



## Department of Risk and Disaster Reduction

### **Call for Applications: International Writing Workshop for Early Career Researchers from the Global South working on the nexus between Peace and Conflict Studies and Humanitarian Studies (Rio de Janeiro, 8-10 April 2026)**

We invite Early Career Researchers (ECRs) from the Global South to apply for a 3-day International Writing Workshop at PUC-Rio, Brazil, in April 2026. Hosted in collaboration with the Institute of International Relations (IRI), this workshop focuses on the intersections of Peace, Conflict, and Humanitarian Studies, aiming to amplify voices of the ECRs from the Global South in academic and policy arenas.

#### **Workshop Goals:**

- Strengthen scholarly writing and publication strategies
- Promote cross-disciplinary dialogue and co-learning
- Strengthen capacity for academic leadership and grant writing
- Encourage publication opportunities in high-impact journals

#### **Themes Include:**

- Peace–Humanitarian–Development Nexus
- Intersectionality in humanitarian/peace contexts
- Militarisation and securitisation of humanitarian/peace efforts
- Other critical issues in Peace, Conflict, and Humanitarian Studies.

#### **Who Can Apply:**

- PhD candidates or ECRs (within 10 years of PhD, excluding caregiving breaks)
- Early career researchers **based** in Brazil, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, Philippines, South Africa, Turkey, Thailand, Vietnam and/or Least Developed Countries (LDC)<sup>1</sup>
- With limited (high-impact) publishing experience
- Proficient in written and spoken English

We especially welcome applications from women, LGBTIQ+ researchers, and those with diverse lived experiences.

#### **Workshop Format:**

- Virtual preparatory meeting (by February 2026)
- In-person workshop (8-10 April 2026, Rio de Janeiro)
- Virtual follow-up session (in late 2026)

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<sup>1</sup> See full list of LDC <https://unctad.org/topic/least-developed-countries/list>

### Covered Expenses:

Selected participants will have their travel tickets, accommodation, international insurance, visa fees, and all workshop-related activities arranged and covered by the project. Other costs, including expenses outside the official program and dates, are the responsibility of the participants

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### How to apply

Email the following documents to [p.yadav@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:p.yadav@ucl.ac.uk) (only for submission of the application)

1. Updated CV (with publication links, if any)
2. One-page motivation letter (500 words maximum)
3. 500-word abstract of a proposed paper aligned with workshop themes
4. Deadline: **15 September 2025**
5. **Selected participants will be notified in early October 2025.**

### Selection Criteria:

- Eligibility and thematic relevance
- Originality and clarity of proposed paper
- Motivation and alignment with goals
- Academic profile and potential
- Diversity across geography, gender, career stage, and lived experience

Final selections will ensure balanced representation. This is a unique opportunity for feedback, mentorship, and collaboration with fellow Global South scholars.

We look forward to your application!

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