

Exploring Gender and Intimacy in Japan: Ethnographic Methods and Visual Approaches

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Learning Goals:

By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

1. Understand key anthropological methods for studying gender and intimacy.
2. Integrate visual ethnography techniques (photos, video, diaries) into research.
3. Apply methods in hands-on exercises to their own projects.
4. Reflect critically on ethical considerations and positionality in fieldwork.

Schedule:

TIME	DURATION	ACTIVITY
10:00	10 min	Welcome and Introduction: Overview of workshop and participant backgrounds.
10:10	20 min	Activation: Participants share research questions or experiences with gender/commodified intimacy studies.
10:30	30 min	Talk: Ethnography of gender and commodified intimacy in Japan
11:00	30 min	Practical 1: Participants draft a mini observation/interview plan relevant to their own projects.
11:30	20 min	Presentation: discuss the issues you identified why drafting your mini observation/interview plan
11:50	10 min	Wrap up
12:00	1 hour	LUNCH BREAK
13:00	20 min	Talk: Visual ethnography – photography, videos, and ethical guidelines.

13:20	30 min	Practical 2: What kinds of visual ethnographic methods can I use, and why? What are the pros and cons of applying each method (limitations, barriers, potential insights, incidental findings, etc.)?
13:50	15 min	Talk & Demo: Integrating qualitative and visual data; analysis strategies and findings.
14:05	20 min	Reflection & Discussion: Share outputs, discuss challenges, and explore potential applications or collaborations.
14:25	5 min	Conclusion