**Bureaucracies after death: the aftermath of forced disappearance in dictatorship and democracy**

Friday 14 February, 2-6pm, Seminar Room S1, Alison Richard Building, 7 West Road, Cambridge, CB3 9DT

This **Salvador Allende Memorial Lecture** themed on forensic anthropology consists of a case study (**Márcia Lika Hattori**) followed by a lecture (**José Pablo Baraybar**) on the major themes under discussion among forensic anthropologists working in the wake of the many atrocities which the world has been witnessing. Commentaries will be given by **Cath Collins & Dacia Viejo-Rose**.

**Refreshments provided, all welcome. Free event but please register [here](#) for catering purposes.**

**Márcia Lika Hattori** Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Fellowship (MSCA), Institute of Heritage Sciences (Incipit) & Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)

Abstract: **Micro-technologies of disappearance by State bureaucracy: an archaeological perspective about necropolitics in dictatorship and democracy in Brazil**

Neoliberal policies and a shift to the far right have defined the recent political context in Brazil. Human remains, identified or not, become part of those policies where the technology of disappearance and bodies (especially of poor and black people) are transformed into commodities or undesirable objects that must be disposed of for the privatization of public spaces. This lecture will explore how archaeology can contribute to the unveiling of different mechanisms of disappearance that persist until today in the management of dead bodies. It will demonstrate that through the political processing of bodies in São Paulo city, their identities are often neglected or completely removed, becoming bare lives devoid of any citizenship. To do so, I will compare the management of the dead and the techniques of disappearance in public institutions during the dictatorship (1964-1985) with today’s governments, including deliberate omission as one of the key mechanisms of elimination.

**José Pablo Baraybar** Forensic Anthropologist, Center for Justice & Accountability (CJA), Trans-regional Forensic Coordinator for Migration in Europe, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Paris.

Abstract: **The politics of death: bodies, rights and memory in post-conflict Peru**

The aftermath of internal armed conflict in Peru saw the establishment of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the trial and conviction of former president Fujimori and some of his accomplices for crimes against humanity and corruption; in addition, reparation policies were put in place as well as concrete actions to search for missing persons. Thirty-seven years after the first forced disappearance, some 15,000 persons still remain disappeared and unaccounted for. This lecture will discuss the perceptions shaping the politics behind the search for the victims, located at the crossroads of science and the law, whereby a different type of violence from that suffered during the conflict is now inflicted on grieving families. It will be argued that underlying the understanding of the current
discoveries there is the issue of the enduring rights, and lack of rights, of victims of forced
disappearance.

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