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From Antiracist Education to Electoral Campaigning:
The Complex Calculus of Race and Politics in Brazil

Da Silva will discuss the recent reemergence of black organizations, Black NGOs, in Salvador (Bahia, Brazil) and their uses of race as a political strategy. At the core of Brazilian identity is the idea that there are no clear racial divisions in Brazil. His work specifically explores the boundaries, the limits, and possibilities of black activists’ stated goals of embracing racial differences in antiracist education and electoral campaigning.

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