

## Bridging Gaps: Advancing Latin American Studies in International Relations

*Thursday, 19 June 2025 09:00 (1h 30m)*

This roundtable brings together researchers with extensive expertise in Latin American studies across a range of International Relations (IR) approaches and methodologies. Despite the growing relevance of Latin America in global governance, security, and international political economy, the region remains significantly underexplored in mainstream IR scholarship. This lack of focus creates challenges for researchers, limiting opportunities for collaboration, comparative analysis, and theoretical innovation.

The session aims to foster a dialogue that bridges these gaps by uniting scholars with expertise in areas such as foreign policy analysis, regional security frameworks, democratisation processes, migration and post-hegemonic regionalism. Participants include researchers examining the intersection of populism and foreign policy, border studies, the role of leaders in decision-making, and the evolution of health diplomacy and social policy in the region. By incorporating diverse theoretical perspectives, this roundtable offers a space to identify synergies and advance a collective understanding of Latin America's contributions to IR.

Importantly, the roundtable includes scholars at various career stages, from early-career researchers to established academics, based at a range of institutions across the UK. This diversity ensures a dynamic exchange of ideas and experiences, fostering potential collaborations. Topics to be addressed include regional governance, security dynamics, and the role of Latin America in shaping global norms. By amplifying the voices of researchers focused on Latin America, this roundtable seeks to strengthen the region's presence in IR scholarship and inspire new avenues of inquiry within the discipline.

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