

# Exploring Urban Environmental Futures in Colombia: Climate Justice, the Promise of Infrastructure and Beyond...

Guided Field Course HS 2022/ FS 2023

MA Anthropology, University of Basel

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The core of our MA Anthropology in Basel is a thorough training in ethnographic methodology through a partly subsidized and guided fieldtrip. During this course (two terms, six weeks of fieldwork abroad in January/ February 2023), MA students formulate their individual research proposal and conduct research under the supervision of Dr. Silke Oldenburg. You will learn how to

- formulate your own research questions in line with your interest and job aspirations supervised by an experienced anthropologist;
- apply ethnographic methods during a field trip of six weeks to urban Colombia combining theory and practice;
- improve your language skills and communication skills across milieus and contexts;
- analyse the collected data, present the findings in an academic context and write a final field report;
- acquire some necessary skills for a possible PhD project.

The general theme of the field course sheds light on **Urban Environmental Futures** within which the individual research projects are loosely situated. The course focuses on Cartagena de Indias, a Colombian port and world heritage city, where climate change and rising sea level have become a pressing environmental challenge for both, municipal agencies and ordinary citizens, to mitigate flooding risk, preserve urban infrastructure and prepare for the future. You are welcome to discuss your preliminary ideas:

**Come and join our first meeting on Wednesday, 25 May 2022, from 12.30 to 1.30pm, in the seminar room at the Institute of Anthropology (Münsterplatz 19, 4051 Basel)**

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