

ERASMUS Intensive Programme

Biocultural Diversity: Concepts and Interdisciplinary methods

A two week intensive course in research design and field methods in Biocultural Diversity studies, which examine the links between cultural and biological diversity and on how human society has shaped and is shaped by the landscape and biosphere

- ✓ Taught by Europe's *leading educators and researchers* in Biocultural Diversity Studies
- ✓ The latest theoretical concepts and contemporary issues
- ✓ Cutting edge *qualitative and quantitative* methods and data analysis techniques and software
 - Participant Observation, Interviewing, Questionnaires
 - Using Focus groups and workshops
 - Cultural domain analysis (freelists, identification, pile sorts, triads, paired comparison, weighted ranking, ratings, consensus analysis)
 - Social Network Analysis
 - Visual Anthropology techniques
 - ANTHROPAC, ATLAS TI, NVIVO, UCINET and others.
- ✓ Innovative *interactive teaching sessions*, and *learning-by-doing* practical workshops
- ✓ Focus on developing student research topics, design and ethics
- ✓ Special ethnographic focus on *Europe and its migrants*, but open to all areas
- ✓ Featuring an innovative *virtual classroom* and *interactive forum* (MOODLE e-learning site) that will open in March and close in September, to facilitate both preparation, in-the field-consultation and follow-up to the course.
- ✓ Links to GDF's *Biocultural Diversity Learning Network*
- ✓ 10 days, 80 contact hours, 40 ECTS credits

Who: **Masters and Doctoral Students**
(especially those planning to conduct field research in 2010 or after; in most aspects of human-environment relationships in developing or developed countries, including Ethnobiology, Ethnobotany, Human Ecology, Environmental Anthropology and Sociology, Cultural Geography, Political Ecology; can be either European or non-European area focus)

Date: **April 18-May 1st 2010**

Applications: **ONLINE**. **Deadline: Jan 15th 2010**.

Venue: **Centre for Biocultural Diversity**
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Cost: **Free!** [Financial Support for Accommodation (100%) and Flights (90%) for students from WUR, BOKU, UAB, TALLINN, UPPSALA;
[Financial support for other students may become available, please contact course convener]

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