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1. Brief description of Event (50-100 words):
Latin America as the world’s most urbanized region provides one of the most diverse, exciting and rewarding fields of study for postgraduate research. With dramatic and ongoing urban growth, Latin American cities are key touchstones for the world’s future. With some of the most significant hubs in the global urban network, it is here that the challenges of global cities are at their starkest and the signposts for alternative urban futures at their most revealing. The workshop explored these challenges for Latin American cities, addressing the somewhat fragmented nature of existing literature by discussing and deploying different disciplinary approaches. Sessions included a keynote lecture, round table discussion groups, and Q&A. Participants were asked to undertake preparatory exercises and readings.

2. What were the benefits of attending and what did you gain from the experience in terms of transferable skills and knowledge.
I improved my awareness of current debates and disciplines within Latin American urban studies and the need to refine methodological procedures when researching Latin American cities. I got to know recent research results from members of the Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies and the Global Urban Research Centre at the University of Manchester. I was informed of the possible strategies and outlets for publishing Latin American urban studies research.

3. What actions will you be taking as a result of attending or by making new networking contacts.
I will incorporate some of the literature presented and discussed during the event in my research activities and my teaching duties, I will submit articles to some of the academic journals informed during the event and will keep in mind the Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies and the Global Urban Research Centre at the University of Manchester as references for future research projects.

4. Can you share any additional resources produced in connection with the event (e.g. feedback from participants, training resources, website links, and additional materials).
http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=LAS
http://ilas.sas.ac.uk/publications/journal-latin-american-studies
6. Tips/experience learned from the event
There are methodological opportunities to work on Latin America through archives or visual tools, such as photography and video. It is important to write articles during the writing up of the thesis in order to build a good academic CV and, when finishing the PhD studies, apply for academic positions. Centres dedicated to Latin American studies in UK are still very few and the existing ones are not strongly connected.

7. Any additional comments or information regarding the event

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