

**CEDLA LECTURE SERIES SPRING 2016**

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**UPCOMING LECTURE 29/01/16**

**Quilombos: between poverty, identity rights and culture**

Tereza Ventura

State University of Rio de Janeiro

Time: 15:30h

Venue: CEDLA (room 2.02), Roetersstraat 33

Analyzing specific public policies combating poverty and reconstructing ethnic identities, the presentation discusses the conflictual relations between the concepts of inequality, recognition and difference. It discusses the inclusion of the maroons communities as specific groups in the program “Brazil without Misery”. The program aims to overcome poverty and inequality through affirmative policies for gender and race, welfare payments, education, jobs, healthcare and access to public services. First we present how legal changes in Brazil took place from its Constitution in the year of 1988, as well as after the ILO (International Labor Organization) convention 169 and the UN conference against racism, which opened a political opportunity to improve land and cultural rights of minorities.

The government recognizes the particular case of race relations in Brazil, where discrimination and racism left behind for centuries black communities without any protection form from the State. However, by shaping the perverse confluence between the celebration of new liberal multicultural policies and the institutional anchoring of legal rights, the politics of social integration of the marrons brings them to a legal status of poor’s . Thus they are eligible for the public benefits – one hand. On the other hand, public institutions reinforce their primitive quality way of living, as well as the main capitalist value of the ideology of achievement. This process also offers a moral justification for the unequal distribution of opportunities and goods since social inequality is now also legitimated by ethnic, racial and cultural motivations.

**THE FULL AGENDA**

FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY, 15:30h

Working in Chains? – Human Security in Global Production Networks between Brazil and the Netherlands

Lee Pegler

ISS – Erasmus University

FRIDAY 4 MARCH, 15:30h

Changes in social policies in Chile

Rossana Castiglioni

Universidad Diego Portales

Latin American studies, Universiteit Leiden

FRIDAY 11 MARCH, 15:30h

>From informal urbanism to gentrification in Mexico: a new colonialism?

Ann Varley

Dept. of Geography

University College London

FRIDAY 8 APRIL, 15:30h

Colombian literature in conflict and peace

Héctor Abad, fellow NIAS

Author of Angosta (2004)

El Olvido que Seremos / Oblivion: A Memoir (2006)

FRIDAY 22 APRIL, 15:30h

Insecurity and Informality in a Bolivian Market

Daniel Goldstein

Dept. of Anthropology, Rutgers University

FRIDAY 20 MAY, 15:30h

Las nuevas formas de participación en América Latina

Albert Noguera

Universitat de València