

Reflexive Study Journal

A reflexive (also called reflective) study journal is a steadily growing document which you (the learner) write, to record the progress of your learning.

A reflexive journal is NOT:

- simply a summary of the course material. You should focus more on your reactions and what you have been reading.
- a learning log. A log is a record of events, but a journal is a record of your reflections and thoughts.

One of the requirements of the CRCEES Summer School is that you write a daily journal entry, either handwritten in a notebook or typed into an electronic document for printing. Your journal will be private to you, though the tutors will look at it and provide feedback during the Summer School. You should also use your journals to inform your discussions within project groups during the two weeks.

Your diary can be as long or as short as you like. There are a number of questions that you could address - you can answer as many or as few of these questions as you like. These include:

- What did you read for the session?
- What was the most interesting thing you read - why was it interesting?
- What were the 3 main things you learned from the session?
- Do you disagree with anything that was discussed - why?
- Was there anything that was not covered that you think should have been covered?
- What was new or surprised you - why?
- Have you changed your mind about anything as a result of this session?
- Is there anything that you have learned from this session that you think you will be able to use in the future?
- What, if anything, are you still unsure about?
- What issues would you like to learn more about or study in more detail and how might you go about doing that?
- What ideas do you have for action based on this session?
- What did you like most about the session?
- What did you dislike about the session?
- Can you link this session with other session and if so how?
- Discuss any other miscellaneous or interesting facts that you have learned as a result of this session