  

**CALL FOR WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS (ONLINE PARTICIPATION)**

**Protection of Traditional Communities in Maranhão, Brazil:**

 **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:** 1-4 October 2024. Portuguese/English interpretation will be provided.

**Amazonia BR/UK WORKSHOP**

Amazonia BR/UK Workshop grants are designed to bring together a UK/Brazil bilateral cohort of 14 researchers (7 from the UK and 7 from Brazil) to take part in a workshop on the protection of traditional communities in Maranhão, focused on the interrelationship of human rights and the environment. We are particularly keen to include early career researchers.

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 but are not limited to:

* Amazonian traditional peoples and communities as defenders of the environment
* 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
* Pesticide warfare on traditional communities

As part of this programme, we are now recruiting researchers from the UK to participate online in the above workshop. During the workshops researchers will have the opportunity to present online their research in the form of a short oral presentation and

discuss this with researchers from the UK and Brazil and with participants from Amazonian traditional communities.

**Application and Deadline:**

The application must be completed using the form below and submitted by 5pm on 2 September 2024 to: s.wills@ulster.ac.uk.

Please title the email **British Council BR/UK Workshop Application.**

**Selection Criteria**

* 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
* Please note that participants are expected to attend all sessions of the workshop.

**Notification of results:**

Applicants will be notified by email by 16 September 2024.

**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 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** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Phone number** |  |
| **Please provide a brief CV** (academic career, publications, markers of esteem, and any other relevant information– **no more than 500 words**) |  |

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