

# Permanence: Anthropologies of what stays An open workshop

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In a historical, social, and political moment where change, flux, and uncertainty dominate public imagination and private lives, what stays and becomes permanent? How do certain ideas and events, practices and objects acquire permanency across regional and temporal boundaries? How is permanence guarded and nurtured, imposed and contested? When is permanence a value, and when is it a curse? Exploring the concept of permanence from different historical, theoretical, and regional perspectives, this open workshop challenges us to think of permanence as both indigenous concept and theoretical lens for reimagining historical events, social and cultural process, and individual lives.

The workshop is free and open to all.

# Programme

Thursday 22 June, 14:00 - 17:00

- 14:00            **Anthropologies of what stays**  
Alice Elliot (University of Bristol)
- 14:15            **Forceful Politics: Collective permanence and memory in an Amazonian Quilombo**  
Julia F. Sauma (University of São Paulo)
- Is the past permanent? Commemorative culture and shifting memory regimes in Algeria**  
Dónal Hassett (University of Bristol)
- 15:00            Open discussion
- 15:30            Coffee
- 15:45            **What remains of defeated revolution: The social afterlife of revolution in southern Oman**  
Alice Wilson (University of Sussex)
- Permanent revolution and the body of politics in Tunisia**  
Alice Elliot (University of Bristol)
- 16:30            Open discussion

Friday 23 June, 9:30 - 17:00

- 9:30            **Immediacy and permanence in Cortorari marriages**  
Cătălina Tesăr (Romanian Peasant Museum)
- Echoes of the deceased: Singing as permanent mourning amongst the Araweté (Amazonia)**  
Guilherme Orlandini Heurich (UCL)
- 10:30            Open discussion
- 11:00            Coffee
- 11:15            **Violent Endings and the Permanence of New Beginnings**  
Joseph Webster (Queen's University Belfast)
- Permanence premised: The granted power of revolution in Cuba**  
Martin Holbraad (UCL)
- 12:00            Open discussion
- 13:30            **No condition is permanent, or is it? Contingency and social reproduction in migrant Gambia**  
Paolo Gaibazzi, ZMO (Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient), Berlin
- Seeking permanence from impermanence: Health in an Indian city**  
Alison Macdonald (UCL)
- 14:15            Open discussion
- 14:45            Coffee
- 15:00            **Concrete is forever: Dilemmas of permanence and (im)mobility amongst indigenous Amazonians**  
Camilla Morelli (University of Bristol)
- 'To put the past back into place': Brexit and the desire for permanence in Margate**  
Carol Balthazar (UCL)
- 15:45            Open discussion
- 16:30            **Closing roundtable: On Permanence**