**Template of a Fieldwork Reflection Journal**

The purpose of this assignment to cultivate your personal insights from your fieldwork (e.g. observations, interviews and data samples). These reflections also serve as an entry point to help you further develop your methodological analysis and work needed to complete your fieldwork.

Entry 1 (Date)

Share a little about your project idea/formation. Do you have any prior experience with (insert methodology, subject matter, discipline specific theories or specific criteria you seek to have feedback)? What do you perceive to be the biggest challenge with your fieldwork project?

Entry 2 (Date)

What impressions do you have about (insert theory or empirical inquiry grounded within the fieldwork) as it relates to the space of (insert object of inquiry)? What do you find most challenging about (method or theory)? What are your impressions about (method/theory) and (field site)? How do these concepts shape and inform your research design for your fieldwork project (or other criteria)? Please provide an update to your fieldwork project outline and concept. How has this changed and do you perceive it needing to change from this point, why or why not?

Entry 3 (Date)

The purpose of this week is work collaboratively on the structure of your fieldwork project. How has the structure of your fieldwork project developed from the first week to now? What about your research shapes and informs your current fieldwork project and process? What were some of your impressions of your classmate’s work?

Entry 4-5 (Date)

We now have begun our (methods) tutorials and experimented with how to adapt your research framework for your fieldwork. What are your biggest challenges to designing and creating your project content and why? Has your research framework changed in any way now that you have begun to use (insert methods/theory or applicable criteria), if so why?

Entry 6 (Date)

Reflect upon your impressions of (methods/theories) as you arrive in (field site location). What observations have you made? What ideas do you have about beginning your fieldwork in (insert field site location)?

Entry 7 - 10 (Dates)

This entry is meant to use the same text for each day in the field, except the last day (see next entry). For example, if students are in the field for 5 days, there would be a total of 4 entries. Choose one word to describe your time in the field today. What goals did you set for yourself today? What was your greatest challenge for the day? Did you experience any setbacks or surprises, if so, reflect upon how this informs your next steps and why? What information today will be used for your project and why? What information or questions are missing for your project?

Entry 11 (Date)

Choose one word to describe your time in (insert field site location) today. What goals did you set for yourself today? What was your greatest challenge for the day? Did you experience any setbacks or surprises, if so, reflect upon how this informs your next steps and why? What information today will be used for your project and why? What information or questions are missing for your project? Today is your last day in the field. What has been the most surprising thing about your time in (insert field site location)?

Entry 12 (Date)

Reflect upon your fieldwork project, presentation and current (insert project output, e.g. term paper) development. What were the greatest challenges you had to overcome and why? What did you find most enjoyable about the fieldwork project, and why? What did you like the least and why? How has this experience shaped your understanding of (insert theories and/or methods)?