Brazil under Pressure: Current Challenges and Alternatives

How to get there:
Subway station | Bus stop „Breitenbachplatz“
(Subway U3 | Bus 101, 248, 282)

The event is open to the public; a previous inscription is not required.

Roundtable

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10 July 2015 | 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Room 201
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This roundtable brings together researchers working on distinct aspects of contemporary Brazilian politics, society, and economy with a view of assessing the main achievements as well as limitations in terms of rights and welfare promotion. Politics offers a central dimension to understand the current disputes over what constitutes inviolable legacies in terms of rights and welfare in Brazil, what is vulnerable as well as what is the horizon of expectations for advancing rights.

The first session makes a diagnostic of the main institutional achievements as well as current limitations for building a welfare State in Brazil. It addresses the central challenges of the fight against inequality and how power asymmetries have shaped and might continue to influence the perspectives of improving social equity in Brazil.

The second session discusses contemporary political struggles in Brazil, looking at different processes of social mobilization for rights. Together with a broader analysis of current political disputes, including the most recent cycles of protests in June 2013 and March 2015, special emphasis will be given to particular social movements such as women, LGBT, and rural movements.

Program

First Session | 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Recent Developments: Achievements and Shortcomings
Fernando Limongi (USP/CEBRAP), Barbara Fritz (FU Berlin), Sérgio Costa (FU Berlin)
Chair: Martina Sproll (FU Berlin)
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.:
Coffee break

Second Session | 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Politics and Rights: Negotiations and Perspectives
Marcos Nobre (Unicamp/CEBRAP), Angela Alonso (USP/CEBRAP), Marta Machado (FGV/CEBRAP), Renata Motta (FU Berlin)
Chair: Samuel Barbosa (USP)

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