

#### **Panel 4: Place-based PhDs: Influences of geo-historical location on PhD experience**

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Abstract: Around the world for the past few decades, universities have been positioning themselves as part of a global landscape, with mobility, including among PhD researchers, seen as helpful in advancing academic careers. The assumption often is that academic cultures and practices are comparable globally (apart from national socio-linguistic variation). Of course, this is not the case: PhD programs are very much geo-historically located. So colleagues doing PhDs in different countries (universities and fields) can have diametrically distinct experiences. This panel of (re)located PhD researchers in three different countries, each studying others' PhD experiences, takes a personal narrative perspective to explore their place-based PhD experiences: how their choice of country (and university) influenced their PhD journey, and the implications for them and others.