



## Information and consent form for students conducting independently organised field research (BA and MA)

When you go on field research, there are a few things to keep in mind. We hereby draw your attention to them and ask you to confirm by your signature that you have taken note of this information.

1. before carrying out your research trip abroad, we recommend that you clarify with your health insurance the extent to which you are insured abroad and - if necessary - take out appropriate supplementary insurance to complement your insurance cover. This applies in particular to transport costs in the event of repatriation to Switzerland, which is not covered by the Swiss obligatory health insurance. Please also note that you may need to clarify your insurance cover again if you travel to another region during your stay.

2. you should be medically prepared for the stay. This is especially true for countries that do not have the same hygiene standards as Switzerland and where there are diseases that do not exist or hardly exist in Switzerland. Health advice and appropriate vaccinations are therefore advisable. You can obtain advice in this regard from the [UZH Travel Clinic](#).

3. if you are abroad, you do not have the same political rights as in your home country. In principle, you should therefore consider whether political statements and actions are appropriate or not. However, it is important to bear in mind that in some countries state repression impedes the free expression of political opinion. In these cases, you should refrain from making political statements, endorsing them or acting in a way that could be construed as a political statement. It should also be noted that being a student does not necessarily give you greater freedoms in this regard, as students count as a politically very active group in some countries.

4. you should also keep in mind that social and cultural customs in other countries differ from those you know from Switzerland. This concerns, for example, clothing or access to private rooms. You do not have to adapt completely to the social and cultural customs of the host country, of course, but you should do so to an extent that allows you to behave in an acceptable manner in the eyes of the local population. In some countries, for example, you indicate through your style of dress that you respect yourself and others.

5. you should consult the pages of the [Federal Department of Foreign Affairs \(FDFA\)](#). The FDFA assesses the political and security situation for all countries. If the FDFA advises you not to travel to a specific region, you should also refrain from doing this. In addition, we recommend that you contact the FDFA immediately and clarify whether you need to return to Switzerland if the political and security situation changes during your stay and the FDFA decides to advise against travel to the country where you are conducting your research.

6. take special care in traffic and avoid large crowds if they may pose a threat to your safety. Also note that the use of illegal substances is severely punished in some countries.

7. if you run into problems during your field stay, you can always contact your supervisor at ISEK-Social and Cultural Anthropology.

## **Funding**

In principle, students can apply for reimbursement of travel expenses once if they do their BA and once if they do their MA. Please refer to the [Application for Travel Allowance with Information sheet](#) for students. The actual assumption of costs depends, it should be noted here, on the financial possibilities of the department.

## **Visas, arrival and departure**

The application for visas as well as the planning of travel between Switzerland and the country of destination is the participants' responsibility. However, the lecturer may also coordinate this in the case of group travel.

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Please sign this Consent Form and submit it to your supervisor before starting the research.

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I have taken note of these instructions for the module

“Research Module 3: Fieldwork” (MA):

“Individual Fieldwork” (BA):

Date: ..... Name and first name of the student: .....

Signature: .....