

SEMINAR ETHICS AND RISK

Date: December 15, 2014

Time: 10.00 – 17.00

Location: Belle van Zuylenzaal (C1.13), UvA University Library, Singel 425, Amsterdam

During this second ethics seminar we aim to discuss potential risk, ethical dilemmas and best practices around a number of themes. Each theme will be introduced by a chair who will start the discussion with a brief presentation. In preparation, participants are asked to complete a 1p document relating to their fieldwork plans.

PROGRAM

10.00 – 10.15 **Introduction** (Marlies)

10.15 - 11.00 **Getting into the country** (chair Emanuela; introduced by Marcus; respondent Dirk)

Do you come on a tourist or a research visa, (how) do you use local contacts to gain access, do you get an affiliation with a local institution?

11.00 – 11.45 **Trust and honesty with respondents** (chair Adele; introduced by Jos; respondent Malcolm)

What do you tell people you interview or spend time with about your purpose, how do you gain their trust, how much do you trust them? How to contact people who might be (temporarily or permanently) under surveillance, where and how to organize/set-up meetings with them?

15 minutes break

12.00 – 12.45 **Encountering the authorities 1** (chair Marcus; introduced by Adele; respondent Dirk)

To what extent should you try to interview them, who, how high, what do you tell them?

***** Lunch *****

13.45 – 14.30 **Protecting your data** (chair Imke; introduced by Marlies; respondent Marcel)

How far do you go with anonymisation, encryption etc. while you are in the field. How do you keep contacts safe in a way that is still practical? When do you decide not to use / publish information because of risk to respondents?

14.30 – 15.15 **Encountering the authorities 2** (chair Jos; introduced by Emanuela; respondent Malcolm). You get arrested or find that you are being followed or your room has been searched. How do you conduct yourself?

15 minutes break

15.30 - 16.15 **Rapidly deteriorating security situations** (chair Kris; reflections Marcel; Malcolm; Dirk). When and how do you decide that you need to leave the country; how do you go about it?

16.15 – 17.00 **Closing Session** (chair Marlies; brief statements from the researchers and final counsel from the ethical advisors)