



## **Brazil today: Culture and Society**

24/05/24 - 26/05/24

Brazil, a country of continental size, is a melting pot of cultures and colonial and post-colonial history, shaped by a complex social landscape. Beyond the 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 impeachment 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 seminar focuses on Brazil's diversity and provides a deep insight into its culture, politics, and economy. It delves into the superficial aspects such as geography and tradition and shows how history and multiethnic culture still strongly determine societal development. It examines the influence of different biomes on the economy, the changing structure of racism and social classes, as well as the ongoing impacts of Brazilian history on the present.

As an interactive platform, the seminar not only offers theoretical knowledge but also serves as a space for dialogue about Brazil's current changes and highlights the relevance of these developments, particularly for the EU and specifically for Germany.

Brazil is at a turning point, and this seminar invites active understanding of the challenges of this fascinating country and explores its future opportunities and strategies.

### **Preliminary program**

#### **Friday, 24/05/2024**

12:30 - 13:15	Lunch
14:00 - 14:30	Welcome and introduction to the program and expectation query.
14:30 - 15:00	What do you know about Brazil? Interactive introduction to the topic.
15:00 - 15:30	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.

15:45 - 16:45	How does Brazilian history reflect in modern society? Lecture and discussion.
16:45 - 17:45	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.
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 Ianna Dantas

### Saturday, 25/05/2024

08:15 - 09:00	Breakfast
09:15 - 10:30	Geography, minerals and natural resources: The impact of different types of ecosystems on the development and economy of different regions, lecture and discussion
10:30 - 11:15	Expressions of culture: Traditional festivals and folklore (myths and stories) and their role in modern society, lecture and discussion
11:30 - 12:30	Sun, samba, beach. Image and effects of tourism in Brazilian society, based on the participants' ideas and experiences, working groups, discussion and lecture
12:30 - 13:15	Lunch
14:00 - 16:00	Society: Racism, mixed culture and social classes, lecture and discussion with Daniela Medeiros, FECAP
16:30 - 17:45	214 million different ways of life in Brazil, lecture and discussion
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

### Sunday, 26/05/2024

08:15 - 09:00	Breakfast
09:15 - 10:15	Religions in Brazil: Their different status and the respect or disrespect that each of them and their followers receive in society, lecture and discussion
10:30 - 11:30	The challenges of an emerging country and its global obligations, such as environmental protection, lecture, discussion and workshop
11:30 - 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

Sonnenberg-Kreis – Gesellschaft zur Förderung internationaler Zusammenarbeit e.V.  
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### Conference team

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### Speakers

Rodrigo Branco, Göttingen  
Ianna Dantas, Göttingen  
Daniela Medeiros, Dozent in FECAP, São Paulo

### Conference language

Englisch

### Conference contribution

250,00 EUR	for accommodation in a single room incl. full board
200,00 EUR	for accommodation in a twin room incl. full board
180,00 EUR	for students, trainees, pupils with accommodation in a single room incl. full board
150,00 EUR	for students, trainees, pupils with accommodation in a twin room incl. full board

### Conference number

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