

Linguistic Ethnography Discussion and Study Group (LEDS)
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LEDS terms of reference

The intention of the group is that it will provide an informal, constructive forum for discussion about a wide range of matters related to linguistic ethnography including its interface with ethnography more generally and with (British) anthropology. We hope that, as the group develops, members will be willing to engage in methodological and theoretical discussion. Our intention is that the group should have an inclusive membership policy (all welcome!) and that those who attend should feel able to participate in a relaxed, exploratory and collegial academic environment. Long-term, the group might facilitate future research collaborations but for now we hope that it will be a point of support and enjoyable sharing of ideas for anyone who is using, or considering using, ethnography, particularly with a linguistic focus or angle.

Sometimes, meetings will take the format of a reading group, sometimes a discussion of data provided by a member, sometimes talking through a particular sticky challenge or question and sometimes, we will have a relatively open discussion and exploration of a given topic. We will be very pleased to entertain other ideas for any type of meeting format, or purpose, and intend this to be a learning opportunity for us all. Therefore we will encourage members to take the lead in sessions about their own ideas, concerns and interests.

Agenda for Session 1: ‘Why ethnography? Introducing linguistic ethnography’

- (1) Introductions
- (2) Sensitising exercise – engaging with data.
- (3) Discussion of the topic *Why ethnography? Introducing Linguistic Ethnography*
- (4) Planning for future sessions: topics, facilitators, requests and ideas

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