

SFOU Grant Report – Participation in the graduate workshop “A_E__CA L_TI_A”

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 organised and attended the graduate workshop “A_E__CA L_TI_A. Taller abierto sobre un lugar que un tiempo estuvo ahí” at the University of Padua, November 20-21, 2023. 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 workshop.

The aforementioned workshop constitutes one of the first academic events I had the chance to conceive and organise myself, and thus represents a milestone in my academic journey. Besides strengthening the existing relationships of exchange with my colleagues at the University of Padua, with whom I have been working on this project since last June, this event proved to be a prolific space for conversation and encounters. Not only did I gain experience in organising academic events – from more economic and logistical aspects to issues of subject matter and critical depth – but this occasion also allowed me to get to know many young researchers (the event was attended by twenty graduate and postgraduate students from Italy, Switzerland and England). The feedback received once the workshop was over was extremely positive: what stood out was the value of a space for open dialogue, as well as the importance of reflecting on the work we are doing as researchers. I sincerely hope that this event was only the first of a fruitful collaboration.

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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