Investigating ‘senses of home’

*What critical understanding of ‘home’ can be gained though ethnographic research?*

Spaces within the home and the relationships that people have with them.

Spatial relationship with home -> Objects/materiality (Identity, experiences, connections)

* What understandings and experiences of home did you find in your research?
* What factors mattered in the makings of these meanings?
* How would you describe the senses of home that are present in the particular home that you looked at?
* How do these link to geographical ideas that you’ve been considering on sense of place?

Ethnographic Observations:

* Researcher role
* Reflexivity

Ethnographic mode of attention:

* What does the place feel like?
* What is its material makeup (architecture, furniture, signs/posters)?
* Who uses this place?
* What do they do there?
* What kind of interactions do people have there?

Field notes:

* Locate an ethnographic setting – where is it? What is the background character of that setting? How would you describe it?
* Describe the physical space – size and shape, main physical characteristics, did the space change over the course of observation
* Describe others’ interactions within that setting – who were the people present? What were they doing/talking about? How did they interact?

Interview:

Semi-structured