

NATALIA BUITRON ARIAS

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EDUCATION

PhD student in Social Anthropology, *London School of Economics and Political Science* **10/2010-enrolled**

20 months of Fieldwork in Shuar society, Ecuadorian Amazon **10/2011-06/2013**

Thesis title: Power, Knowledge, and Collectivity amongst the Shuar of Makuma (Ecuadorian Amazonia)

Supervisors: Prof Rita Astuti; Dr Harry Walker

MSc Anthropology of Learning and Cognition (Distinction), *London School of Economics* **09/2009-09/2010**

- Study of cross-cultural learning, schooling and cognitive development

Dissertation: 'Children's Understanding of Supernatural Illness. A Discussion of an Ethnography of Ecuadorian Illness in light of Developmental Research' – (Distinction)

BA Anthropology and Ethnology (110/110 Cum Laude, equivalent to First Class), *Università degli Studi di Siena, Italy* **09/2005-11/2008**

Dissertation: 'A Cognitive Approach to Belief and Ritual' – (Distinction)

- Undergraduate experience participating in social research project on the construction of social biases and ethnocentrism amongst schoolchildren in Siena **09/2006-02/2007**

International Baccalaureate United World College Graduate, *Lester B. Pearson of the Pacific* – Victoria, Canada. **09/2002-05/2004**

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Researcher Assistant, London School of Economics

**04/2014
01/2015**

- Assisted drafting application for ERC grant on 'Justice, Morality, and the State in Amazonia' with Dr Harry Walker
- Reviewed literature on justice in Social, Cultural and Developmental Psychology and Experimental Philosophy
- Reviewed literature on justice and moral emotions in Amazonia

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology London School of Economics

**01-
04/2015**

- Delivered seminar programme to undergraduate students of Kinship, Sex and Gender course
- Marked student assignment and examination papers

Convener of Latin American Anthropology Interdepartmental seminar (LSE, UCL and Goldsmiths) hosted at Institute of Latin American Studies (ILAS)

**10/2013
06/2014**

- Organised and chaired seminar series during the year

Associate Researcher at Laboratory of Interculturality managed by Socio-Environmental Studies Programme - FLACSO (Latin American School of Social Sciences), Ecuador

**10/2011
10/2012**

- Conducted interviews and surveys on the state of the art of educational policies on selected intercultural bilingual schools of the Ecuadorian Amazon

Associate Researcher at CEDIME (Centre for the Study of Social Movements of Ecuador)

**10/2011
06/2013**

Independent Research Assistant, Somotillo – Nicaragua

01-05/2009

- Built communication strategy for improving community relationships among social actors (peasant community, municipality officials and NGO staff).

PUBLICATIONS

- **2014.** Buitron-Arias, N. La Pedagogía del Arutam o notas etnográficas sobre la producción shuar en torno a la cultura *in* Burneo Salazar Cristina (ed.), En torno al documento. Quito: Universidad San Francisco de Quito.
- **2013.** Buitron-Arias, N. and Deshoullière, G. Review "Tradición, Escritura y Patrimonialización. Anne-Gael Bilhaut and Silvia Macedo (eds). Quito Ecuador. Abya-Yala. Tipiti: Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America: Vol. 11: Iss. 1, Article 8, 107-109.

SELECTEC CONFERENCE AND PAPERS

- Forms of Objectification in Amazonia – One day Symposium to be held at London School of Economics 05/2015 – London, UK

- **03/2015** “Becoming a Centre: Tools of Dissent and Control among the Shuar of Ecuadorian Amazonia” at LSE/UCL/Goldsmiths/ILAS Latin American Anthropology Seminars – London, UK
- **06/2014** Panel organiser with Dr Harry Walker “The Social Life of Schools” for IX Sesquiannual Conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America, School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg - Sweden
- **06/2014** Paper presenter “Internal and External Knowledge: Indigenous Schooling and the Production of Tradition” at IX Sesquiannual Conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America, School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg – Sweden
- **06/2014** “Schooling as Role-play and Control: The Challenge of Norms and Authority for an Egalitarian Society” at Anthropology in London Conference chaired by London School of Economics – London, UK 06/2014
- **10/2013** “In the Balance of Beauty: The Politics of Queen Pageants in the Ecuadorian Amazon” at In the Balance: Indigeneity, Performance, Globalization (ERC-funded International Conference) - London, UK

LANGUAGE AND IT SKILLS

- Spanish: native
- English: fluent/advanced speaking, reading, and writing
- Italian: fluent/advanced speaking, reading and writing. Advanced certificate following intensive course on Italian language and culture (09/2004 -05/2005)
- Shuar Chicham: intermediate reading and writing; beginner speaking and listening
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite / Excellent keyboard typing speed 67 wpm / SPSS, Mendeley and Zotero.

RELEVANT WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Workshop on teaching for understanding in Primary and Secondary Education, organised by the Ecuadorian Ministry of Education and VVOB (Flemish Association for Development Cooperation and Technical Assistance), Ecuador

10/2012

- Practice for the design of culturally-friendly educational curricula
- Practice for the creation of motivated learning environments by implementing the teaching for understanding framework amongst youth

Training in Student Tutors Scheme: providing academic support for pupils in a classroom. Organised by LSE Widening Participation

11/2009

SELECTED PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

London School of Economics Research Studentship Award	2014-2015
London School of Economics Alfred Gell Studentship, Anthropology Dpt.	2013-2014
Newby Trust Award for Fieldwork	2012-2013
CNRS, Bourse du Legs Lelong	2012-2013