The book Ethnographic Inquiry and Lived Experience: An Epistemological Critique (Routledge) addresses two fundamental theoretical questions about how best to practice ethnographic inquiries to obtain qualitative, experience-near, and shareable accounts of human living. The first question is regarding the epistemology of ethnography. The author posits that writing is epistemologically prior to the researcher’s fieldwork experience in the production of ethnographic knowledge. The second question is: what is the putative object that the ethnographer writes about? The book argues that “lived experience” (Erlebnis) offers such an ethnographic object. Since the lived experience that an ethnographer experiences during fieldwork cannot be studied directly, further theorizations of lived experience are necessary. The author underscores both the non-discursivity and transcendence of lived experience in the lifeworld, and the way power is clandestinely imbued in everyday life in shaping subjectivity and practice. The book aims to provide a crucial knowledge base for comprehending the current epistemological debates inherent in the production of ethnographic knowledge and furthering discussions in the field.


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