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## **Guest Lecture**

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Wednesday, 6 May 2020 Autoethnography as Method

# **Prof. Shahram Khosravi, Professor of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University**

12:15 - 13:45 h

Location: University of Neuchâtel, Rue Abram-Louis-Breguet 1, Moyen Auditoire (3rd floor)

This guest lecture is co-organised by the Laboratory of the Analysis of Social Processes (LAPS / MAPS) and the nccr – on the move.



#### **Abstract**

Autoethnography is a writing style with personal experiences interjected into ethnographic writing. As a form of self-narrative, auto-ethnography places the self within a social context. An interesting aspect of this genre is that the distinction between ethnographer and others becomes blurred. Autoethnography links the world of the author with the world of others. Based on my own experiences as migrant, anthropologist and public intellectual, I will explore what emerges from the space in between.

### **Curriculum Vitae**

Shahram Khosravi is Professor of Anthropology at Stockholm University. His research interests include anthropology of Iran and the Middle East, migration, forced displacement, and border studies. During the past two years he has developed a new research field called Critical Border Studies in Sweden for creating interaction between scholars, artists and activists. He has been an active writer in international press and has also written fiction. Currently he is working on an art book on Waiting.

#### **Selected Publications**

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