

Citizenship, Human Rights and Identity Formation

Factory of Ideas (XI)

Advanced Course in Ethnic and Racial Studies

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CEAO announces the eleventh consecutive year of the Factory of Ideas, an international intensive course that envisions contributing to the training of young researchers dealing with processes of racialization, ethnic identity formation, nationalism and citizenship. Though the Course focuses on Latin America, Africa and the African Diaspora, other regions of the world will also be scrutinized. The course is international and comparative in nature and hopes to promote the interaction between students and scholars of different regions of Brazil as well as abroad, especially along the South-South axis. As from 2005, each year the Course has a central focus. For 2008 a set of outstanding scholars will lecture and debate on the theme of Citizenship, Human Rights and Identity Formation.

Course Specifications:

With a forty hour weekly course load, the Factory of Ideas will take place in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, from the 4th to the 29th of August 2008. The course consists of classes, study groups, thematic seminars, and colloquia. During the course the students will write a paper, developing an aspect from their own research project. Students are expected to participate actively and to do the required reading, most of which is in English. Participants have to bring their own research interests to discussions although exhaustive analysis will not be possible. Though students will be encouraged to relate their own research project to each of the teaching modules, only one specific module is dedicated to discussing the research project of each student. The working languages are Portuguese, Spanish and English. Proficiency in one of the three languages is therefore mandatory.

A total of 30 candidates will be selected through an international open. From Brazil we will take up to 18 students. Preference will be given to candidates from the Northeast, North, and Central Western regions of Brazil as well as to Afro-Brazilians more in general. Up to 12 more vacancies are offered to candidates from other countries from the South. For the first time this year a number of vacancies are reserved for students who are not proficient in Spanish and Portuguese. Consecutive and sometimes simultaneous translation will be provided.

Participants will be provided airfare, room and boarding (breakfast and lunch), access to internet and some photocopies. Salvador residents are only entitled to the meals and photocopies. Towards the end of the course the students will be offered a day excursion across the Recôncavo - the bay surrounding Salvador.

A reading packet will be made available on our website. It is expected that the students do their reading in advance.

A weekly review of each student, based on attendance and participation, will determine eligibility to remain in the course. Certificates will be issued to those students with satisfactory performance at the end of the course.

The Course is divided in eight modules:

- Module 1

From Plantation to the Prison System
Prof^a. Dr^a. Angela Davis (University of California at Santa Cruz)

- Module 2

Presentation of individual research projects
Prof^a. Dr^a. Ângela Figueiredo (UFBA)

- Module 3

Human Rights and Multiculturalism
Prof. Dr. Boaventura Sousa Santos (Universidade de Coimbra)

- Module 4

Citizenship and human rights in the age of globalization and exclusion
Prof. Dr. Enrique Dussel (Universidad Autónoma de México –UAM)

- Module 5

Citizenship, Globalization and Exclusion: new modes in the politics of belonging in different parts of a globalizing world
Prof. Dr. Peter Geschiere (University of Amsterdam)

- Module 6

Citizenship, Human Rights and Identity Formation in Brazil
This module will be taught by a selected number of Brazilian scholars.

- Module 7

Race, Identity and Citizenship: from Apartheid to Post-Apartheid in South Africa
Prof^a. Dr^a. Debora Posel (University of Witwatersrand, South Africa)

- Module 8

Metamorphosis of African Citizenship
Prof. Dr. Severino Ngoenha (Universite de Lausanne, Switzerland)

Enrollment Requirements:

The candidates should be at the graduate level or higher level. A committee will make the selection on the basis of the presented documents and the decision will be final.

Those interested in participating fill in the electronic form available on www.fabricaideias.ufba.br

The form can be filled in Portuguese, Spanish or English.

In filling this electronic form special attention ought to be paid to:

- A statement (maximum two pages) expressing the motives of your interest and in what way the course will contribute to your intellectual formation;
- Curriculum Vitae (no longer than 5 pages);
- A summary of the research project (maximum 5 pages single-spaced in character Times New Roman 12) including the bibliography. This bibliography will be discussed in the Course.

. Attach an electronic copy of an article or of a chapter of the MA or PhD thesis.

In exceptional cases, candidates with difficulties in accessing the web can send their application by E-mail or air-mail. (We recommend that you send your documents through a service such as FedEx so as to guarantee that your materials arrive on time). The postmarked date will be considered in review. Only students from outside Latin America are entitled to send documents (scanned) by E-mail or fax. Enrollment documents will not be returned.

Deadlines:

The enrollment material must be sent by March 30, 2008. The committee's decision will be announced no later than April 30, 2008.

Contact us at:

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