



BRAZILIAN STUDIES
PROGRAMME



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About Us

About the Brazilian Studies Programme

About the Brazilian studies Programme: The Brazilian Studies Programme (BSP) **was founded in 2008 as an integral part of the Latin American Centre (LAC)**. The Programme brings together scholars from around the University of Oxford who are teaching and researching Brazilian topics and is directed by **Dr Andreza Aruska de Souza Santos**.

We welcome suitably qualified academics and practitioners who wish to contribute to the research and activities of our centre. **The research focus of Brazilian Studies within the LAC is as follows:**

- **Urban Ethnography in Brazil.**
- **The International Relations of Brazil and Brazil's evolving position in the global order.**
- **Brazilian Social Movements.**
- **Comparative Politics of Brazil.**
- **Sociology of Brazil.**
- **Urban Ethnography in Brazil.**
- **Political Economy in Brazil.**

Professor Timothy J. Power, currently Director of the Social Science Division. Also supervises academics visitors.

Our Work

The BSP is **internationally recognised for receiving academic visitors** and supporting them to develop relevant **working papers** and for promoting several events such as the **Brazilian Studies Programme Annual Conference**, weekly seminars known as **Coffee & Science** in partnership with the Oxford Brazilian Society, and **Book Launches**.

Through the Programme we aim to:

- Coordinate and develop postgraduate **teaching and advanced research** on Brazil across the social sciences at the University of Oxford.
- Bring scholars, intellectuals and policy makers from Brazil and elsewhere to Oxford, and provide them with the **environment in which to pursue the academic study of Brazil and international issues and problems with a Brazilian dimension**.
- Promote a **greater understanding of Brazil** through a programme of lectures, seminars, workshops and conferences, research projects, and publications.
- **Extend and strengthen academic links** between the University of Oxford and universities or research institutions in Brazil and between the University of Oxford and other universities in the world with centres or programmes of Brazilian studies.

Students Experiences

Amanda Domingues, Recognised PhD Student

To be in LAC while developing my doctoral research on the overflowing effect of distributive politics on policy outcomes at the local level was a unique experience. The centre allowed me encounters that fostered the advance in theoretical and methodological parts of my research but also enlightened several facets of my puzzle that I was unaware of. That is the beauty of the LAC's interdisciplinary and international structure. It allows arranging together scholars with rather diverse backgrounds willing to exchange and collaborate with one's scientific process while bringing new perspectives on the subject. Such academic experience opened my horizons regarding my research object and learning from other standpoints from outside Political Science box.



Barbara Abrahão, PhD candidate in Oxford Global and Area Studies

As a Doctoral Student at Oxford, an immense and diverse institution, the LAC allowed me not only to feel belonging but also grounded me and my research to where I am heading now. By meeting regularly with a group of a scholar looking at Latin America, and most important, Brazil, I had the opportunity to learn from my colleague's knowledge, experiences and skills. This has made me more attentive to the nuances of producing knowledge. For me, this collaborative and collective experience is what makes the BSP so crucial to students and researchers in today's academic world: it allows us to share our advances, and mistakes, and like this, grow with and from one another.



Brazil at Oxford in 2022:

building back collective learning after the pandemic

The University of Oxford

Events and Activities:

- 8 June 2022: **Brazilian Studies Programme and Brazilian Society Seminar Series; Impunity of the Gods: The Political Elites in Brazil**, with Ernani Carvalho, (Federal University of Pernambuco & LAC Academic Visitor).
- 1 June 2022: **Brazilian Studies Programme and Brazilian Society Seminar Series; Brazilian Evangelicals in Guinea-Bissau: The rise of a new Lusophone Christianity in Atlantic West Africa**, with Angelo Marcelo Vasco (University of Oxford).
- 20 May 2022: **Brazilian Studies Programme Annual Conference; The Brazilian Elections of 2022: Personalism in a Polarised Pandemic**, with Octavio Amorim Neto (FGV), Daniela Campello (FGV), Francisco Ferreira (LSE), Kathryn Hochstetler (LSE), and Timothy J. Power (Oxford).
- 9 March 2022: **Brazilian Studies Programme Seminar; Dynamics of the Overpolicing – Underpolicing Paradox in São Paulo**, with Thiago R. Oliveira (University of Oxford).
- 23 February 2022: **Brazilian Studies Programme Seminar; Trajetórias do fazer e perder a casa: remoções e deslocamentos nas periferias paulistas**, with Fernand Mallak (Federal University of São Carlos & Former Recognised Student at the LAC).
- 9 February 2022: **Brazilian Studies Programme Seminar; Trabalhador por conta própria no Brasil: renda, processor organizativos e pandemia**, with Juliana Lopes da Silva (University of São Paulo & Former Recognised Student at the LAC).
- 26 January 2022: **Brazilian Studies Programme Seminar; Counting Corruption in Brazil: Evidence from a New Conviction Dataset**, with Dalson Figueiredo (Federal University of Pernambuco & LAC Academic Visitor).

Brazilian Presidential Elections at Oxford

- 5 October 2022: **LAC Main Seminar Series: Polarization and Democratic Decay: Brazil's General Election of 2022**, with Mariana Borges (Nuffield College, University of Oxford), Leany Lemos (Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford), Timothy J. Power (University of Oxford), and Diego Sardone (Chamber of Deputies of Brazil).
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Farewell words from the BSP Director

Dr. Andreza. Aruska de Souza Santos., Lecture and Course Director and Director of the Brazil Studies Programme, Latin American Center

I have joined the LAC as director of the BSP programme just one day after Brazil's Museu Nacional burned down. That was also the year when Bolsonaro won the elections in Brazil and the country was going through turmoil in politics, economy and society. I began my year as director by setting up a partnership to host PhD students from Museu Nacional as recognised students at the LAC and the School of Anthropology, a successful initiative that hosted two students consecutively. That was also a time when the BSP gained greater outreach amongst Brazilian students and we hosted more recognised students than ever before, supporting higher education in Brazil during a time when the sector saw diminished funding and opportunities. But challenges in 2018 were far from being the greatest during my mandate and Covid-19 showed devastating effects on student life. To counter effects of lockdown on education, the BSP moved its activities online. In partnership with the Brazilian Society, we successfully launched a YouTube account and had weekly seminars on a broad range of themes, from humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. The BSP is today one of the most reliable sources for education and information on Brazil in Europe. I was invited by journalist colleagues from the BBC, CNN, Globo, amongst other tv channels to discuss Brazilian politics and I also connected other scholars with media sources for information and dissemination of research results. There is no doubt that during my years as director the programme grew internationally. We also created a community of students and former students at Oxford who have come to know each other during our conferences, pub trips, and seminars. The BSP is one of the greatest highlights of my academic career to date, which brought me countless moments of joy when opening opportunities to colleagues and students. Finally, as a Brazilian young woman, I occupied a space that was before mainly dominated by men, this positionality changed not only my pathway, but those of young women in Brazil and beyond. I am now moving to King's College London, where I am again in a position of leadership where I hope to continue to inspire women, students, and first generation scholars like me to occupy new decision-making spaces.



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