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The Organization of American States (OAS) and the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy of Rice University are pleased to release the third *Americas Project (AP) Newsletter*. The goals continue to be to stay in touch with our AP fellows, keep abreast of their current activities, and remain informed on the developments in their representative countries. With this third issue, the focus is on the AP fellows from Brazil. Throughout the history of the AP, Brazil's fellows have been active participants. The following provides current information on the six Brazilian fellows we've had so far.

It is also a pleasure to announce that fellows from seven generations of the Americas Project will be reuniting at the Baker Institute in Houston, Texas, in 2007. The date has yet to be determined. The reunion will feature several keynote speakers who will focus on leadership and strengthening U.S.–Latin American relations.

Please stay in touch and give us any feedback that could help improve our *AP Newsletter*.

Un abrazo and all the best—

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Sergio Presta is a senior associate at Mauricio de Albuquerque & Antonio Mário Pinto Lawyers. He serves as the vice president of the Special Council of Young Executives (CEJE) in Pernambuco, Brazil, and also as the executive director of the Lawyers Enterprises Association of Pernambuco. Presta studied law at the Pernambuco State Catholic University and has been planning to pursue graduate studies in business at Universidad de Madrid in Spain.

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George Avelino Filho is a professor of economics at Fundacao Getulio Vargas de Sao Paulo, the most prestigious business school in Brazil. Trained at Stanford University, Avelino focuses his work on the comparative effects of political institutions on public spending. While at Stanford, he served as coordinator of the Brazil Working Group at the Center for Latin American Studies. Avelino often consults for the Brazilian government.

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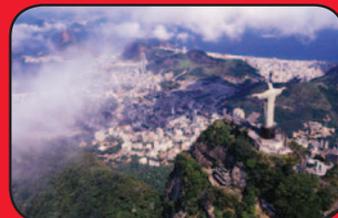
Tania Callado Borges is a Brazilian attorney who has dedicated her legal career to advise the private sector in Sao Paulo on international trade issues. She studied law at the University of Sao Paulo and has a master's degree in integration of Latin America from the same institution.

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Ana Carolina Yoshida Hirano is a partner at the law firm Padovani e Hirano Advogadas Associadas. She is particularly active in the firm's activities in helping develop social investment projects. Hirano is also administrative manager of an NGO dedicated to the support and personal development of children and adolescents. While a student at the University of Sao Paulo's law school, Hirano worked as the elected president in the student legal aid clinic that provides free legal advice to the underprivileged. She has a law degree and a master's degree in Latin American studies from the University of Sao Paulo. Hirano is currently working on her PhD in political science at the same institution. She is a member of the Brazilian Bar Association.



THE MANY FACES OF BRAZIL

Clockwise from top left:

1. Copacabana Beach, Rio de Janeiro.
2. Dancer of the Rio Carnival.
3. Iguazú Falls, Paraná.
4. Dunes at Lençóis Maranhenses National Park.
5. *Christ the Redeemer* above Rio de Janeiro.
6. Boat traveling the river in the Ariaú Jungle.

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Andres Pablo Falconer is executive director of the Brazilian Association for Leadership Development, an NGO associated with LEAD International. LEAD (Leadership for Environmental Development) is an international civil society network that promotes sustainable development through capacity development and networking of people and organizations in more than 70 countries. He holds a master's degree in management from the University of Sao Paulo, and was a fellow at the Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies. He teaches civil society and nonprofit management at the university. Falconer previously coordinated the Center for Third Sector Management Studies (CEATS-USP) and has been actively engaged in the field of civil society as a researcher, consultant, teacher, executive, and citizen for more than 10 years.

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Brazil's economic reforms in the 1990s, which included privatization and the opening up of its markets, brought some stability to the country's finances. Today, Brazil now accounts for three-fifths of the South American economy's industrial production, and its scientific and technological developments have attracted foreign investors. Last October, in Brazil's presidential elections, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva was reelected to a second term as president in a landslide election victory. Lula campaigned on a platform that promised to boost economic growth and narrow the gap between the rich and the poor. During his first term, Lula focused on economic stabilization and decreasing the levels of inflation and foreign debt. He also changed the pension system, pushed through a modest increase in the minimum wage, and created welfare programs targeted at millions of poor families. In his second term, Lula plans to continue economic development programs while implementing social reforms for the poor. He has also promised to place an emphasis on education and to make changes to Brazil's political process.

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Paraguay
Uruguay
Bolivia and Ecuador
Peru
Colombia
Venezuela and Surinam
Bahamas, Granada, Saint Lucia, and Trinidad and Tobago
Haiti, Jamaica, and Dominican Republic
Costa Rica
El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua
Mexico
United States and Canada

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Joana Zylbersztajn, a lawyer strongly interested in human rights issues, is currently working on her master's degree in law at the University of Sao Paulo. Her main area of study is media and human rights. She has been a trainee in law firms and worked as a volunteer at the Judiciary Assistance Service of Sao Paulo State and at various NGOs. Zylbersztajn was the general secretary of the Human Rights Center, where she coordinated educational groups on human rights and the publication of the research done on the best practices in human rights advocacy, among other publications. She participated as a working group coordinator in the last four editions of the *International Colloquium of Human Rights*. She has published articles regarding human rights.

Editor's Note:

We try very hard to keep up with all of our AP fellows as they change jobs and advance in their careers. If you have more current information than you see published here, please let us know.

We were not able to locate current contact information for Sergio Presta. If someone has kept in touch with him, please forward any information to Erika de la Garza.

Thank you.