

HOW ANTHROPOLOGY CAN CONTRIBUTE TO AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN SOUTH AMERICA IN THE FIELDS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, GENDER EQUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY.

Trilateral Workshop

Sociocultural anthropology stands to make a major contribution to addressing issues of social wellbeing across the closely interconnected themes of human rights, gender equality and environmental sustainability. These issues are of pressing public concern not only in Uruguay and Brazil but also in other Latin American states; however there are significant contrasts as well as similarities in the ways they play out in the different countries of the region. This workshop will compare experience based on recent field research, in light of new methods and theories for participant observation and analysis.



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How can we secure the rights of disadvantaged urban populations, including slum dwellers, migrants and those who experience ethnic or racial discrimination?

How can the sexual and reproductive rights of women be protected, particularly in regard to issues of abortion, childbirth and assisted reproduction?

How can we extend human rights to include the right to environmental necessities such as clean air, potable water and adequate sanitation?

With participants from Brazil, the United Kingdom and Uruguay, the workshop will bring together the results of recent and new field research in urban areas of Latin America, and explore its relevance for policy and practice. It will situate anthropological research in the region within the framework of international debates on concepts, methods and theory, and help to establish and consolidate a new generation of anthropological researchers, leading to further collaborative projects.

The workshop is jointly organised by the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, Universidade Estadual de Campinas (UNICAMP), Brazil, and Universidad de la República (UDELAR), Uruguay, and will be hosted in Montevideo by UDELAR. It forms part of the British Council Researcher Links Programme, and is supported by the British Council, the National Agency for Research and Innovation of Uruguay (ANII) and the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP).

With some 50 participants overall, the workshop is intended primarily for doctoral and postdoctoral researchers, but will include a number of leading anthropological specialists who will act as mentors, as well as representatives from government and civil society organisations. Up to 12 early career researchers will participate from each of the UK, Brazil and Uruguay.

All applications will be considered by the workshop coordinating committee, including representatives from the University of Aberdeen, UNICAMP and UDELAR. Applicants will be notified of the outcomes by **20th January 2017**.

Any inquiries should be sent by email to one of the addresses listed below.

For all successful applicants, subsistence and accommodation costs for the duration of the workshop, as well as return travel costs (at economy rates) from the home country, will be covered.



Applications should include:

- A brief (half-page) c.v.
- An abstract of your current research
- An account of your reasons for wishing to attend the workshop.
- An assessment of the potential impact of the workshop on your professional development, including the ability to work at an international level.
- An indication of your plans for disseminating the outcomes of the workshop and the new knowledge/skills you have acquired.
- An indication of your ability in English (please note the English will be the language of the workshop).

In submitting your application, please use the form attached to the email. The form should be completed in English.

Applications should be submitted by **6th January 2017**. They should be sent as email attachments to:

UK applicants: maggie.bolton@abdn.ac.uk

Uruguay applicants: trilateraluruguay@gmail.com

Brazil applicants: skakofes@gmail.com

Applications to participate in the workshop are invited from doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers from the UK, Brazil and Uruguay, with relevant research experience.