# Ethnographic Encounters project

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## Prompts for blog posts

### Blog post 1: Autobiography (to do before going abroad)

For your first blog post, please provide an autobiography in the form of a short video (3-5 minutes) or written post (300-500 words) with a photo of yourself. Please reflect on:

1. Your background: where you are from, your hometown, your family background, your education before university, any previous experience living abroad
2. Your education at university thus far: your degree course, favourite modules, main areas of academic interest
3. Your YA placement: where you are going and what you will be doing
4. Your YARP topic: your key research question, what you are hoping to learn from this project

### Blog post 2: Your first ethnographic encounter (to do in the first month you are abroad)

For your second blog post, please reflect on the first day or event that contributes to your ethnographic research project. Write about what you did, where you went, who you spoke to, and how it relates to the project you have planned. You should also reflect on how you felt about this event or encounter – was it easy to do, did it feel awkward, were there any linguistic or intercultural issues you faced?

### Further blog posts

We would like you to aim to write around 8 blog posts each semester. The aim of the posts is to compile and reflect on the data you are collecting as part of your research abroad, and the blog will be a platform to guide your project as it develops. The content will depend on your specific project, but may include: rough fieldnotes on particular events, interactions, or conversations; recorded interviews or short videos; a link to a media or online source with some reflection on its content and relation to your topic; photographs, maps, lists, or ephemera compiled as part of research with reflective comment on them; or more personal reflections on the process of collecting data.