

The David Patterson Lectures Week 6

**Ms Alicia Vergara Murillo
(AMES)**

Determining Belonging: The State of Israel and the Question of Emerging Jewish Communities

Ms Alicia Vergara Murillo is a third-year DPhil student in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Oxford. She holds a BA in Social Sciences from the Humboldt University of Berlin and an MSt in Jewish Studies. Her research is mainly concerned with the development of Emerging Jewish Communities in Colombia and the complex issues of identity and authority that arise as a result. She is a current recipient of the Taube Scholarship and part of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation.

Abstract: The talk will present part of her ongoing DPhil research on Emerging Jewish Communities in contemporary Colombia and Jewish gatekeeping. The focus will lie on the role of the State of Israel and its reaction as well as its contribution to the phenomenon of such communities.

**Thursday, 1 June 2023
6–7 pm (UK time)**

This lecture will be a hybrid session which will be accessible both online (see below) and in person in the Catherine Lewis Lecture Room (refreshments to follow)

No need to register if attending in person.

In order to participate in this lecture online, please register at this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpcu6opz4iHNOBMR5T7LOmDivw0HafbVrc>

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