

Assignment Three HCW

Due day after session 6 by 6 pm online

The goal of this week's assignment is to help you to understand the pragmatics and logistics of ethnographic observation and description. Geertz lays out some of the methods, theory, and goals for doing anthropology since the 1960s. The other three articles are examples of studying some form of space. They are straightforward and interesting, and employ at least some of Geertz's teachings. While reading, you should try to absorb as many ideas, hints, and analytical tools that might be useful for your ethnographic work.

In terms of complexity, Geertz is denser than other articles. Still, allocate enough time to make the best out of these readings as they are directly applicable to your research.

Write a two-page essay reflecting on the following:

What does Geertz mean by "thick description"? To what extent the authors succeed (or fail) in doing thick description? List the methods, tricks, wisdoms, hints, and other things that you found helpful or needing to avoid (!) while doing your observations.

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