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Abstract

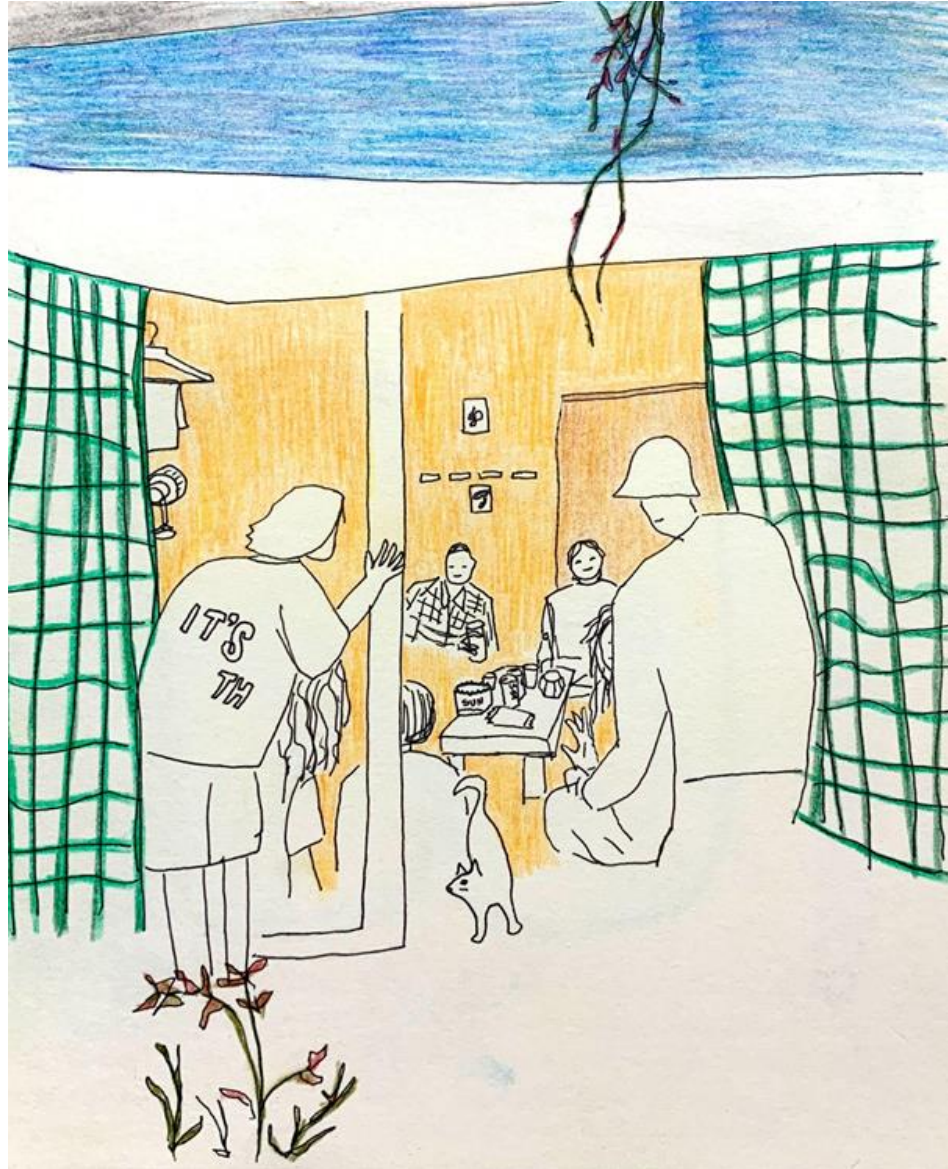
Drawings from an online ethnography class and a discussion of the impact on student experience.

Introduction

I (Mihye Cho) taught urban ethnography by facilitating remote zoom classes due to the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Teaching online-ethnography does not make sense at all. However, I tried. I made students submit neighborhood reports hoping that they would like the idea of walking around their neighborhoods. Soon I sensed that for these young people, being outside itself was therapeutic. I lately convened an informal discussion with students concerning the recurring tragic accidents, including the Sewol ferry disaster, the misogyny-related cases, and the crowd crush in Itaewon. All of them involved many young casualties. The students conveyed a sense of collective trauma and some said that they felt “society” treating them as “insignificant”. When I encouraged students to go out for drawing the city, I just hoped that they would have fun without wearing a mask. Yet they contemplated and drew their social membership and the meaning of worth.



Sohyeon Peik, Suehyun Jang, Jinha Chang, Sanghee Park, <The Street of Commemoration> Itaewon, Seoul, November 2022.



Jinha Chang, <Menu: Encounter - Free of Charge> Welcome Strangers at Flat No.5, Sungbuk Str. 14, Seoul.



Suehyun Jang, <Happy Birthday, my Bias>





Sanghee Park, <Midnight Phone Call> Whispering Calls at a Good Night Park in a Dense Neighborhood Seoul, September 2022.



Sohyeon Peik, <Pride Umbrella> Seoul Queer Parade in Rainy Gwanghwamun, Seoul, July 2022.

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