Fieldwork assignment

You will need to enter the field and complete fieldwork three times a week. You can either walk around, stand in place, ride a bike, or use any other mode of transportation as you conduct fieldwork. You can capture your chosen location using one of the following mediums: video, photography, or an audio recording. You can organize, caption, and add commentary to your media using digital storytelling, traditional essay formats, or on social media (i.e., Instagram, Twitter, Facebook Page).

All materials should be stored in a secure location that is accessible only by you. Guidelines:

- Your first fieldwork session should begin by [insert date] and then 3x/week thereafter through the end of [insert date].
- Use the collaborator tool in Canvas to keep a running log of your fieldwork notes.
- Store all photos, videos, audio files in your TU Google Drive account; use the collaborator tool in Canvas to grant the instructor and the TA access.
- If you are documenting your location with social media (i.e., Instagram, Twitter, Facebook Page), grant access/share via a web link or providing the appropriate handle.
- Constantly back up your fieldwork data by storing your work on your Google Drive account.
- Data management: organize your work by creating file folders. See data management tips.
- Use fieldnotes template for each fieldwork session.
- Cumulative fieldwork and writing will undergo an initial assessment during midterms.

Upon completion of each fieldwork session, please complete the following three tasks in the same document. Each document should be saved as “fieldnotes-session-#” The # should be replaced with the actual session number (e.g., fieldnotes-session-1, fieldnotes-session-2, etc.).

- **Task #1:** generate fieldnotes by jotting down notes about the fieldwork experience. Specifically jot down at least 10 details of physical things and social interaction you observed and three thoughts you had about these observations.

- **Task #2:** Either immediately or soon after, flesh out your notes and write at least a paragraph (5-7 sentences) summarizing what was observed/noticed. You should bracket any personal feelings, assumptions, reactions, and value statements. Brackets can be either ( ) or [ ].

- **Task #3:** Please reflect on the following questions as you write your fieldnotes. Note you should reflect on these questions throughout the process of taking notes, writing, and
for duration of your fieldwork (i.e., the 2 months).

Please enumerate your answers:

1. During your visit to the location, did you experience any reactivity (other people noticing you and reacting or changing their behavior as a result of noticing you)?
2. How did the fieldwork session make you feel regarding your sense of safety, fear, comfort, excitement, and empathy?
3. Have we discussed in class any theories relevant to your fieldwork session?