



# BRAZILIAN STUDIES PROGRAMME



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# ABOUT US

## 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 coordinated 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.
- Anthropology in Brazil.

**Professor Timothy J. Power**, currently Head of the Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, also supervises academic visitors.



Dr Andreza Aruska de Souza Santos is Lecturer and Course Director at the Latin American Centre.

In 2018 I became the *Director of the Brazilian Studies Programme* and occupying this position at the University of Oxford is a great honour. In the BSP, **we have hosted events with leading figures in Brazil such as Brazil's former presidents** and we promote research on Brazil or by Brazilians that happens at Oxford, including the **work on COVID-19 local governments' responses and on vaccines**.

We have attracted worldwide partnerships, research students, and academic visitors. **We are a hub of excellence in Brazilian Studies and an international reference to the investigation of social, political and economic affairs in Brazil.**



Darlan Cândido - PhD candidate in Zoology

The Brazilian studies program is a fundamental programme to welcome Brazilians to the University of Oxford. Together with the Brazilian Society, we have developed initiatives to increase collaboration between Brazilians at Oxford, research dissemination inside and outside Oxford.

**To be part of BSP is to be part of the history of Brazil in Oxford and of Oxford in Brazil.**

## HOW WE WORK

The **BSP is internationally recognized 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 and humanities within the University of Oxford.
- Bring scholars, intellectuals and policymakers 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.

# 2020 AT A GLANCE

THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

RESEARCH ON BRAZIL AT OXFORD  
HAD INCREDIBLE MOMENTUM IN 2020

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### FEBRUARY

#### BRAZILIAN STUDIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE INFORMAL PRACTICES IN BRAZIL: EXCLUSION AND PRIVILEGE

This conference happened just before the COVID-19 pandemic and announced the importance that informality should have to understand patterns of economic and social exclusion in Brazil.

#### BRAZILIAN WEEK: BOOK ROUND

Recent Publications on Brazil, with Andreza A. de Souza Santos, Malu Gatto, Carlos Solar, Jacob Blanc, Cristovam Buarque, Marcus Andre Mello, and Mauricio Rands.



### MARCH

#### COFFE & SCIENCE

**Journalism in Bolsonaro's country**, with Daniela Pinheiro

**Gender and democracy in Brazil: advancements and setbacks**, with Flavia Biroli (UnB)

**The political agenda for women's rights**, with Flavia Biroli (UnB), Amanda Sadalla (University of Oxford), Isabela Gomes (Advocate for domestic violence survivors)



### APRIL

#### ONLINE COFFE & SCIENCE

**Blood and memory in the Brazilian sertão: the dystopian future and redemptive pasts of 'Bacurau'**, with Miguel Conde (Visiting academic at the LAC, Oxford)

### MAY

#### ONLINE COFFE & SCIENCE

**Reflexos da COVID-19 no sistema jurídico Brasileiro: Questões regulatórias, trabalhistas, tributárias e contratuais**, with Rodrigo Ferreira Figueiredo (Mattos Filho Advogados)

**Importação e transmissão local precoce da COVID-19 no Brasil em 2020**, with Jaqueline Goes de Jesus (USP)

**Os desafios municipais no combate à pandemia**, with Eduardo Stranz (Confederação Nacional dos Municípios)

### JUNE

#### ONLINE COFFE & SCIENCE

**O Impacto da pandemia nas favelas e periferias do Brasil**, with Eliana Sousa Silva (Redes da Maré)

**A imprensa em tempos instáveis**, with Consuelo Dieguez (Revista Piauí)

### OCTOBER

#### ONLINE COFFE & SCIENCE

**Saúde Mental, atenção primária e Covid no Brasil**, with Prof Francisco Ortega and Prof Leandro Wenceslau

### NOVEMBER

#### ONLINE COFFE & SCIENCE

**Urban mobility and inequality in access to opportunities**, with Dr Rafael Pereira

**Retorno às aulas na educação básica no Amazonas e os impactos da pandemia**, with Prof Selma Baçal

### DECEMBER

#### COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE BRAZIL SUPREME COURT

The BSP signed a cooperation agreement with Brazil Supreme Court to carry out **academic research related to the arrangement of constitutional courts, human rights and democratic governance.**



Minister Luiz Fux, President of Brazil Supreme Court and Dr Andreza Aruska de Souza Santos, Director of the Brazilian Studies Programme, University of Oxford.

## BRAZILIAN STUDIES PROGRAMME ON THE MEDIA

Our work on COVID-19 featured in Brazilian media, including in the main national TV news programme Jornal Nacional. More about Oxford's contribution to the study of the evolution and spread of COVID in Brazil can be found at [www.caddecentre.org](http://www.caddecentre.org)



## ACADEMIC VISITORS AT BSP

Beatriz Nimer  
PhD Student doing a semester abroad

My experience at the BSP was remarkable, both academically and personally. I was able to attend amazing lectures, seminars, workshops and conferences. I also had the chance to meet people from different countries and we shared our cultural experiences and lifestyles.

Likewise, **the time I spent in Oxford opened doors for my professional life back in Brazil and opened my mind to the incredible interrelationship between these two countries.**



Flavia Biroli - Academic Visitor Associate professor of Political Science at the University of Brasília (UnB)

Flavia was the **president of the Brazilian Political Science Association** from 2018 to 2020. She has published many **articles and books on gender and democracy in Brazil and Latin America**, resulting from her studies about women's political participation, women's reproductive right theoretical debates about autonomy and care, and more recently the backlash against gender in its connections to the pushback in democracy. **Flavia was an academic visitor at the Brazilian studies Centre and a short-fellow at Jesus College.**



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