

## Catherine-Ann McNamara-Peach BA (Hons) MSc MRes

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*PhD candidate in Anthropology; experienced in participant observation and other qual methods*

*Work experience: Primary research; secondary research; teaching; legal administration*

*Key skills: Qualitative research; writing, editing and communication; planning/organisation; interpersonal skills*

*Other: Inquisitive; self-motivated; works to deadlines; collaborative and remote working*

*Looking for: Qual research experience outside academia; climate action-oriented work*

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### Education

<b>MRes/PhD Anthropology</b>	<b>London School of Economics and Political Science</b> Researching the relationship between spiritualities and theories of change in climate activism. 14 months ethnographic fieldwork with Extinction Rebellion based in Brighton, UK. Fully funded by ESRC.  Supervisors: Michael W. Scott; Gisa Weszkalnys	2018-2025
<b>MSc Social Anthropology (Religion in the Contemporary World)</b> with Distinction	<b>London School of Economics and Political Science</b> Distinction awarded for dissertation, "Reterrestrialising through kin-making: Religion and politics in the (postcolonial, feminist) Anthropocene". Abridged and redrafted version published in <a href="#">Anthropology of this Century, issue 25</a>	2016-2018
<b>BA Anthropology and Law, 2.1 (merit)</b> classification	<b>London School of Economics and Political Science</b> Distinction awarded for Law dissertation, "Law beyond prejudice? Reconsidering the differential treatment of Christianity and Islam in the European Court of Human Rights"	2013-2016

### Qualitative research skills

**Ethnographic fieldwork** – 20 months of fieldwork completed through the PhD journey

**Interviews and guided discussions** – experienced in conducting interviews (in-person, telephone, and Zoom) and guided discussions with research participants from varied backgrounds around the UK independently and in teams

**Transcription** – extensive experience of transcribing and cleaning interview transcripts

**Qualitative data analysis** – experienced with CAQDAS (NVivo; Delve) to code ethnographic field notes and interview transcripts

**Project management** – skills developed through PhD journey include progress evaluation, risk management, resilience, adaptability, meeting deadlines

## Employment

**June-August 2023, Dire Lark** - As **Design Research Assistant** supporting Dire Lark on a project commissioned by the Atlantic Council's Climate Resilience Center, I supported with refining interview questions, virtual interviews, cleaning interview transcripts, analysing data using CAQDAS, thematic analysis, and contributing to structuring and drafting sections of the project report. Work involved both independent and team work carried out remotely.

**Jan-April 2021, LSE Anthropology** – I served as the **Graduate Teaching Assistant** for the MSc-level course, the Anthropology of Kinship, Sex and Gender, teaching for Professor Catherine Allerton.

**April-Oct 2020, LSE Anthropology** – I acted as a **Research Assistant** collaborating on LSE-funded research on innovations in care networks among the British public during the Covid-19 pandemic, carrying out interviews, data analysis, and co-authoring research outputs, e.g. **co-authored reports** [“‘Good’ and ‘Bad’ deaths during the Covid-19 pandemic”](#); [‘A right to care’](#) and blog posts.

**July 2017-July 2018, ORB International** – I acted as a **Research Assistant** on a project-by-project basis, working remotely on interview quality control. Research projects operated globally, often for clients involved in counterterrorism and conflict zones.

**Jan-April 2017, Research Assistant to Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby** – carried out secondary research on a part-time consultancy basis to support the writing of [‘Reimagining Britain: Foundations for Hope’ \(Bloomsbury, 2018\)](#). Research involved collecting and presenting secondary data for non-specialists, sourcing and referencing the manuscript, interviewing experts in sectors such as health and housing, and writing up reports for the author's use. The work also involved an editorial role and relied on working to meet the manuscript submission deadline for the publisher.

**June-Aug 2015; June-Sept 2016, Kent Legal Services (now Invicta Law)** – worked as a Legal Assistant for Kent County Council's Legal Department, administrating a number of family law/child protection cases, assisting solicitors and social workers.

*References available on request*