



## CALL FOR PAPERS

### VII INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

*“Ethnographic encounters with children, adolescents, and young adults in diverse educational and community contexts”*

Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá

October 23-25 2024

(In-person, with option for virtual participation)

### ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

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### BACKGROUND

The seventh international symposium “Ethnographic encounters with children, adolescents, and young adults in diverse educational and community contexts” seeks to strengthen and expand the lines of research developed in six previous symposia and the founding of RIENN (International Network of Ethnography with Children and Youth). In 2009, the first symposium was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina where, for the first time in Latin America, a small group of researchers presented and discussed topics and problems related to the participation of children and youth in ethnographic research in educational contexts. The breadth and depth of the debates between academics from different contexts and countries, most of whom did not know each other, contributed to the awareness of the growing relevance of children's participation in qualitative research in general, and in ethnography in particular. The unique interactive modality of this event, and the determination of those who organized and participated in it, were key to the continuity of this project for the last 15 years. The next five symposia were held in Bogota, Colombia (2011); Oaxaca, Mexico (2013); Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil (2016); Resistencia, Argentina (2018); and Santiago, Chile (2021). In 2019, the first RIENN event outside Latin America was held in Oregon, USA. During these meetings, participants presented ethnographic studies on several issues: how children and



youth are involved in social, educational, political and cultural dynamics and their capacity and agency to propose possible alternatives for the transformation of their identities and their everyday lives; self-motivated modes and agencies of involvement and commitment of the participating subjects; political and cultural processes with children and youth as the main actors in school and non-school contexts; epistemological, methodological and discursive aspects of ethnography with children and youth; interdisciplinary dimensions in research with the participation of children and youth, focusing on both, local and global contexts. Four edited volumes were published with the most significant works from these symposia (Miño y Dávila Publishing House, 2011; Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, 2017; Pedro e Joao Editores, Brazil, 2021, French translation by L'Harmattan, Paris, 2022; and Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, 2024).

In this seventh symposium, RIENN and the Faculty of Education of the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá, invite you to present findings of research, completed or in progress, on various topics in diverse educational and community contexts, which are focused on the narratives of children and youth as interlocutors, participants and/or members of research teams. Of particular interest are themes that deepen interdisciplinary debates and problematize the forms of violence against children and youth, the scope of global and local educational inequalities, and the resistance and survival strategies led by children and youth.

We particularly welcome the participation of children, adolescents and young adults who are members of research teams, as well as contributions that include presentations of an artistic and performative nature.

The symposium will be held in person on the campus of the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá with the option of participating virtually for those who cannot attend in person.

## **AIM**

To gather results of ethnographic research, completed or in progress, that problematize broad and diverse topics in educational contexts (schools, universities, social entities and movements, social organizations, child protection institutions, etc.) and explore dynamic and agentic modes of involvement and commitment of children, adolescents and young adults, as well as their interactions with researchers and other adult actors.

## **THEMATIC THREADS**

- Spaces and times in everyday educational and community contexts;
- Knowledge and practices: educational and socializing processes;
- Construction of identities: gender, sexuality, ethnicity, social class, nationality, religion, age and generation;
- Education, racism, violence and inequalities;
- Political praxis, resistance, rights and citizenships;



- Languages, bodies, arts and performances;
- Ethnographic research with children and youth: epistemological, ethical, methodological and discursive dimensions;
- Ethnography with children and youth and reflexivities.

## MODALITY OF THE SYMPOSIUM

Although virtual participation is an option, in-person attendance is preferred.

Written papers may be submitted in Portuguese, Spanish or English. All papers will be circulated in advance among those attending the symposium. The sessions will discuss the topics, problems, and approaches of each paper. The number of papers will be limited (maximum 40) to maintain a high degree of interaction during the three days of the symposium. It is essential that the abstracts provide clear evidence of the theoretical and methodological contribution to the topic being developed.

The members of the academic committee will work with an academic publishing house during 2025 on the selection and editing of the most relevant papers from the symposium.

## DATES

**Deadline for submission of abstracts: May 2, 2024**

**Deadline for notification of acceptance of abstracts: June 2, 2024**

**Deadline for submission of complete papers: September 2, 2024**

## SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts up to 500 words will be sent in a WORD file as an email attachment. The abstracts must include:

- Objectives, theoretical perspective, and methodology (approximately 150 words)
- Ethnographic data and findings (approximately 300 words)
- Relevance of the study (approximately 50 words)

The writers must also include the title of the paper, name of the author(s), institutional affiliation, and participation modality (in-person or virtual).

Send this file by email to [encuentrosetnograficos@gmail.com](mailto:encuentrosetnograficos@gmail.com). Only one proposal per presenter will be accepted. On **June 2, 2024**, via email and on the event site ([encuentrosetnograficos.weebly.com](http://encuentrosetnograficos.weebly.com)), the list of abstracts selected for the symposium will be announced.

## SUBMISSION OF COMPLETE PAPERS

If the abstract is selected, the complete paper must be sent no later than **September 2, 2024**, by email to [encuentrosetnograficos@gmail.com](mailto:encuentrosetnograficos@gmail.com) as a PDF file. The maximum length of the papers will be 6000 words.



For the complete papers, the following outline is suggested: (a) an abstract (which may have slight modifications with respect to the one sent before); (b) an introduction with the objectives of the study and a brief theoretical framework; (c) specific aspects related to the methodology; (d) ethnographic data and findings; (e) a discussion exploring the findings; (f) brief and straightforward conclusions; (g) the bibliography of the references cited in the text.

## **PAPER PRESENTATION FORMAT**

Presentations will be held in 30-minute sessions. The author will have 10 minutes to make an oral presentation; the remaining 20 minutes will be devoted to questions and discussion about the work presented. Coordinators for each presentation will be chosen from among the symposium participants to moderate the discussion and to assist in time management.

BEFORE EACH SESSION, ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST READ THE CORRESPONDING PAPER, available online ([encuentrosetnograficos.weebly.com](http://encuentrosetnograficos.weebly.com)) on **September 15, 2024**.

## **ROUND TABLES**

Two roundtables, open to the general public, will be held during the symposium. The objective will be to discuss the particularities and contributions of ethnography with children and youth. One of the roundtables will include children, adolescents and young adults as speakers who have been part of research teams. The other roundtable will feature speakers selected from those who present papers at the symposium.