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Literature:

Note: Ethnography is pretty much a skill or 'art' that one learns by practice. It helps to read basic literature on qualitative methods and ethnography in particular, but eventually one learns best by getting their hands dirty on the ground. Hence I've listed here a couple of general sources on ethnography as a method and then some ethnographies (on development issues and on Southern Africa) from which one can study ethnography in practice.

- Ellen Isaacs on ethnography as the 'hidden obvious':

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