

Just Conservation Futures – Advanced PhD Workshop Call

12th-14th September 2023

We invite participation at a three day residential workshop, to be held at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, for advanced PhD researchers who are working on research that will advance our understanding of what just wildlife and biodiversity conservation means and how it might be achieved. Approaches may include, inter alia, philosophies of justice, data justice, planning for fairer conservation futures, more-than-human approaches, anti-racism, new drivers of injustice, understanding enduring obstacles to justice and so on. We are particularly keen to hear from people who are working on new dimensions of justice and injustice.

An advanced PhD researcher is someone who is writing up their dissertation and is more than half-way through that write up or who has completed and sat their viva in the 12 months ending Dec 31st 2022. During the workshop each presenter will present a chapter of their PhD to other participants. Each presentation will be discussed in plenary, and each will also receive commentary from one of a number of more senior colleagues who will be attending. The purpose of this gathering is to build a network of early career researchers who are working on similar topics, to improve their work, as well as discuss ways of publishing and promoting it.

Further, we will also include '[story-telling](#)' training in which participants learn the art of telling stories from their research in more accessible formats. Training for this event will take place virtually in the weeks before the workshop itself. All participants will be presenting their stories in a small public performance at an evening event in Barcelona.

To apply please send in a 300 word abstract of your thesis, and a 300 word abstract of the chapter that you will present, along with a 1 page letter telling us about yourself, your work and why you want to attend. Please suggest up to five people who are not your supervisors, who you would like to comment on your work. We cannot promise any will attend but we would like to know your preferences. Please discuss these names with your supervisors before sending them. Participants will also need to commit to attending 4 virtual training sessions of up to 2 hours each, that will take place in July and August 2023 in preparation for the story-telling.

The workshop and accommodation will be held from Tuesday 12th September (2023) until Thursday 14th September at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, which is about 40 minutes train ride from Barcelona itself. We will cover the cost of transport to the workshop, accommodation and food during it, as well as any visa expenses. We do not envisage that this workshop will generate its own publication or special issue. We will be advising participants how they could best publish their ideas.

Applications are invited from PhD researchers anywhere in the world. European (which includes UK) researchers need to note that we prefer to pay for train travel, not air travel, to Barcelona. Applications need to be sent to advancedpgrworkshopuab@gmail.com by midnight (Spanish time) of Friday 31st March. We will select 10-15 applicants by the end of April. We would also be happy to hear from senior colleagues who wish to attend as commentators.

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