NEW COURSE ON BRAZIL from LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

Spring Semester, 2010

LAS - 3412-001: Special Topic: Brazilian Culture & Society

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(Attributes: Peace & Justice, Global Interdisciplinary Studies, and Sociology; Diversity 3; writing enriched)

Instructor: Professor Ana Paula Ulrich

Description:
Brazil is an emerging power in the western hemisphere, second in economic, military, and, technological might only to the United States of America. Brazil is already the largest economy to the south of the US-Mexican border. Which factors have contributed to this amazing rise?

This course provides an interdisciplinary account of the contemporary Brazilian society and culture. By exposing students to exciting writings and films on contemporary Brazil, the course hopes to generate a general understanding of Brazil's uniqueness in the western hemisphere. Themes to be covered include: colonial legacy, politics, race, economic growth, cultural development, role of the government, and the media, among others.