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The Maynooth University Department of Anthropology is please to
host the 2014 'Ethnography Winter School'

08-12 December 2014

Writing the State

'Ethnography' is more than a 'method': it comprises a whole style of thought encompassing forms of observation, analysis, and writing. We emphasize analysis and theory in addition to research practices. The module is structured as workshops, so that students and professional ethnographers are able to produce work that relates to their respective career stages, locations, and goals. This module is available to students from across Ireland and overseas.

This year guest lecturers include Prof. Akhil Gupta (UCLA), Prof. Purnima Mankekar (UCLA), Dr Ciara Kierns (University of Liverpool, and Maynooth University), Dr Adam Drazin (UCL), Professor Lawrence J. Taylor (Maynooth University). This year the theme is *Writing the State*:

What is the state of the state in ethnographic writing? How does the neoliberal state get written into ethnographic 'thick description'? Is the state made visible in contemporary analyses of new technologies, new media, new forms of communication, mobilisation and affect, and the new social worlds they engender? Is it possible to reach a theory of the state by ethnographic means?

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