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**CALL FOR EARLY CAREER WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS**

**Protection of Traditional Communities in the Amazon,**

**Human Rights and the Environment**

UK Principal Applicant: Siobhán Wills, Ulster University

Partner Country Principal Applicant: Carla Serrão Silva, Federal University of Maranhão:

**Dates and venue:** 3-6 June 2024. Hybrid format – UK contributors will participate online.

**Amazonia BR/UK WORKSHOP**

The Amazon region is marked by historical and structural violations of traditional territories and the absence of protection policies aimed at original peoples and traditional communities, indicating that Brazil still preserves practices and legacies of slave colonization. This workshop will focus on the impact of these on the rights of traditional communities and on ways of addressing these that prioritise the concerns of directly impacted communities whilst also contributing to protection of the environment. Potential topics to be addressed include:

• Amazonian traditional peoples and communities  
• Decoloniality  
• Epistemic justice  
• Protection of human rights defenders and defenders of the environment in the context of land invasions and eco-conflicts.

• Development projects planned and implemented in collaboration with traditional communities  
• Gender, ethnic-racial relations and ethics

As part of this programme, we are now recruiting early career researchers to participate online in the above workshop. During the workshops early career researchers will have the opportunity to present online their research in the form of a short oral presentation and discuss this with established researchers from the UK and Brazil. Full papers developed from the workshop process may be considered for inclusion in a possible special issue of the *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment*, subject to peer review.

**Application and Deadline:**

The full application below must be completed and submitted by 5pm on 14th April 2024 to: [s.wills@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:s.wills@ulster.ac.uk). Please title the email **British Council BR/UK Workshop Application.**

**Eligibility Criteria:**

* Applications must be submitted using the Amazonia BR/UK application form below.
* Application must be submitted before the above deadline.
* Participants must be Early Career Researchers: Early Career Researchers are defined as someone who has completed or is close to completion of their PhD e.g. has submitted their thesis and awaiting their viva voce examination. Researchers with equivalent professional experience and publications will also be considered. ECRs must **not** have a permanent academic post.
* Please note that participants are expected to attend all sessions of the workshop.

**Quality Assessment**

* Quality and relevance of the 600-word summary of their workshop presentation
* Experience and relevance of the applicant’s research area to the workshop
* Motivation and contribution to the aims of the workshop
* Description of the long-term impact expected through the participation in the workshop.
* Ability to disseminate workshop’s outcomes.

**Selection Procedure:**

* Eligibility check
* Quality assessment

**Notification of results:**

Applicants will be notified by email 1 month prior to the workshop.

**Equal Opportunities**

Equal opportunities and diversity are at the heart of the British Council’s cultural relations ambitions. While recognising that some research fields are dominated by one particular gender, co-ordinators are encouraged to work towards an equal gender balance, and to promote diversity. They must not exclude applicants on the basis of ethnicity, gender, religious belief, sexual orientation, social status or disability. Participants’ selection undertaken by workshop organisers must not contravene this policy. Extra support to enable participation of Early Career Researchers with special needs will be given.

This programme is supported by UK and Brazil government funding and forms part of the International Science Partnerships Fund.

Workshop Application Form

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| **1. Applicant** | |
| **Name and title** |  |
| **Gender** (for statistical purposes. This will not affect choice of participants) |  |
| **Position and institution if relevant** |  |
| **Postal address** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Phone number** |  |
| **Please provide a brief CV** (**up to** **500 words**) |  |

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| **2. Abstract - Please provide a summary of your presentation** **(no more than 600 words)** |
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| **3. Please describe your motivation for attending the workshop and how the workshop matches your professional development needs (no more than 250 words)** |
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| **4. Please describe the expected impact of your participation on your personal and professional development, including your ability to work internationally (no more than 250 words)** |
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| **5. Please indicate how you will disseminate the outcomes of the workshops and the new knowledge/skills you have acquired (no more than 250 words)** |
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| **6. Workshops will take place in English as standard. Please indicate your ability to work and communicate in English. The workshop will provide Portuguese/English interpretation.** | | | |
| Native speaker |  | Good |  |
| Excellent |  | Need support |  |

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| **7. Please use this space to give any additional information that you feel is relevant for the application.** |
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