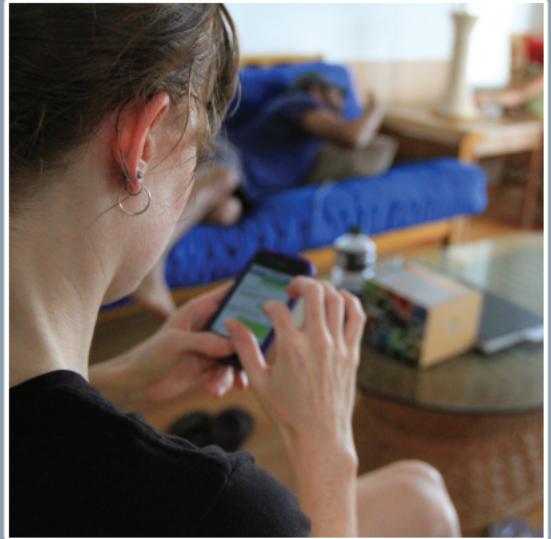


Negotiating Mobile Connectivity

Users of smartphones, slates, and laptops are continually confronted with the necessity of negotiating when, where, and how they will communicate with others. In this collaborative ethnographic project, we are studying how mobile communication technologies are actually integrated in day-to-day life. Workplace observations and reflective interviews with employees and their spouses will shed light on how individuals negotiate multiple communication demands during 'work' time, and whether they perceive 'work' as intruding into their personal time through their use of mobile devices. Following this workplace study, in-home observations and interviews with both parents and children will help us understand how people manage connectivity and accessibility during 'personal' time.



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