

Exploring and Employing Autoethnographic Positioning Analysis

September 18–19, 2025
Bielefeld University, Room: X-B2-103

Whether you're just starting to explore autoethnographic research or wish to deepen your understanding of Autoethnographic Positioning Analysis (APA), this workshop offers a space for shared learning and methodological reflection. The atmosphere will be collaborative and open, encouraging exchange, experimentation, and collective inquiry.

We will begin with a brief introduction to APA, outlining its conceptual roots and analytical potential. Building on this foundation, the core of the workshop consists of five interactive sessions, each centered around a different research project. In these sessions, five invited participants will introduce their work and share how they connect their data and questions to APA. Together, we will work directly with materials, explore positioning-analytical perspectives, and reflect on the role of self, narrative, and social dynamics in ethnographic research.

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Workshop Program

Thursday, 18 September 2025

Time	Session
12:00 – 12:30	Arrival & Welcome
12:30 – 14:00	Heike Greschke (Bielefeld University), Tobias Boll (University of Mainz), Mei-Chen Spiegelberg (Bielefeld University) <i>Introduction to Autoethnographic Positioning Analysis</i>
14:00 – 14:30	☕ Coffee Break
14:30 – 16:00	Monica-Elena Stoian (University of Göttingen) <i>The private goes political. One family, four countries and too many political Crises: Exploring political stances and intersections from a positioning-analytical perspective</i>
16:00 – 16:30	☕ Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00	Zelda Wenner (University of Lübeck) <i>Collaborative Ethnography on Sex/Gender: Navigating Positionality across Bio and Social Sciences</i>
19:00	🍷 Get-Together Dinner (optional)

Friday, 19 September 2025

Time	Session
10:00 – 11:30	Insa Kriwall (Leibniz University Hannover) [German] „... verantwortungsvoll mit den Bewerbungen umgehen“: <i>Emotionsrituale und Emotionale Arbeit in Auswahlverfahren von Schüler*innen-Stipendien</i>
11:30 – 12:00	☕ Coffee Break
12:00 – 13:30	Paul Zielenbach (Humboldt University of Berlin) [German] <i>Das Lehramts-Referendariat als Subjektivierungsarrangement in autoethnographischer Betrachtung</i>
13:30 – 14:30	🍴 Lunch Break (at own expense)
14:30 – 16:00	Kristina Enders (University of Wuppertal) [German] <i>(M)Ein „Scheitern“ am Zugang zum Forschungsfeld - positionierungsanalytische Erkundungen</i>



Additional Information

- ❖ The first day of the workshop will be held in **English**. It will include a brief introduction to APA and the first two data sessions. The remaining three data sessions will take place on the second day and will be conducted in **German**. Non-German-speaking participants are very welcome to attend the second day as well, provided they feel comfortable with German as the primary working language. They are also encouraged to contribute to the discussion in English.
- ❖ Upon arrival, we will provide a small selection of snacks, finger food, coffee, tea, and water to help you settle in. Additionally, there is a **cafeteria** and a **canteen** located on the ground floor of the building X, offering a variety of options including sandwiches, pastries, cakes and hot meals. Please note that payment at these facilities is only possible by **card** (EC card, VPAY, Maestro, Google Pay, Apple Pay, all major credit cards); cash is not accepted.
- ❖ The workshop room is located on the second floor, and the building is equipped with a **lift** to ensure **barrier-free access**. For more detailed information on accessibility, please visit the following website: <https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/einrichtungen/zab/campus-leben/> If you require any assistance, please let us know **during registration**. We will be happy to make the necessary arrangements.
- ❖ A get-together dinner will take place on **Thursday, September 18**. If you'd like to join, **please indicate this when registering**.
- ❖ **Participation is free of charge**, but spaces are limited due to room capacity.
👉 First come, first served.
- ❖ Please register by sending a brief email to Ms. Viola Pappada sekretariat.greschke@uni-bielefeld.de no later than **Monday, 18 August**.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bielefeld and exploring together how autoethnographic positioning analysis can enrich our research practices and deepen our understanding of cultural and social dynamics.

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