life*, was published by WW Norton in March 2012. Professor Anderson is the 2013 recipient of the prestigious Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award of the American Sociological Association.



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Karen O'Reilly is Professor of Sociology and Head of Department at Loughborough University. Karen's research interests fall into three broad themes: migration, social class, and ethnographic methods. Karen has spent many years living amongst and learning from British people who move abroad in search of a better way of life. Sociologically this has informed an interest in a broad range of themes, including: ethnicity, identity and community; nations and nationalism; home and belonging; social exclusion; the informal economy; tourism-related migration; and friends and networks. Her publications include *International Migration and Social Theory* (Palgrave), the Winner of the Choice Outstanding Academic Title Award; *Ethnographic Methods* (Routledge) *Key Concepts in Ethnography* (Sage).

