



27TH PRACTISING HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



**PRACTISING HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY
(#PHG2021)
Free online conference**

**THEME: 'INTERNATIONAL HISTORICAL
GEOGRAPHIES'**

Registration for participants:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/practicing-historical-geography-20212-tickets-195855147017>

Autumn (2021): On Wednesday 24th November

Winter (2022): On Wednesday 26th January

12:00 noon to 15:00pm (GMT)

Note: all times listed in the Programme are set at GMT / London time in order for maximum global virtual attendance.

Time Zones: BRT (GMT -3); EDT (GMT -4); JST (GMT +9).

Brazil: 9h-12h.



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1. INTRODUCTION

Dear participants of the 27th Practising Historical Geography Conference,

This workbook has been designed to accompany the 27th **PRACTISING HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY** (PHG) Conference of the HGRG-RGS. It is the second PHG to be organized online in order to adapt to 2020 global pandemic. We hope it runs smoothly and this workbook serves as a unifying document connecting the two sessions that together form this year's PHG conference. The workbook is both a guide to the sessions as well as a resource for your ongoing research practice.

The theme of Practising Historical Geography Conference 2021 is '**INTERNATIONAL HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHIES**'. Each day of the Conference will have a Keynote Lecture, followed by a Historical Geography Workshop and a Panel about 'Teaching Historical Geography'. Approaches, methods, and practices will be discussed in these sessions. Like in past years, we will also have postgraduate reflections on their historical geography research as well as presentations by HGRG dissertation prize winners 2021.

These sessions will actively promote intellectual engagement and knowledge exchange by providing scholars with the opportunity to present their research/teaching in different parts of the world in the field of Historical Geography. The theme of this Conference is intended as a starting point to discussions for reflexive praxis, archival practices, challenges and potentialities that researchers, professors and students face in Historical Geography. During the Conference we also encourage debates concerning methodological and conceptual academic issues in this field.

Connecting actors, places and projects across distinct spaces of Historical Geography research, we also consider important to discuss 'Teaching Historical Geography'. As in the academic year of 2020/2021 we were faced with online activities (classes, workshops, conferences, seminars), it is relevant to discuss the process of construction of our academic background concerning to teaching, such as: methodology, practices, program of study and learning resources that were used in classes. This Panel will be dedicated to share ideas and advices, and also to inspire the postgraduate students in their own teaching practices in the future.



This workbook will be referred to across both sessions that together make up the virtual **PHG 2021 (November) and 2022 (January)**. Please ensure you have access to it for these sessions.

We hope you enjoy the conference,
HGRG Committee.



Online Etiquette Guidelines:

- Do not share the meeting password with anyone. All attendees will be informed of the password through an **Eventbrite email**.
- Use your **full name** to enter the meeting so that you can be checked against the Eventbrite list of attendees. If you cannot be identified, you will not be allowed to enter.
- Keep your **microphone muted** unless you are speaking.
- If you would like to ask a question or contribute to a discussion, then please use the '**raise hand**' feature and wait for the Chair to call on you. Alternatively, you can ask your question/make your point in the **Chat**, and the chair will read out your question/point.
- For further guidance about how to join a Zoom meeting, please see <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>

Code of Conduct:

The Historical Geography Research Group aims to be open, accessible, and welcoming to all. We treat each other with kindness and respect, and we will hold attendees of Practising Historical Geography to the same standards. We operate a zero-tolerance approach towards bullying, discrimination, harassment, and intimidation. Any participant who engages in discriminatory or offensive behaviour, language, gestures, or imagery will be ejected from the symposium.

Any criticism should be directed at the issue or the idea, not the person. Critical feedback should also be constructive.



2. PROGRAMME

Wednesday 24th November 2021 - Session 1

12:00 Welcome and Introduction:

- Cheryl McGeachan, Chair, HGRG (University of Glasgow, UK)

12:10 'International Historical Geographies': conference theme

- Patrícia Silveira, Conference Officer, HGRG (Pedro II College, Brazil)

12:20 Keynote Lecture:

- Professor Michael Heffernan (University of Nottingham, UK):
'Internationalising Historical Geography'
- Q&A: 20min.

13:20 COMFORT BREAK

13:30 Historical Geography Workshop:

- Archie Davies (University of Sheffield, UK):
'Thinking with translation in Geography'

14:30 HGRG dissertation prize winners/Highly Commended:

Chair: Ed Armston-Sheret (Royal Holloway, University of London, UK)

- Bethany Walsh (University of Edinburgh, UK)
- Jamie Arnaud (University of Glasgow, UK)
- Sorchá McKee (University of Glasgow, UK)

15:00 Conclusions and action points for Winter activities



Wednesday 26th January 2022 - Session 2

12:00 Welcome and Introduction:

- Cheryl McGeachan, Chair, HGRG (University of Glasgow, UK)
- Hannah Awcock, Secretary, HGRG (University of Edinburgh, UK)

12:10 Panel 'Teaching Historical Geography':

Chair: Joanne Norcup (University of Warwick/ Nottingham, UK)

- Ana Brasil-Machado (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- Diogo Cabral (Trinity College Dublin, Ireland)
- Innes Keighren (Royal Holloway, University of London, UK)
- Q&A: 15min.

13:10 COMFORT BREAK

13:20 Postgraduate Voices:

- Claire Coia (University of Glasgow, UK)
- Deborah Fontenelle (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro; CAPES-PDSE, Brazil)
- Q&A: 10min.

13:50 Keynote lecture:

- André Reyes Novaes (Rio de Janeiro State University, Brazil):
‘Combining Archives: different gazes on border mapping and exploration in South America’
- Q&A: 20min.

14:50 Closing comments and summing up of the 27th PHG

Ongoing conversations are encouraged and welcomed.

- Patrícia Silveira, Conference Officer, HGRG



3. RESOURCES FOR 24TH NOVEMBER 2021 - SESSION 1:

1. Keynote Lecture:

‘INTERNATIONALISING HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY’

Professor Michael Heffernan (University of Nottingham)

Abstract: This lecture provides a critical commentary on the internationalisation of historical geography over the past century, drawing on the three concepts of internationalism outlined in the late 1980s by the Irish political scientist Fred Halliday: liberal, hegemonic and revolutionary. From its intellectual origins in late 19th century European nationalism, historical geography has embraced both liberal and hegemonic internationalism but has yet to explore the radical implications of revolutionary internationalism. That would require languages, archives and ideas from previously overlooked communities and regions to be given full expression.

2. Historical Geography Workshop:

‘THINKING WITH TRANSLATION IN GEOGRAPHY’

Dr. Archie Davies (University of Sheffield)

Abstract: In this workshop we will reflect on the importance of translation in the history of geographical ideas, geographical research, writing and theory-making. We will collectively analyse the translation history of a key text of geographical theory, and reflect on translation in our practices.

3. HGRG Dissertation Prize Winners 2021/ Highly Commended:

- Bethany Walsh: 'Nature, Nation and Narrative: The Visual and Discursive Representation of National Park Tourism in Brochures for Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba, 1932-1970' (University of Edinburgh).



- Jamie Arnaud: 'Roads to Improvement: The Construction of "Destitution Roads" by the Edinburgh Section of the Central Board as a response to Highland Famine, 1847-1850' (University of Cambridge).
- Sorchá McKee: 'The 1984-85 Miner's Strike: An investigation into the spaces of political involvement constructed by women during the strike in mining communities' (University of Glasgow).



4. RESOURCES FOR 26TH JANUARY 2022 - SESSION 2:

1. Keynote Lecture:

‘COMBINING ARCHIVES: DIFFERENT GAZES ON BORDER MAPPING AND EXPLORATION IN SOUTH AMERICA’

Dr. André Reyes Novaes (Rio de Janeiro State University)

Abstract: The lecture addresses the potentialities and challenges in combining archives from different institutions and places to approach the historical geography of exploration and border mapping. The delimitation and mapping of the Brazil-Bolivian border will be approached using archives from Brazil and the UK institutions. Based on research conducted at the Royal Geographical Society and Brazilian Military Archives, the lecture considers Percy Harrison Fawcett's performance as chief of the Bolivian Border Commission from 1906 to 1912. The contradictions and complementarities of maps, letters, reports and news collected in different institutions could reveal a series of controversies involving the cross-cultural exchange of geographical knowledge during the border work.

- Highlights the relevance of combining archives from different institutions to approach border mapping and exploration;
- Examines the participation of Percy Harrison Fawcett in the Bolivian boundary commission during the early twentieth century;
- Demonstrates controversies and contradictory narratives during the border work in South America.

2. Panel ‘Teaching Historical Geography’:

- Dr. Ana Brasil-Machado (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro).
Research interests: Urban Geography/ Urban Nature and Culture.
- Dr. Diogo Cabral (Trinity College Dublin).
Research interests: Environmental histories and (historical) geographies of human-animal relations in Brazil/ Environmental histories of colonialism in Latin America/ Philosophy and methodology of Environmental History.



- Dr. Innes Keighren (Royal Holloway, University of London).

Research interests: History of Geography / Book History / Eighteenth-century studies.

Research blog: <https://inneskeighren.com/williammacintosh/>



5. 'INTERNATIONAL HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHIES' - a selection of recommended reading and resources:

ABREU, Mauricio de A. (2007) 'Geocritica: historical geography and the history of territory'. *Journal of Historical Geography*, 1 (33), p. 197-199.

BAKER, Alan R. H. (2016) 'Historical geography as an international discipline 1975-2015.' *The Geographical Journal*, vol. 182, no. 3, p. 276-283.

CABRAL, Diogo de C. (2021) 'Meaningful clearings: human-ant negotiated landscapes in nineteenth-century Brazil'. *Environmental History*, vol. 26(1).

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CAMERON, Laura et al. (2016) 'Historical geography as an international discipline 1975-2015: responses'. *The Geographical Journal*, vol. 182, no. 3, p. 284-288.

DAVIES, Archie. (2021) 'Introduction: translation, decolonization and disciplinarity'. *Terra Brasilis (Nova Série)*, n° 15, [Online]. <http://journals.openedition.org/terrabrasilis/8759>

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HEFFERNAN, Michael. (2022) 'Internationalising Geography, 1871-1945'. In: Jacobo García-Alvarez, Michael Heffernan, Vladimir Kolosov, and Bruno Schelhaas (eds). *A Geographical Century: Essays for the Centenary of the International Geographical Union* (Heidelberg: Springer) (in press).

HODDER, Jake; HEFFERNAN, Michael; LEGG, Stephen. (2021) 'The archival geographies of twentieth-century internationalism: nation, empire and race'. *Journal of Historical Geography*, vol. 71, p. 1-11. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0305748820300700>

HGRG - Teaching Historical Geography. <https://hgrg.org.uk/teaching-historical-geography/>

MARTIN, Pere S. (2011) 'Tendencias de la Geografía Histórica en México'. *Biblio 3W. Revista Bibliográfica de Geografía y Ciencias Sociales*, vol. XVI, n° 922. <http://www.ub.es/geocrit/b3w-922.htm>.

MINCA, Claudio. (2000) 'Venetian geographical praxis.' *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, vol. 18, p. 285-289.

MORIN, Karen M.; HEFFERNAN, Michael. (2020) 'Between History and Geography'. *The SAGE Handbook of Historical Geography*. Edited by Mona Domosh, Michael Heffernan, Charles Whithers.



NOVAES, André R. (2020) 'Histórias Escondidas nos Mapeamentos Fronteiriços'. *Terra Brasilis (Nova Série)*, nº 14. <https://doi.org/10.4000/terrabilis.7124>

OGBORN, Miles. (2003) 'Knowledge is power: using archival research to interpret state formation.' *Cultural Geography in Practice*. Edited by Miles Ogborn, Alison Blunt, Piers Gruffudd, David Pinder, and Jon May, p. 9–20. New York: Routledge.

SPIVAK, Gayatri C. (2001) 'Questioned on translation: Adrift.' *Public Culture*, nº 13.1, p. 13-22.

VENUTI, Lawrence. (1986) 'The translator's invisibility.' *Criticism*, 28.2, p. 179-212.

ZUSMAN, Perla et al. (2012) 'La geografía histórica en América Latina: propuestas teóricas, caminos recorridos y tendencias futuras'. *Revista Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades*, Año 5, nº 7, primavera- verano, p. 83-93.

ZUSMAN, Perla. (2018) 'Los silêncios y el espacio: por uma geografia histórica polifônica'. *Geografias políticas e históricas: miradas desde los Andes y el Caribe*. In: GARAY, J. W. M. e REYES, L. C. J. (Ed.) Bogotá: Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Departamento de Geografía, p. 23-42.



6. ACTION POINTS TO SUPPORT ONWARD DISCUSSIONS

The HGRG endeavours to create a supportive, safe, inclusive and collegial on-going space through which all scholars and practitioners of historical geographical research - wherever they are in the world and at whatever stage of career within and outwith academia, heritage, arts, humanities and education research are able to connect and find support.

We are happy to announce that in order to support the postgraduate students, we will have the pleasure to organize some sessions (Seminar Series - Spring 2022) that the students could discuss their research in a session mediated by a professor. So if you are working on some flourishing research that you would like to share in a relaxed and friendly session, please pay attention to our call for papers on the HGRG website/Twitter in February! All are welcome.

Please visit: <https://hgrg.org.uk/>

To this end we would cordially invite you to join in as much or as little in Mon 10th - Wednesday 12th January 2022 the Virtual Writing Retreat organized by Joanne Norcup (University of Warwick/Nottingham). Over three days historical geographers wishing to feel in virtual company can 'join' in a writing retreat. A suggested timetable and support materials to help you make the most out of your time and to help you focus on your historical writing will be uploaded on the Geography Workshop website/Twitter in December.

Please visit: <http://geographyworkshop.com/events-workshops/>

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Many thanks to all delegates for attending this year's virtual Practising Historical Geography Conference. We hope you have found it thoughtful and productive. If you would like to give feedback on this, please contact Patrícia Silveira (Conference Officer).

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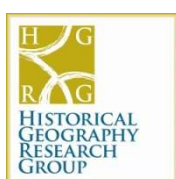
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