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Call for applications for a SIEF Workshop

**The 'Dark Histories' of European Ethnologies and Folklore Studies  
22 September 2023, 9:30-12:30, online**

The SIEF task force on “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in European Ethnology and Folklore Studies” (DEI) invites reflections focusing on the roles and responsibilities of European ethnologies and folklore studies in the past. We are interested in contributions that will look back through our disciplinary histories and explore, discuss, and acknowledge their complicated roles in different political moments.

How have scholars generated knowledge that was ultimately used by authorities in ways that were unfavorable, exploitative, or directly hurtful to the communities studied, including indigenous groups such as the Sámi, Inuit, Roma, and indigenous peoples of the former Soviet Union? What roles have our disciplines played in various political circumstances including fascist and authoritarian regimes, dictatorships, imperialism and colonialism, wars, occupations, racist, exclusionary, or discriminatory contexts, and religious, nationalist, and economic fundamentalisms of various kinds? Looking ahead, how can revisiting the more burdened history of our disciplines, help moving our fields forward?

We invite researchers in ethnology, folklore and adjoining fields to submit a 250-word summary of a possible contribution **by August 1, 2023**, to [sief@meertens.knaw.nl](mailto:sief@meertens.knaw.nl) We are interested in a variety of possible formats, from fully developed workshop papers to shorter inputs, reflections, archival notes, action-oriented statements, and so on.

The workshop will take place online on 22 September 2023, from 9:30-12:30. It will provide a platform to discuss how our disciplines approach political implications of knowledge production, with an explicit focus on questions of diversity, equity, and inclusion. The workshop will also offer a venue to discuss how SIEF should address these issues in the future.

**Organizers**

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