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Title: Transnational ethnography on youth political engagement in Tunisia, Egypt, Morocco, Lebanon and Algeria – and beyond

The Finnish Youth Research Network is one of the 15 partners in a broad EU-funded project (FP7, 2014-2016) titled *SAHWA: Researching Arab Mediterranean Youth: Towards a New Social Contract* (www.sahwa.eu) that focuses qualitatively and quantitatively on young people living in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt and Lebanon. The presentation in this working group will focus on the construction phase of the transnational ethnographic setting, pointing out potentials as well as challenges. The project decided to localise the ethnographic fieldwork into three locations in each of the five countries, namely urban area, semi-urban (slum) area and rural area. In the project's 38-pages long *Ethnographic fieldwork manual* the number of the minimum deliverables for the three local researchers from each of the five research countries (i.e. 15 researchers in total) conducting the fieldwork during spring and summer 2016 is set to a) 20 focus groups transcriptions (4 per country); b) 20 life stories (4 per country); c) 10 Google engine maps (2 per country); d) 30 narrative interviews (6 per country); and e) 10 focussed ethnographies (2 per country). The jointly agreed ethnographic tools include focus groups, narrative interviews, go-along method, Google engine map and visual methods. After the local partners have collected and analysed the data, a phase of meta-ethnography will be carried out. The presentation sheds light also to the potentials and challenges of this forthcoming meta-ethnography phase. At the same time it addresses how the project meetings, i.e. localisations of the project members to specific spaces and times, are intertwined part of the multi-sited and transnational ethnography.