

Curriculum Vitae

LAURA M. RIVAL**Current Professional Position**

Associate Professor, University of Oxford
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Academic Record

Ph.D.	Social Anthropology	London – LSE, 1992
M.Phil.-Q.E.	Social Anthropology	London – LSE, 1988
B.A. (Honours)	Anthropol & Linguistics	UBC, Canada, 1986

Past Academic Positions

2000 -	Associate Professor, University of Oxford
2006-2007	Invited Senior Research Fellow, LAS, Collège de France, Paris
1995-2000	Deputy Director of APFT Kent Programme (APFT, Avenir des Peuples des Forêts Tropicales, a 5.000.000 € EC funded European Research Programme)
1994-2000	Senior Lecturer in Social Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, University of Kent at Canterbury
1993-1994	Research Fellow of the Oxford Centre for the Environment, Ethics and Society, Mansfield College, University of Oxford
1992-1993	Temporary Lecturer, Department of Social Anthropology, LSE, University of London
1991-1992	Temporary Lecturer Department of Social Anthropology, University of Manchester

Areas of Professional Interest

Themes	Anthropology and interdisciplinarity; Amerindian conceptualizations of nature and society; historical and political ecology; development, conservation and environmental policies in Latin America; sustainability in the Anthropocene; indigenous peoples and theories of human development.
Regions	Amazon basin, indigenous territories in Latin America, Ecuador, Guyana, Brazil.

Research Programme: Anthropology of Nature, Society and Development

The empirically grounded, theoretically oriented and policy-relevant research I have carried out over the past twenty-five years aims to renew anthropological questions about the relationship between environment and society. Empirically, this work is grounded in

ethnographic research with the Huaorani (Ecuadorian Amazon), interdisciplinary-research with the Makushi (central Guyana), and policy-oriented research with a number of Central and South American indigenous and peasant communities. Theoretically, I have engaged critically with a range of deterministic assumptions associated with modernist ideologies, as well as with anthropological theorisations that reify the nature/ cultural divide, or perpetuate dubious interpretations of indigenous livelihoods and their historical dynamics. I have also contributed to political economic analyses of development policies, as well as to discussions surrounding policy instruments aimed at reconciling human development and the conservation of biological and cultural diversity.

Selected Publications

A full list of my publications (plus conferences, workshops and seminars) is available on my personal webpage (<http://users.ox.ac.uk/~soca0025>).

Books: Monographs

- . *in preparation*. A monographic study of agroecology movements focusing on their power to innovate.
- . **2016**. *Huaorani transformations in 21st century Ecuador. Treks to the future of time*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.
- . **2014**. *Haciendo fronteras. Transformaciones Huaorani*. Collection of essays published in Spanish for the first time. Quito: UASB and Abya Yala.
- . **2002**. *Trekking through history. The Huaorani of Amazonian Ecuador*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- . **1996**. *Hijos del sol, padres del jaguar. Los Huaorani hoy*. Quito: Abya-Yala. (*Children of the sun, fathers of the jaguar. The Huaorani today*, book based on the translation of my doctoral dissertation, with a new introduction).

Books: Edited Collections

- . **2012**. *Governing the provision of ecosystem services*. Co-Edited with Roldan Muradian. Dordrecht: Springer.
- . **2001**. *Beyond the visible and the material: the Amerindianization of society in the work of Peter Rivière*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Co-edited with Neil Whitehead.
- . **1998**. *The social life of trees. Anthropological perspectives on tree symbolism*. Oxford: Berg.

Guest Editor

- . **2007 [2005]**. What constitutes a human body in native Amazonia? Introduction to the special issue of *Tipiti* on the Amazonian body. *Tipiti* 3(2).
- . **2002**. Editor of the special issue of *JASO (Journal of the Anthropological Society of Oxford)* 'Mélanges for Peter Rivière'. For which I have written an introduction ('The contribution of Peter Rivière to the field of Amazonian anthropology'), and compiled a general bibliography of Rivière's work.

Selected Articles in Refereed Journals

- . **2015a**. Huaorani peace. Cultural continuity and negotiated alterity in the Ecuadorian Amazon. *Common Knowledge* 21(2): 270-304.
- . **2014a**. Encountering nature through fieldwork experiments: Indigenous knowledge, local creativity and modes of reasoning. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (JRAI)* 20(2): 218-236.
- . **2013c**. Rival, L. From Carbon Projects to Better Land-Use Planning: Three Latin American Initiatives. *Ecology and Society* 18 (3).
- . **2012e**. Between Markets and Hierarchies: The challenge of governing ecosystem services. Co-authored with Roldan Muradian. *Ecosystem Services* 1(1): 93-100.

- . **2012c.** Sustainable Development through Policy Integration in Latin America: A Comparative Approach. *Development* (Special Issue on Greening the Economy) 55(1): 63-70.
- . **2010c.** Ecuador's Yasuni-ITT Initiative: the old and new values of petroleum. *Ecological Economics* 70: 358-365.
- . **2008b.** Domestication and diversity in manioc (*Manihot esculenta* Crantz ssp. *esculenta*, Euphorbiaceae). *Current Anthropology* 49(6): 1119-28. Co-authored with Doyle McKey.
- . **2006a.** Amazonian historical ecologies. In *Ethnobiology and the science of humankind. A retrospective and a prospective* (ed.) Roy Ellen, 97-116. Special issue of JRAI # 1.
- . **2005c.** Soul, body and gender among the Huaorani of Amazonian Ecuador. *Ethnos.* 70(3): 285-310.
- . **2003b.** The meanings of forest governance in Esmeraldas, Ecuador. *Oxford Development Studies* 31(4): 479-501.
- . **1998e.** Androgynous parents and guest children: the Huaorani couvade. Curl Essay Prize. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 5(4): 619-42.
- . **1997a.** Modernity and the politics of identity in an Amazonian society. *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 16(2): 137-51.
- . **1993b.** The growth of family trees: Huaorani conceptualization of nature and society. *Man* 28(4): 635-652.

Selected Book Chapters

- . **2013d.** The Aztec sacrificial complex. In *Sacrifice in Modern Thought* (Eds) J. Zachhuber and J. Meszaros, 163-179. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- . **2013c.** The Materiality of Life: Revisiting the Anthropology of Nature in Amazonia. In *The Handbook of Contemporary Animism* (ed.) G. Harvey, 92-100. Durham: Acumen.
- . **2012g.** Introduction: Governing the Provision of Ecosystem Services (1st author). In *Governing the provision of ecosystem services* (eds) R. Muradian and L. Rival, 1-20. Dordrecht: Springer.
- . **2012b.** Animism and the meaning of life: Towards an understanding of manioc domestication. In *Animism in Rainforest and Tundra: Personhood, Animals, Plants and Things in Contemporary Amazonia and Siberia* (Eds) Olga Ulturgasheva, Marc Brightman and Vanessa Elisa Grotti. Pp. 69-81. Oxford: Berghahn.
- . **2012a.** Biodiversity and Development. In *The ASA Handbook of Social Anthropology* (eds) R. Fardon and J. Gledhill. My chapter is in Part IV on *Futures*, edited by Trevor Marchand. Pp. 282-292. London: Sage.
- . **2011b.** Planning development futures in the Ecuadorian Amazon: the expanding oil frontier and the Yasuni-ITT Initiative. In *Social conflict, Economic Development and Extractive Industry. Evidence from South America* (ed.) A. Bebbington. Pp.155-173. New York: Routledge. The book was translated into Spanish and published by Abya Yala.
- . **2010b.** What sort of anthropologist was Paul Rivet? In '*Out of the Study, into the Field.*' *Ethnographic Theory and Practice in French Anthropology* (eds) Robert Parkin and Anne de Sales, 164-204. Oxford: Berghahn Books.
- . **2009b.** Domestication of peach palm (*Bactris Gasipaes* Kunth): the roles of human mobility and migration [written with Charles R. Clement and David M. Cole, I am the second author]. In *The ethnobiology of mobility, displacement and migration in indigenous lowland South America* (ed.) Miguel Alexiades, 117-140. Oxford: Berghahn Books.
- . **2006b.** Partnerships for sustainable forest management: lessons from the Ecuadorian Chocó. In *Partnerships in sustainable forest resource management: learning from Latin America*

(eds) Mirjam Ros-Tonen, H. van den Hombergh and A. Zoomers, 37-62. Amsterdam: CEDLA.

. **2002b**. Formal schooling and the production of modern citizens in the Ecuadorian Amazon. In *Schooling the symbolic animal. Social and cultural dimensions of education* (ed.) Bradley Levinson, 108-122. Oxford: Rowman and Littlefield.

. **2001b**. Seed and clone. A preliminary note on manioc domestication, and its implication for symbolic and social analysis. In *Beyond the visible and the material: the Amerindianization of society in the work of Peter Rivière* (eds) L. Rival and N. Whitehead, 57-80. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

. **1999b**. South American hunters-and-gatherers; an introduction. In *The Cambridge encyclopedia of hunters and gatherers* (eds) Richard Lee and Richard Daly, 77-85. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press.

. **1998c**. Domestication as a historical and symbolic process: wild gardens and cultivated forests in the Ecuadorian Amazon. In *Principles of Historical Ecology* (ed.) William Balée, 232-50. New-York: Columbia University Press.

. **1998b**. Trees from symbols of life and regeneration to political artefacts. *The social life of trees. Anthropological perspectives on tree symbolism* (ed.) Laura Rival, 1-36. Oxford: Berg.

. **1996b**. Blowpipes and spears: the social significance of Huaorani technological choices. In *Nature and Society: Anthropological Perspectives* (eds) Philippe Descola and Gísli Pálsson, 145-164. London: Routledge.

Teaching, Training and Supervision

Doctoral students

- at ISCA: Raúl Acosta (*Social movements and globalization*, 2005. In post at the University of Constance, Germany); Marisa Wilson (*Agroecology and food in Cuba*, viva 2005. In post at the University of Edinburgh). Istvan Praet (*Courage and Fear: An Inquiry into Chachi shape-Shifting*, viva 2006. In post at the University of Roehampton, London). Harry Walker (*In Close Company: Self, Power and Intimacy in Urarina Society*, viva 2008. In post at the London School of Economics. Gave the 2015 Malinowski Lecture). Ian Fitzpatrick (co-supervised with David Gellner, *Cardamom, class and change in a Limbu village in east Nepal*, viva 2010). Ruth Gutierrez (*The Nukak: a study of nomadism and continuity in the Colombian Amazon*, viva 2011. In post at the Botanical Garden, Bogotá, Colombia). Thomas Kauffmann (co-supervised with Charles Ramble, *Put your compassion into action: the political and religious agendas of the Central Tibetan administration in a world of transnational organisations*, viva 2013. Director of an NGO supporting Tibetan Refugees). Alejandro Reig (*When the forest world is not wide enough we open up many clearings.* *The making of landscape, place and people among the Shitari Yanomami of the Upper Ocamo Basin*, viva 2014, Senior Researcher, Spain and Venezuela). Theresa Miller (*Indigenous environmental synaesthetics: Ramkokamekra-Canela gardening practices and varietal diversity in Maranhão, Brazil*, viva 2015. Post-doctoral position at the Smithsonian Institute, Washington DC, 2015-2017). Lewis Daly (*The symbiosis of people and plants: Makushi ethnoecology, southern Guayana*, just back from the field, viva 2016). Marcos Medina (co-supervised with David Gellner, *In Ominibus Deum Inveniens: Soul, Spirit, and the Jesuit Mission among the Tseltal Maya of Chilón (Chiapas, Mexico)*, writing-up).
- at ODID: K. Bauer (*Historical and political ecology of range management, Tibet*, viva 2006). A. Roemer-Malher (*Indian generic drugs and WTO trade negotiations*, viva 2008). Elizabeth Kistin (*Critiquing cooperation: the dynamic effects of transboundary water regimes*, viva 2011). Maria Mancilla García (*Politics and everyday life in Lake Titicaca: negotiating change and continuity in social-ecological systems*,

viva 2014, Marie Curie post-doctoral research at the Resilience Institute, Stockholm). Felipe Roa (rural development in Colombia, post-fieldwork writing up). Ivan Zambrana (*The political ecology of a complex socio-ecological systems: Biodiversity governance in Bolivia*, currently in the field). Emilio Travieso (*agroecology and solidarity economies in Mexico and Haiti*, currently in the field). Julie Dayot (*Oil development and indigenous peoples in the Ecuadorian Amazon. Cost-benefit and multi-criteria analyses*, currently in the field). Santiago Izquierdo (*Oportunidades and Payment for ecosystem services in Chiapas, Mexico*, currently in the field). Kieran Gilfoy (*Mining, extractivism, and political ontologies in Highland Peru*, pre-fieldwork preparation).

- at other universities: H. Parathian (co-supervised with K. Hill, *An interdisciplinary approach to ethno-ecology: Adopting a multifaceted approach to explore human-wildlife interactions among the Tikuna Indians of Amacayacu, Colombia Amazonas*, viva 2014. Postdoctoral Research in Africa). I have also given special supervision to doctoral students in other universities (A. Penfield, LSE, working on the Sanema, Venezuela; P. Colleoni, Roskilde, Denmark, working on Waorani politics and oil development; Deborah Delgado, EHESS, Paris, and Louvain, working on climate change politics and indigenous representation at COP meetings; and Maria Gabriella Zurita, Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle (MNHN), Paris, working on Waorani agroforestry).

Main Courses

- . *Foundation course in Social Anthropology*. Compulsory course for non-anthropologists enrolled in the MPhil in Development Studies (designer, convenor and main teacher of this course).
- . *State, Governance and Natural Resource sin Latin America*. Option course taken by students enrolled in the MPhil in Development Studies, the MSc in Global Governance and Diplomacy, and the MSc in Latin American Studies (designer, convenor and sole teacher of this course).
- . *Native Peoples of Lowland South America*. Ethnography Option Course offered to undergraduate and graduate students (BA in Anth & Arch, BSc in Human Sciences, MSc and MPhil in Social Anthropology). I designed and taught this course with Dr E. Ewart between 2002 and 2010, and have been teaching on it regularly since.
- . *Introduction to Ethnobiology*. Core course for 3rd year students enrolled in the BSc in Human Science (course co-designed with Dr A. Gosler, and taught with a number of colleagues).

Student supervision

- . MPhil in Development Studies: Course Supervision for 3-6 First and Second Year Students, Thesis Supervision for 2-4 Second Year Students.
- . MPhil in Social Anthropology: Course and Thesis Supervision for 1-3 First and Second Year Students between 2000 and 2010, and occasionally since.
- . MSc in Latin American Studies: Course and Thesis Supervision for 1-2 Students.
- . BA in Anth & Arch and BSc in Human Sciences: Supervision of long essays.
- . Occasional supervision of theses and long essays of graduate and undergraduate students in Theology, History, and Gender Studies.

Recent Professional Service

- 2010 - External Examiner: UCL (Haines, 2010); ParisX-Nanterre (Lorcy, 2010); Orta (Barcelona, 2010); Franky Calvo (Wageningen, 2011); Sorhaug (Norway, 2012); Guérin (Paris I-Sorbonne, 2013); Lima Hutchinson (London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, 2014); Buitron (LSE, UK, 2016); Whitaker (Tulane, USA, 2016).
- 2015-2018 External Examiner, University of Kent at Canterbury

- 2014 Nominated to serve on the Anthropology and Development Panel for the 2014 national Research Evaluation (REF)
- 2011-2015 Outside Expert Member of the Scientific Committee of the LabEx BCDiv (*Diversités biologiques et culturelles: origines, évolution, interactions, devenirs*) at the Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle (MNHN), Paris
- 2010-2018 ESRC College Review Fellow
- 2013 Review UCL Colleague for upgrade to readership
- 2009-2013 External Examiner, UCL, University of London
- 2007-2011 Mentor for various TAs and DLs, including one registered for the PGDip
- 2008 Reviewer, DFID/NERC/ESRC programme on Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation (ESPA)

Editorial Service

I was Chief Editor of *Tipiti* (the Journal of the Society for the Anthropology Lowland South America, SALSA) from 2008 to 2013.

I am currently on the Editorial Board of Berghahn Environmental Anthropology Series, and on the Editorial Board of the following journals: *NSS (Natures, Sciences, Sociétés*, Paris, 2011), *ODS (Oxford development Studies*, 2002), *Revue d'Éthnoécologie* (MNHN, Paris, 2011), *Journal of Hunter and Gatherer Research* (Liverpool, 2013), *Quaderni di Semantica* (Milan, 2014), and *Tipiti*. I was on the Editorial Board of *GEC (Global Environmental Change*, 2013-2015), *LACES (Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies*, 2004-2014), *JRAI (Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, 2001-2006), and *JASO (Journal of the Anthropology Society of Oxford*, 2000-2010).

Professional Affiliations

. Elected Board Member of SALSA (Society for the Anthropology Lowland South America) from 2002 to 2006.

. Member of the **ASA** (The Association of Social Anthropologists of the Commonwealth); the **ISE** (International Society of Ethnobiology); the **ISEE** (International Society for Ecological Economics); **SALSA** (Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America); the **AAA** (American Anthropological Association); the **EASA** (The European Association of Social Anthropologists); and **SLAS** (Society for Latin American Studies).

Academic references will be provided upon request.