

Fieldwork in Latin America University of Sheffield

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**Venue: Conference Room, Humanities Research Institute
[34 Gell Street, Sheffield, S3 7QY]**

Fieldwork in Latin America is a workshop aimed at fostering interactions between, and providing first-hand advice to, PGR students who plan to have field work experience in Latin America. Through a series of talks, practical exercises, and group discussions, the event will provide an excellent opportunity to think about common challenges and offer pragmatic solutions to issues that you might encounter before, during, and after the fieldwork experience.

The workshop will involve academics and postgraduate students who have extensive fieldwork experience in Latin America. This will include talks about the use of archives in Latin America and practical issues such as the identification of potential interviewees and the best approaches to organize, conduct, and transcribe interviews; the compilation and saving of information, the establishment of contacts, and health and safety.

People who are interested in attending the workshop, or who have any questions regarding the talks should contact [**pilasconference@gmail.com**](mailto:pilasconference@gmail.com).

For further information, please visit our web page <https://pilasconference.com/pre-conference-activities/fieldwork-workshop/>

Attendance is free but places are limited. To register please email pilasconference@gmail.com

PROGRAMME

9.10 -9.20: Arrive by this time.

9.20-9.30: Welcome and Introduction

This brief opening session will introduce you to the PILAS conference which will take place in Leeds on June 26 and 27, 2017

09.30-11.15: Fieldwork from different perspectives

Dr. Lauren Rea (Archive Fieldwork)

Lauren has conducted extensive archival research in Buenos Aires, firstly for her PhD thesis (nation-building and serialised radio dramas in 1930s Argentina) and currently for a new project on children's literature and childhood in Argentina's Billiken magazine (1919-2019) for which she has recently been awarded an AHRC Leadership Fellowship.

Prof. Dorothea J. Kleine (Geographical Fieldwork)

Dorothea's research investigates sustainable human development, global justice, and the potential role of digital technologies in making progress towards these aims. Her key research interests are: sustainable and just development futures in the global South (and North), information and communication technologies for development, ethics of ICT-related development interventions, responsible innovation and data ethics, the capabilities approach and sustainable development, sustainable/ethical consumption research, food geographies, trade justice and Fair Trade. Themes such as participation, gender, justice and choice run strongly through her work. She has conducted research in Latin America (Brazil; Chile), Europe (UK, Germany), South Asia (India) and Africa (Kenya; South Africa). Dorothea is strongly committed to research which is both academically excellent and can have a positive impact in the context of the global challenges we face today. Thus her work includes participatory action research in partnership with local communities and marginalised groups, theoretical reflections on the need to redefine "development", evaluation of NGO programmes, as well as international keynotes, scientific advisory roles and speaking at global policy conferences. Before joining Sheffield in September 2016, Dorothea held posts at Royal Holloway, University of London, the University of Cambridge and Bonn University. Educated at the University of Munich (LMU and TUM) and the University of Oxford, she holds a PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She is a Faculty Associate at Harvard University's Berkman Center for Internet and Society. Dorothea has conducted collaborative research with and/or advised UNICEF, UNEP, EuropeAid, DFID, GIZ, IDRC, private sector organisations and NGOs.

11.15-11.30: Short break with tea/coffee and biscuits

11. 30-12.15: Dr. Marcia Vera Espinoza (Challenges in Fieldwork)

Marcia Vera Espinoza joined the Department of Politics in December 2015, as a postdoctoral research associate in the "Prospects for International Migration Governance" (MIGPROSP) project led by Professor Andrew Geddes. Marcia leads the MA module Politics of Global Migration at the Politics Department and she has also contributed to the teaching of ethics and qualitative methods to PhD students in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Marcia has degrees in Human Geography, International Studies, Social Communication and Journalism. She recently finished her PhD research in the Geography Department at the University of Sheffield. The research explored the experiences of resettlement and integration of Palestinian and Colombian refugees in Chile and Brazil, and analysed the extent and ways in which the resettlement programme is implemented in South America.

12.15-13.15: Rupert Knox and Harriet Smart (Archaeological and Sociological Fieldwork)

Rupert Knox (Difference between Academic and Private Sector Fieldwork)

Rupert Knox is doctoral student in the Department of Hispanic Studies of the School of Languages as well as the Department of Sociological Studies at the University of Sheffield. He started the PhD after 18 years working in the Americas research program of the International Secretariat of Amnesty International. He was responsible for field research into a wide range of human rights violations in Mexico between 2002 and 2014 and authored many of the organizations reports on the Mexican human rights situation. His project is focused on the role of social media in the process of recent social movements making human rights claims in contemporary Mexico. It is an interdisciplinary project, which addresses political and social change in Mexico, human rights and the facilitating and constraining uses of digital technology.

Harriet Smart (Fieldwork in Archaeological archives)

Harriet Smart is a doctoral student in the Department of History at the University of Sheffield. Her project examines pre-Hispanic Nahua ceremonial practices within and across the Aztec empire with particular focus on domestic, private and non-elite religion. The majority of the primary sources concerning Nahua religion are written from the perspective of the elites of the capital Tenochtitlan. In order to access the experiences of 'ordinary' Nahuas in their homes and private spaces, it was necessary to consult archaeological sources held in an archive in Mexico City.