



## **Brazil today: Culture and Society – Deepened 5-Day Seminar**

24.06.24 - 28.06.24

Brazil, a country of continental size, is a melting pot of cultures and colonial as well as post-colonial history, shaped by a complex social landscape. Beyond common stereotypes, Brazil holds a profound social dynamic with specific demographic, ecological, and economic challenges as an emerging country in a globalized world.

In a time when domestic and foreign political dynamics such as the deselection of Bolsonaro, the changing position of the BRICS countries in the global arena, and the upcoming free trade agreement between the EU and the Mercosur countries are being newly manifested, it is crucial to explore Brazil's societal and political development.

This extended seminar delves deeper into Brazil's diversity and provides an even deeper insight into its culture, politics, and economy. It not only penetrates superficial aspects like geography and tradition but also delves into more complex topics such as historical developments and multicultural dynamics. This includes a deeper examination of the influence of different biomes on the economy, the profound structures of racism and social classes, as well as the ongoing impacts of Brazilian history on the present.

As an interactive platform, the extended seminar not only offers theoretical knowledge but also serves more prominently as a space for in-depth discussions and intensified exchange about Brazil's current changes. Brazil is at a turning point, and this extended seminar invites active understanding of the complex challenges of this fascinating country and to explore its future opportunities and strategies in even greater depth.

### Preliminary program

#### Monday, 24/06/2024

12:30 - 13:15	Lunch
14:00 - 14:45	Welcome and introduction to the program and expectation query.
14:45 - 15:45	What do you know about Brazil? Interactive introduction to the topic.
16:00 - 17:30	How does Brazilian history reflect in modern society? Lecture and discussion.
17:45 - 18:30	Dinner
19:00 - 20:30	Influence of music and dance on Brazilian everyday culture and national identity using the example of the traditional dance Forró, workshop and discussion with Celso Antunes

## Tuesday, 25/06/2024

- 08:15 - 09:00 Breakfast
- 09:15 - 10:15 Explanation of frequently used technical terms, common idiomatic expressions, and the development of Brazilian Portuguese into an independent language under the influence of multi-ethnic cultures and history, interactive presentation, and incorporation of participants' prior knowledge.
- 10:30 - 12:00 The cultural origin of Brazilian cuisine: The political significance of the origin of the most important traditional dishes from pre-colonial and colonial times, from indigenous and slave cultures. Their influence and relationship to modern Brazilian cuisine and food culture, lecture, discussion, and workshop.
- 12:00 - 13:30 Lunch (Feijoada)
- 16:15 - 17:45 Religions in Brazil: Their different status and the respect or disrespect that each of them and their followers receive in society, lecture and discussion
- 17:45 - 18:30 Dinner
- 19:00 - 20:30 Geography, minerals and natural resources: The impact of different types of ecosystems on the development and economy of different regions, lecture and discussion

## Wednesday, 26/06/2024

- 08:15 - 09:00 Breakfast
- 09:30 - 12:00 214 million different ways of life in Brazil, lecture and discussion
- 12:30 - 13:15 Lunch
- 14:00 - 16:00 Society: Racism, mixed culture and social classes, lecture and discussion with Daniela Medeiros, Fundação Escola de Comércio Álvares Penteado (FECAP)
- 16:15 - 17:30 Brazil, the high-tech nation: Technologies, innovations and governmental services for a continental country, lecture, discussion and workshop
- 17:45 - 18:30 Dinner
- 19:00 - 20:30 Emergence of the traditional dance/fighting sport Capoeira under the conditions of slavery and its significance for the history and current black Brazilian culture, workshop and discussion with Rodrigo Branco

## Thursday, 27/06/2024

- 08:15 - 09:00 Breakfast
- 09:15 - 12:00 Sun, samba, beach. Image and effects of tourism in Brazilian society, based on the participants' ideas and experiences, working groups, discussion and
- 12:30 - 13:15 Lunch
- 14:00 - 16:00 Brazil's positioning regarding international conflicts and its internal impact as a business center with Marília Pimenta, Universidade Estadual Paulista (UNESP)

16:15 - 17:30 The brazilian social movements and their historical achievements in favor the most vulnerable in brazilian society, lecture, discussion and workshop

17:45 - 18:30 Dinner

Friday, 28/06/2024

08:15 - 09:00 Breakfast

09:15 - 10:45 Expression of culture: Traditional festivals and folklore (myths and stories) and their role in modern social system, lecture and discussion

11:00 - 12:30 What do you know about Brazil now? Interactive conclusion and evaluation of the topic and the seminar

12:30 - 13:15 Lunch

If no speaker is listed, the session will be conducted by the conference team.

### Organizer

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### Speakers

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Daniela Medeiros, professor at FECAP, São Paulo  
Marília Pimenta, professor at UNESP, São Paulo

### Conference language

Englisch

### Conference contribution

450,00 EUR for accommodation in a single room incl. full board

### Conference number

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### Room occupancy from 2 pm on the day of arrival

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