

Dr. Ines Varela-Silva

Candidate Bio: Dr Varela-Silva is a Human Biologist at Loughborough University, UK. She uses a biocultural approach to study health and nutritional outcomes among families in low- and middle-income countries, mostly in Latin-America. The main purpose of her research is to further understand how intergenerational and early-life conditions, associated with poverty and discrimination, lead to child malnutrition in all its forms and how they potentiate health and disease outcomes throughout the lifecourse. She is involved in active research projects in Mexico, Peru and Ecuador. She has received funding from The Medical Research Council: Newton Fund, Royal Academy of Engineers, Santander Universities, The Wenner-Gren Foundation, and The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Platform Statement: I am very honoured to have been nominated for the position of President-Elect of the HBA. I have been a member of the HBA since 2001 and I was accepted as an HBA Fellow in 2014. If elected to this position I will endeavour to work closely with Prof Panter-Brick and the Executive Committee as a whole, to guarantee a smooth and proactive transition throughout 2021. My aim is to provide leadership to the profession and membership by using innovative strategies to further engage with the members and further expand the reputation of the HBA, globally. It is also my intention to keep close and productive connections with the editorial board of the American Journal of Human Biology. This nomination represents an opportunity for me to give back to the HBA whose executive structures and members have always been very supportive throughout my academic and research journey.