

Invitation: SCMS/ BAFTSS Transnational Cinema – Reading group meeting
Time: Friday, 25 February 2022 @ 12pm ET/5pm GMT

Guest Speaker: Dr Aida Vallejo

Title: Documentary Film Festivals: transnational crossroads for films and professionals

This presentation will look at the international documentary film festival ecosystem, focusing on transnational power dynamics that operate within it. It will reflect on the role of specialised festival circuit as nodal points for the recognition and consolidation of filmmakers and films and the promotion of cultural diversity. Particular attention will be given to geo-political areas of influence, and cultural power relationships articulated at the festival site.

Aida Vallejo is associate professor at the University of the Basque Country (Spain) and researcher specialised on documentary film, film festivals and creative industries. She has co-edited the books *Documentary Film Festivals Vol.1* and *Vol.2* and *Film Festivals and Anthropology*. Currently she is research fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University of Edinburgh, where she develops a Digital Humanities research project about institutes of documentary film.

Reading:

- [Vallejo, Aida \(2020\) "Introduction part I, Vol. 2: Changes and Challenges for Documentary and Film Festivals"](#). In *Documentary Film Festivals Vol 2: Changes, Challenges, Professional Perspectives*. Palgrave MacMillan: Cham, Switzerland (Framing Film Festivals Series), 13-21. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-17324-1_2
- [Vallejo, Aida \(2020\) "IDFA's Industry Model: Fostering Global Documentary Production and Distribution"](#). In *Documentary Film Festivals Vol 2: Changes, Challenges, Professional Perspectives*. Palgrave MacMillan: Cham, Switzerland (Framing Film Festivals Series), 23-53. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-17324-1_3

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