

From the Garfinkel Archive to Fieldwork and back

Newburyport, MA, Aug 15–16, 2024, Eastern Standard Time
Harold Garfinkel Archive & Collaborative Research Center “Media of Cooperation”

Since the beginning of the CRC 1187 “Media of Cooperation”, materials and methods from the Harold Garfinkel Archive have grounded research and initiated productive discussions for understanding media practices. The work began with an onsite workshop at the Archive in 2016. For the third phase we are bringing together another group of practicing ethnomethodologists for an onsite workshop to probe that legacy in the light of ongoing ethnographic and archival research. The workshop offers a venue to tackle core issues of the third funding phase in the context of P-01 research on the sociology of perception, technical mediation, and multi-sensorial practice(s). The workshop will scrutinize and further develop the mutually instructive relationship between archival work and ethnographic research, while also considering the Archive as a field site and material reservoir for doing practical research on topics such as instructed action, embodied practice, the interactional construction of sensing and “dis-abilities”, tutorial problems, and “et cetera”.

Program Structure

14th of Aug, 2024	
6:30pm	<i>Get together</i> (Mr. India, 140 High St., Newburyport, MA 01950)
15th of Aug, 2024	
9:30am	Introduction Clemens Eisenmann (University of Konstanz & Siegen) Anne W. Rawls (Bentley University & University of Siegen)
9:45am	Ways of working in the Garfinkel Archive Jason Turowetz (University of California Santa Barbara)
10:30am	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45am	Zato, what? An archive visit, two coding approaches, some next steps Philippe Sormani (Zurich University of the Arts & University of Siegen)
11:30am	Etcetera work in the archive and in human-computer/robot interaction Jakub Mlynář (University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland) Clemens Eisenmann (University of Konstanz & Siegen)
12:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2:00pm	Garfinkel, Sacks and the unity of EMCA Michael Lynch (Cornell University)
2:45pm	Making of Studies in Ethnomethodology discussed by Garfinkel & Sacks Clemens Eisenmann (University of Konstanz & Siegen)
3:30pm	<i>Roaming through the Garfinkel Archive</i>
6:00pm	<i>Conference dinner</i> (Brown Sugar, 75 Water St, Newburyport, MA 01950)
16th of Aug 2024	
10:30am	Open Forum Discussion (preliminary topics)
10:45am	Work in the discovering sciences, pulsar study, Friedrich Schrecker materials
Coffee	Suicide Prevention Center meeting 1964 with Parsons, Goffman, Garfinkel, Sacks
12:30pm	Early conferences on ethnomethodology 1962 & 1963
Lunch	Inter- and Intra-Racial Homicides (Garfinkel’s Master Thesis)
3:00pm	Garfinkel & Sacks discussions/letters and On Setting in Conversation
Conclusion	Multisensoriality, “dis-abilities”, Blindness Tutorial problems, embodied practice, instructed action Introductions for novices, lectures on ethnomethodology, lecturing’s work The ongoing work on the public website and catalog

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