Data Management Plan

Project title: Energy Revolution: The Political Ecology of Energy Use in Socialist Cuba
Research title: Joint Ventures in Cuba's Energy Sector
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1. Description of the data

1.1 Type of study

This research adds to a larger project on Cuba's energy sector. Over the past decades, the Cuban state has attracted foreign capital by forming joint ventures with international companies. The study's aim is to better understand this transformation of state policy from the perspective of two international companies in Cuba's electricity sector.

1.2 Types of data

Qualitative; semi-structured interviews

1.3 Format of the data

Written notes, audio file

2. Data collection

The data will be collected as part of 'further limited research' as per the grant specification, to consolidate the results of a previous study.

2.1 Methodology for data collection

Semi-structured interviews conducted with business representatives of two companies based in the UK and Cuba, working in joint ventures with the Cuban government. Interviews held in London and Havana.

2.2 Ethical approval and informed consent

The research has been ethically approved by King's College London's Research Ethics Office on 3 October 2018 with reference no. MRA-18/19-8619. As specified in the ethical approval application, informed consent will be attained verbally (following previous best practice, this is to account for the political situation in Cuba, where informants are often happy to participate in research but not to sign their name on a formal document.)

3. Data management, documentation, and sharing

3.1 Managing, storing, and curating data

The data will be stored on a primary encrypted hard drive and backed up on a secondary encrypted hard drive in the form of a text file and an audio file. If the research participants give their consent, the data will be deposited with the UK Data Service.

3.2 Data sharing and access

The data will possibly involve disclosures of sensitive business or political information, which the participants may or may not feel comfortable disclosing to the public. As part of obtaining informed consent, the participants will indicate whether they agree to the sharing of data beyond the researcher. *End of project: the participants have not given their consent to sharing the data beyond the researcher.*