

Plan Overview

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Title: Afro-Descendant Movements and Territories of Life in Urban Spaces: Examples from Brazil

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Project abstract:

This research investigates how Afro-descendant movements in Latin America have organized urban communities as alternatives to Western modernity. By demanding control over their land and organizing their communities according to their ethnic traditions and ancestral ontologies, these movements have created self-determined collectives in which people can experience new forms of sociability, economies, and politics – what I call territories of life. Decolonial authors who have studied these communities define them as a path to promote decoloniality - a rupture with Western modern/colonial logics. However, most of the studies focus on communities in rural areas, limiting confidence in their utility as lessons for decolonial resistance more generally. This research, in contrast, explores the specificity of territories of life in an urban space. I employ an ethnographic and participatory/collaborative methodological approach to analyze three Afro-descendant groups creating territories of life in Belo Horizonte, a city in Brazil. More specifically, this research employs participant observation, semi-structured interviews, and participatory workshops to explore the territories of life organized by the groups under study, how they are constructing them, and the limit and potential of these territories to promote decoloniality.

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The CO-PI (Juliana Góes) will be responsible for data collection, management, storage, retention, and dissemination. She will review and update the data management plan after six months of the research being initiated to ensure the plan is being adhered to. The PI (Prof. Agustin Lao-Montes) will mentor the process.

Data produced in this research will be: audio recordings from 30 in-depth semi-structured interviews of approximately 1.5 hours in length, transcriptions of these interviews, field notes from participant observation, and reports of the workshops held with representatives of the Afro-Brazilian urban movements. The CO-PI will transcribe audio recordings and type field notes and workshop reports using word processing software. The CO-PI also will share the reports with workshop participants, who will review, correct, and contribute to the document.

Data will be coded using NVivo, a qualitative research software. In addition, the CO-PI will write analytical memos in word processing software to each code to track their meanings, connections, and relationships with the theoretical framework.

Audio recordings from interviews will be stored until they have been transcribed. Transcriptions, field notes, and workshop reports, as well as the memos related to the coding process, will be stored for five years from the date of the CO-PI's final publication associated with this research.

Audio recordings will be stored in .mp3 format. Transcriptions, field notes, and workshop reports will be stored in .doc and .rtf. NVivo files will be stored in .nvp format. Analytical memos will be stored in .doc and .rtf formats.

Since this research is related to specific social movements, transcriptions, field notes, and workshop reports may be identifiable by nature. Due to this, raw data will not be made publicly available. Results from this project will be processed and anonymized by the CO-PI and will be disseminated in four ways. First, the CO-PI will write a book-style dissertation, that will be presented to the members of Afro-descendant movements engaged in the research and will later be submitted for publication. Second, academic articles will be produced and presented at academic conferences. Third, a final report of the workshops, co-conceived with the workshop participants and comprising of an overview of the collaborative research process, will be created and made available online at the ScholarWorks@UMass Data Repository (<https://scholarworks.umass.edu/data>). This is an open access repository administrated by the University of Massachusetts Amherst that provides stable and long-term URL links to research material. In addition, ScholarWorks is indexed by Google, Bing, and other search engines, allowing accessibility to readers worldwide, including the non-academic community. The report will be in English and Portuguese and in accessible/popular language. Readme files, which provide contextual information about the data, will follow the report. Finally, the report also will be listed on the Registry of Anthropological Data Wiki (<https://anthroregistry.fandom.com/wiki/Special:WikiActivity>).

Data will be stored in the secure online storage system offered by the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Currently, this system is called Box, but the university is transitioning to Microsoft OneDrive. Both systems provide tools to secure sensitive data and allow the user to share files with invited people only. Workshop reports will be shared with workshop participants through these systems to enable them to collaborate with the file.

Besides, data will be backed up to an external hard drive, that will be password protected, every two weeks. After the CO-PI leaves the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, the data will be deleted from the online storage and kept on the external hard drive.

None.
