The Brazil Center of LLILAS presents

Brazil Week 2008

November 10–14
All events are FREE and open to the public

*BRAZIL, it’s everywhere!* Discover the diversity and depth of UT’s activities, research, and exchange with Brazil in places you may not have imagined. Brazilian Studies at the University of Texas at Austin is the strongest program in the country, with the greatest number of faculty members working in the broadest array of disciplines.

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WEEK AT A GLANCE
Afro-Brazilian Quilombo Communities’ Struggle for Land
Renewable Energy in Latin America: Current Issues
Doing Business with Brazil
Opportunities for Study Abroad in Brazil
Emerging Artists and Artistic Expression in Brazil
Amazon ABCs: Ants, Birds and Other Critters
Introducing CARAMBOLA!

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Monday, Nov. 10 10:00 A.M.–12:00 NOON

Human Rights Panel:
*Afro-Brazilian Quilombo Communities’ Struggle for Land*

Location: Texas Union, Eastwoods Room 2.102

Keynote speakers:
Karen Engle, Director, Rapoport Center, and Cecil D. Redford Professor in Law
Ariel Dulitzky, Associate Director, Rapoport Center, and Visiting Professor of Law and Latin American Studies

*Quilombo*: Thousands of communities of escaped slaves were established in remote areas of Brazil to become havens of freedom and resistance. One hundred years after the end of slavery, Brazil’s 1988 Constitution made the first meaningful legal effort to provide land rights to the descendants of former slaves. This promise remains largely unfulfilled….

In spring 2008, a human rights delegation sponsored by the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice traveled to Brazil. This panel presents its findings on the *quilombo* communities’ history, challenges in society, and legal struggle for the rights to their land.

Sponsored by: The Brazil Center of LLILAS and the Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, UT School of Law

*Coffee, donuts, and bagels provided.*
Tuesday, Nov. 11  2:00–4:00 P.M.
Energy Panel:

**Renewable Energy in Latin America: Current Issues**
Location: Texas Union, Texas Governors’ Room 3.116

Keynote speakers:
**Michael Webber**, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering
Associate Director, Center for International Energy and Environmental Policy
Jackson School of Geosciences & Cockrell School of Engineering
http://www.webberenergygroup.com

**Jeremy Meyers**, Assistant Professor
Mechanical Engineering / Material Science & Engineering
Cockrell School of Engineering
http://www.me.utexas.edu/~meyers

*Drinking water or electricity?*

The demands for water and energy resources are growing faster than ever. Power plants that burn fossil fuels withdraw large amounts of water, mostly from rivers and lakes, altering supply to residents, farms and industry.

How will Latin American countries react to these issues? This panel of experts will discuss current issues in oil, gas, water, and the use of renewable energy in Latin America.

Sponsored by: The Brazil Center of LLILAS, Center for International Energy and Environmental Policy (CIEEEP) at the Jackson School of Geosciences, Cockrell School of Engineering, and the International Partnership of Austin.

*Coffee and baked goods provided.*

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Wednesday, Nov. 12  1:00–4:00 P.M.
Business Workshop:

**Doing Business with Brazil**
Location: Off Campus—International Center of Austin (201 E. 2nd Street)
(Parking available in Austin Convention Center garage)

Featured speakers:
**Ambassador Lewis Lucke** (ret.), recently returned from assignment in Brazil with USAID
**Orlando Kelm**, UT CIBER
**David Myers**, Dept. of Information Technology of Dell computers

This business workshop will provide first-hand information on the business environment, information resources, personal accounts of the cultural and linguistic aspects of doing business, and current opportunities with Brazil.

Sponsored by: The Brazil Center of LLILAS, Center for International Business Education and Research (UT CIBER) at the McCombs School of Business, Fogo de Chão, and the International Partnership of Austin.

*Brazilian appetizers and wine reception to follow. Sponsored by Fogo de Chão.*

**Reservations required. E-mail: <brazil@uts.cc.utexas.edu>.** Free and open to the public.
Thursday, Nov. 13  
12:00–1:00 P.M.  
Information Session:  
*Opportunities for Study Abroad in Brazil*

Location: Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, SRH 1.313

Don’t miss out on your chance to live and study in Brazil!

The Department of Spanish and Portuguese will tell all about Summer Faculty-led Program to Salvador da Bahia. The Study Abroad Office will explain the four UT international student exchange programs with Brazilian universities.

Get information on programs and scholarships for study abroad. UT students returning from international exchange programs in Brazil will give you the scoop.

Sponsored by: The Brazil Center of LLILAS, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, and UT Study Abroad Office.

*Pizza and soft drinks provided.*

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Thursday, Nov. 13  
2:00–4:00 P.M.  
Art Panel:  
*Emerging Artists & Artistic Expression in Brazil*

Featuring Vijai Patchineelam, Iberê Camargo Artist-in-Residence

Location: Texas Union, Sinclair Suite 3.128

On campus only through December 5, Iberê Camargo Artist-in-Residence Vijai Patchineelam will show his portfolio of work and talk about the artistic process as it pertains to his current project, *Walls of the Atelier: The Sustainability of Routine*. This is a unique opportunity to know the artist and his work!

Vijai’s work documents a sincere dialogue between an artist, his studio, and the everyday world outside of it. It is improvisational and performative in nature, taking advantage of the objects he finds in his space. Process and experimentation are vital to the work, revealing the constantly evolving relationship between people and their environment.

The Iberê Camargo artist-in-residence program 2008 is organized by the Blanton Museum of Art in collaboration with the Creative Research Lab at the Department of Art and Art History, and the Brazil Center of the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin. The program is supported by the Fundação Ibêre Camargo (Porto Alegre, Brazil), and the Barbara Duncan Centennial Endowed Lectureship.

Sponsored by: The Brazil Center of LLILAS, Blanton Museum of Art, and Creative Research Lab.

*Coffee and baked goods provided.*
Friday, Nov. 14 10:00–11:30 P.M.

Biology Panel:

**Amazon ABCs: Ants, Birds, and Other Critters**

Location: Texas Union, Eastwoods Room 2.102

- **Ants from Mars!** Presented by Christian Rabeling
- **Digging for Fungus: A Travelogue.** Presented by Sasha Mikheyev
- **Amazonian Birds’ Diversity and Ecology.** Presented by Jesse Laskey
- **Frogs.** Presented by Mariana Vasconcellos

Adventure and discovery in the Brazilian Amazon! And, yes, the ant from Mars is really real.

Learn about the crawly, slimy, and feathered residents of the largest rainforest in the world. Graduate researchers from the School of Biological Sciences share their fascinating photos and stories from the field. This panel promises to speak to the child in all of us.

**Note:** This is an outreach initiative of the Brazil Center of LLILAS and the School of Biological Sciences. Everyone is welcome, but please be aware that we are hosts to a large group of sixth grade children. For the bigger kids, there will be standing room only.

Friday, Nov. 14 5:30–7:30 P.M.

Social event:

**Introducing CARAMBOLA!**

Location: Crown & Anchor Pub (2911 San Jacinto)

Happy hour and appetizers.

Join CARAMBOLA, the new UT Student Association for Brazilians and Brazilianists of all nationalities, for drinks and bate-papo.

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**Brazil Week 2008 Cosponsors:**

- Brazil Center
- Blanton Museum of Art
- CIBER, Center for International Business and Education Research
- Creative Research Lab, Dept. of Art and Art History
- School of Biological Sciences
- International Partnership of Greater Austin
- Center for International Energy and Environmental Policy, Jackson School of Geosciences
- Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies (LLILAS)
- Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, School of Law
- Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese
- Study Abroad Office
- Fogo de Chão

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