

**SFOU Grant Report – Participation in the international conference “Reimaginando futuros”**

My name is Manuela and I am a graduate student at the University of Oxford, where I am pursuing an MPhil in Medieval and Modern Languages, with a special focus on contemporary Latin American Literature. Thanks to the generous support of the Swiss Friends of Oxford University Scholarship, I attended the international conference “Reimaginando Futuros. I Congreso Internacional de ciencia ficción latinoamericana y española (2010-2020)” at the University of Alcalá. In particular, the financial contribution provided by the SFOU Scholarship allowed me to cover the costs of travel and accommodation for the duration of the conference.

The participation in the aforementioned conference constituted a crucial step in the development of my MPhil thesis project. First of all, it allowed me to get in touch with the most recent research being carried out in the field of science fiction (in the broadest sense) within contemporary Spanish-language literature. Besides engaging with the theories, methodologies and studies that are currently emerging in this field, I had the opportunity to meet several scholars working on these issues, with whom I was able to initiate fruitful exchanges. Secondly, within this fertile space for dialogue and critical thinking, I had the chance to share and put to test some of the ideas I was working on, receiving profitable feedback from peers, professors and other academics. Such an intense exchange of ideas, opinions and experiences resulted in a clear outline of my MPhil thesis project, as it allowed me to work on the critical points of my research while focusing on its strongest aspects. Finally, this experience was an opportunity to establish meaningful relationships of intellectual exchange that have marked me deeply and will certainly accompany me in the years to come.

Once again, I am profoundly grateful to SFOU for believing in my project and supporting me on this journey. It would not have been possible without your help. Thank you!

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