PhD Social Anthropology / Visual Anthropology

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Welcome and introductions

- Who am I?

- Who are you?

Your PhD trajectory

- First Year
  - Prep work with your supervisors and through course work.
  - Write research proposal. Due Thursday 28th May 2026 at 2pm.
  - Clear ethical approval (April to June).
  - Pass viva (June).
- Second Year
  - Fieldwork
- Third Year
  - Write-up
  - GTA (optional)
  - Funding ends after 3 years or 3.5 years, depending on your funder
- Fourth Year
  - Go into submission pending if needed to finish writing up
  - GTA (optional)
- Note: part-time and patchwork ethnography is also an option! Check with funders and me.

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You are in the driver's seat

- In general, except for the first meeting, you submit something written to discuss in each supervisory meeting.

- You tell supervisors what you need (areas you need support on, how often you want to meet, what kind of feedback is most helpful for you, etc.).

- Give supervisors enough time to read your work. Ask them about deadlines for work.

- Frequency of meeting with and feedback from co-supervisors depends on the arrangement. Decide in the first meeting.

Intellectual community

- PGR Seminar (w/ third years and MAARs) (Sem 1, Mondays 9am – 11am)
- Issues in Ethnographic Research (w/ MAARs) (Sem 1, Tuesdays 11am – 1pm)

- Monday seminars (3.15pm – 5pm, ALB boardroom)

- Be on campus at least 3 working days a week
- PGR WhatsApp group
- Set up your own informal reading and writing groups!

Academic support

- Pop-up workshops

- Writing retreats at the John Rylands library (December and June, one day)

- Writing retreat at Gladstone's library in April (2 nights/3 days) – post-field PGRs prioritized

- Trainings, workshops, and other support by the Humanities Doctoral Academy https://livemanchesterac.sharepoint.com/sites/ResearcherDevelopment/.

- Other ad-hoc activities

For more information and help…

- Read the Information Pack for PGRs

- Any admin questions you can ask me or Jackie Boardman, Postgraduate Research Student Experience Administrator in the Humanities Doctoral Academy jackie.boardman@Manchester.ac.uk.

- Doctoral Academy Hub (where you can also find Jackie)
  - Ellen Wilkinson Building, ground floor (to the left as you walk through the front doors).
  - Open 10am – 4pm
  - See also 'Useful Contacts' on the Doctoral Academy Online Noticeboard on Padlet.