Fieldwork is an ongoing negotiation and reflection of positionalities. Ethnographers’ emotional involvements and affective practices are part and parcel of anthropological practice to the same extent as presumably detached methodologies that try to discipline, if not eliminate the researchers’ affects. This talk contends that, if done cautiously, researchers’ affects and emotions can unfold robust epistemological qualities. Based on long-term research with street-related communities in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, I intend to discuss researcher affects and emotions in concise fieldwork encounters as to their epistemological potentials of understanding, theorization, and knowledge construction.

All those who are interested are cordially invited!

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