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1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Sabrina da Fonseca Borges Fernandes

Date of Birth: July 26, 1988 (Goiânia, Brazil)

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2. CURRENT POSITION

2017-present. Full Collaborating Researcher

University of Brasilia, Brasília, DF, Brazil

3. EDUCATION

2016. PhD. in Sociology - Collaborative option in Political Economy (accepted as submitted with medal nomination). Dissertation title: Crisis of Praxis: Depoliticization and left fragmentation in Brazil

Supervisor: Dr. Justin Paulson

Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada

This dissertation focuses on two problems in Brazilian left politics: fragmentation and depoliticization. There is consensus inside the Brazilian left regarding its fragmentation, but little analysis has been done beyond the perception of the organizations and activists involved. The same can be said about depoliticization, explained here through the phenomena of post-politics and ultra-politics, and which is arguably the mark of the difficulties the left has found to mobilize the working class even as it is under attack. This dissertation fills the gap in the literature by addressing these two problems from the Gramscian perspective of a crisis of praxis. The concept of a crisis of praxis is proposed to attend to the misalignment between theory and practice at the leftist organizational level that has led to melancholia and distance from the consciousness of the class. It is argued that without properly addressing fragmentation and depoliticization, the left will have trouble appealing to the working class, especially given the conclusions of a crisis of representation that was exposed in Brazil in June 2013.

2014-2015. Junior Collaborating Researcher

Supervisor: Dr. Stefan Klein

University of Brasilia, Brasília, DF, Brazil

2012. M.A. in Political Economy (distinction with medal nomination). Thesis title: The

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cursinho industry and the advancement of the neoliberal agenda for access to education in Brazil: a case study in the city of Goiânia

Supervisor: Dr. Cristina Rojas

Institute of Political Economy, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada

2010. B.A. Honours (distinction) - Honours in Economics with a concentration in Political Economy; Spanish minor. Thesis title: The Political Economy of Conflict and Hydroelectricity in Brazil: A Case Study of the Madeira River Dams

Supervisor: Dr. Andrew Secord

St. Thomas University, Fredericton, NB, Canada

4. SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

❖ Peer-reviewed

2016. Fernandes, Sabrina. Critical pedagogy as Marxist Humanist praxis. *Educação & Sociedade* Vol. 37, No. 135, pp. 481-496.

2016. Fernandes, Sabrina. Neoliberalization of education in Brazil: the impact of cursinhos and the private sector on pedagogical practices and access to university. *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* 41, No. 2.

2015. Fornos Klein, Stefan and Sabrina Fernandes. Critical reflections on the Bologna process from the perspective of Herbert Marcuse's and Paulo Freire's contributions. *Constelaciones: Revista de Teoría Crítica* 6.

2014. Fernandes, Sabrina. The World Bank's position on early child education in Brazil: a critical assessment of contributions and shortcomings. *Journal of Education Policy* 29, No. 2, pp. 263-279 (First published online in August 2013)

2012. Fernandes, Sabrina. Dilma Rousseff and the challenge of fighting patriarchy through political representation in Brazil. *Journal of International Women's Studies* 13, No. 3.

❖ Non-peer-reviewed

2013. Fernandes, Sabrina. Book Review: Broke But Unbroken: Grassroots Social Movements and their solutions to poverty. *Alternate Routes: A Journal of Critical Social Research* 24.

2011. Fernandes, Sabrina, Richard Girard, and Tony Clarke. "Uncle Slim: The world's richest man." In *Outing the Oligarchy: Billionaires Who Benefit From Today's Climate Crisis*. San Francisco: International Forum on Globalization. http://ifg.org/pdf/IFG_plutonomy.pdf

2011. Fernandes, Sabrina and Richard Girard. "Land Deal Brief: The Role of False Climate Change Solutions". In *Understanding Land Investment Deals in Africa*. Prepared by the Polaris Institute for the Oakland Institute. Oakland: Oakland Institute. http://www.oaklandinstitute.org/sites/oaklandinstitute.org/files/OI_brief_false_climate_change_solutions_0.pdf

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2011. Fernandes, Sabrina and Richard Girard. "Land Deal Brief: Land Grabs Leave Africa Thirsty". In *Understanding Land Investment Deals in Africa*. Prepared by the Polaris Institute for the Oakland Institute. Oakland: Oakland Institute. http://www.oaklandinstitute.org/sites/oaklandinstitute.org/files/OI_brief_land_grabs_leave_africa_thirsty_1.pdf

2011. Fernandes, Sabrina and Richard Girard. *Corporations, Climate and the United Nations: How Big Business has Seized Control of Global Climate Negotiations*. Ottawa: Polaris Institute.

<http://www.polarisinstitute.org/files/CorporationsClimateandtheUN.pdf>

❖ Works-in-progress

Undergoing revisions. Fernandes, Sabrina & Justin Paulson. *Post-political populism in Brazil*.

5. PRESENTATIONS

❖ Academic conferences

2015. "Post-political" protest, populism, and the Right (with Justin Paulson). Historical Materialism 12th Annual Conference, University of London, London, November 5-8th.

2015. Crise de práxis: uma contribuição gramsciana a respeito da fragmentação de esquerda. Seminário estudos de Gramsci, UFRJ, Rio de Janeiro, May 27-29th.

2014. "Não me representa:" a critical examination of the crisis of praxis in the conjunctural moment of the Brazilian protests of 2013. Society for Socialist Studies, 2014 Congress, Brock University, St. Catherines, ON, May 27th.

2014. An earlier version of this paper was presented at the 15th Annual Graduate Conference of the Institute of Political Economy, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, February 28th.

2014. #vemprarua – A Critical Look at the Role of Social Media in Mobilizing During the 2013 Brazilian Protests and the Problem of Representation. CALACS Congress 2014. Université Laval, Québec City, QC, May 16th.

2014. A Crisis of Praxis: Exploring Alignments and Misalignments in the Relationship between Organized Political Movements and the Masses in Brazil. Historical Materialism Conference, York University, Toronto, ON, May 09th.

2014. Neoliberalization of education in Brazil: the impact of the "cursinho" industry on pedagogical practices and access to universities. Alternate Routes Annual Conference, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, April 4th.

2012. Intersectional inequalities of access to higher education in Brazil: the "cursinho" industry as a factor. 54th International Congress of Americanists, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria, July 16th.

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2012. Neoliberalism in Brazil and the attack on equal access to universities: theories on education and hegemony. Postgraduates in Latin American Studies Annual Conference, University of Oxford, Oxford, England, June 26th.

2011. (Im)possibilities for fighting patriarchy through political representation: the case of the first woman president of Brazil. Society of Latin American Studies 47th Annual Conference, University of St Andrews, St Andrews, Fife, Scotland, April 8th.

2010. The Political Economy of Hydroelectricity in the Brazilian Amazon: A Case Study of the Madeira River Dams. Annual Research and Ideas Fair, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick, March 13th.

❖ Invited guest speaker

2016. Ideological black holes and the need to leap: an ecosocialist critique for the Brazilian left. *First International Ecosocialist Conference* by the Ecosocialist Sector of the Socialism and Freedom Party (PSOL), Brasília, Brazil

2016. Anti-capitalism and Materialist feminism. *Feminist political formation course of the Women's Sector of the Socialism and Freedom Party (PSOL)*, Brasília, Brazil

2015. Fernandes, Sabrina. Introduction to State Formation. *Open lectures on the financialization of the State by Rede Jubileu Sul*, Brasília, Brazil

2015. Gender inequality and the university. *Welcome Week at the Catholic University of Brasília*, Brasília, Brazil

2015. Fernandes, Sabrina. Guest speaker on panel on the Right to the City. Goiânia, PUC-GO, February 26th <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvOsAdrn0DQ&feature=youtu.be>

2015. Fernandes, Sabrina. Guest speaker on panel on feminism. Goiânia, PUC-GO, February 26th <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvOsAdrn0DQ&feature=youtu.be>

6. PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH WORK

2016-present. Research assistant – project on social movement partisanship in Brazil

Supervisor: Dr. Charmain Levy

UQO, Department of Social Sciences

2014-present. Research Assistant – Project on women and sex tourism in Brazil

Supervisor: Dr. Marie-Eve Carrier-Moisan

Carleton University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Summer 2011. Assistant Researcher – Projects on climate change, land grabs in Africa, and global oligarchy

Supervisor: Richard Girard

Polaris Institute, Ottawa, Canada

Winter 2009. Research Assistant – Project on Canadian outsourcing

Supervisor: Dr. Rebecca Angeles

University of New Brunswick, Department of Business Administration

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7. INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

2016-present. Contributing editor to Jacobin Magazine <http://www.jacobinmag.com>

2015-2016. Monthly columnist for the online portal Brasil em 5 on Left politics and Gender politics (www.brasilem5.org)

2016. Fernandes, Sabrina. Censorship is Back in Fashion in Brazil. *The Bullet* No. 1291, Socialist Project <http://socialistproject.ca/bullet/1291.php>

2016. Fernandes, Sabrina. The right marches on Brazil. *Jacobin Magazine*. <https://www.jacobinmag.com/2016/05/brazil-coup-impeachment-rousseff-temer-pt-corruption/>

2016. Fernandes, Sabrina. Invited guest on panel on gender equality for *TV Justiça* <https://youtu.be/3TB3YciSMaM>

2016. Fernandes, Sabrina. Brazil Impeachment Controversy (*Latino Media Collective* WPFW 89.3 FM) [https://soundcloud.com/latinomediacollecive/april-29th-2016-brazil-impeachment-](https://soundcloud.com/latinomediacollecive/april-29th-2016-brazil-impeachment-controversy?utm_source=soundcloud&utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=facebook)

[controversy?utm_source=soundcloud&utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=facebook](https://soundcloud.com/latinomediacollecive/april-29th-2016-brazil-impeachment-controversy?utm_source=soundcloud&utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=facebook)

2016. Fernandes, Sabrina. Impeachment in Brazil (*Latino Media Collective* WPFW 89.3 FM) <https://soundcloud.com/latinomediacollecive/2016-impeachment-in-brazil>

2016. Fernandes, Sabrina. Invited guest on panel on women's rights for *TV Justiça* <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJVUkCMg-GL1kabCOgpdz9w>

2015. Fernandes, Sabrina. The Cost of Saving Rousseff. *Jacobin Magazine*. <https://www.jacobinmag.com/2015/12/dilma-rousseff-brazil-cunha-temer-calheiros-impeachment-petrobras-lava-jato/>

2015. Fernandes, Sabrina. Sobre o direito à cidade e o socialismo. *Blog CONVERGÊNCIA*. <http://blogconvergencia.org/blogconvergencia/?p=3015>

2015. Fernandes, Sabrina. Three Months of Attacks on the Working Class in Brazil. *Upside Down World*. <http://upsidedownworld.org/main/brazil-archives-63/5285-three-months-of-attacks-on-the-working-class-in-brazil>

2015. Fernandes, Sabrina. The Ultra-Political Game: Depoliticization and False Polarization in Brazil. *The Bullet* No. 1104, Socialist Project. <http://www.socialistproject.ca/bullet/1104.php>

2014. Fernandes, Sabrina. Brazil's Rousseff re-elected despite anti-Workers' Party sentiment: what now? *Upside Down World*. [http://upsidedownworld.org/main/brazil-archives-63/5101-brazils-rousseff-re-elected-despite-anti-workers-party-sentiment-what-](http://upsidedownworld.org/main/brazil-archives-63/5101-brazils-rousseff-re-elected-despite-anti-workers-party-sentiment-what-now)

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2014. Fernandes, Sabrina. Brazilian elections: what happens next? *Upside Down World*. [http://upsidedownworld.org/main/brazil-archives-63/5079-brazilian-elections-what-](http://upsidedownworld.org/main/brazil-archives-63/5079-brazilian-elections-what-happens-next)

[happens-next](http://upsidedownworld.org/main/brazil-archives-63/5079-brazilian-elections-what-happens-next)

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- 2014.** Fernandes, Sabrina. Post-Politics in Brazil. *Jacobin Magazine*.
<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2014/10/post-politics-in-brazil/>
- 2014.** Fernandes, Sabrina. Radical Left Praxis in an Election Year: Lessons for Brazil. *New Socialist Webzine*. <http://newsocialist.org/762-radical-left-praxis-in-an-election-year-lessons-for-brazil>
- 2014.** Fernandes, Sabrina. Brazil on Strike: Class Struggle in the Wake of the World Cup. *The Bullet* No. 997, Socialist Project. <http://www.socialistproject.ca/bullet/997.php>
- 2014.** Fernandes, Sabrina. Brazil and Coercion: one step further into the criminalization of the Radical Left. *The Bullet* No. 938, Socialist Project. <http://www.socialistproject.ca/bullet/938.php>
- 2012.** Fernandes, Sabrina. “Entre erros e acertos, escolas particulares e cursinhos só têm a ganhar.” Op-ed for *Diário da Manhã*, January 18, p. 20.

8. TEACHING

- Fall 2014.** Teaching Assistant (ANTH 2670 – Ethnography of Brazil)
Carleton University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- Winter 2014.** Teaching Assistant (SOC1 3300 – Sociology of Education)
Carleton University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- Fall 2012.** Teaching Assistant (SOC1 1001 – Introduction to Sociology)
Carleton University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- 2010 – 2012.** Teaching Assistant (ECON 1000 – Introduction to Economics)
Carleton University, Department of Economics
- 2009 – 2010.** Tutor (Economics; Spanish)
St. Thomas University, Student Services
- Fall 2009.** Teaching Assistant (ECON 2313 – Multinational Corporations and Trade)
St. Thomas University, Department of Economics
- Fall 2009; Fall 2008.** Teaching Assistant (ADM 3713 – E-commerce)
University of New Brunswick, Department of Business Administration
- 2005-2006.** Teacher (ESL)
B.A. English School, Goiânia, Brazil

9. SCHOLARSHIPS AND RESEARCH FUNDING

- 2015.** Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000)
Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities
- 2015.** GRIT Award (\$4,250)
Carleton University, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs
- 2015.** Mitacs Globalink Research Award (\$5,000)
Mitacs

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- 2015.** Michael Smith Foreign Supplement (\$6,000)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
- 2015.** Departmental Graduate Scholarship (\$16,500)
Carleton University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- 2014.** Terry Cottam Research Bursary (\$500)
Carleton-OPIRG, Ottawa, ON
- 2014.** Departmental Graduate Scholarship (\$16,500)
Carleton University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- 2013.** Departmental Graduate Scholarship (\$16,500)
Carleton University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- 2012-2015.** Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship (\$35,000/yr for 3 years)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
- 2012.** Departmental Graduate Scholarship (\$16,500)
Carleton University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- 2012.** Domestic Entrance Doctoral Scholarship (\$3,000)
Carleton University, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs
- 2012.** Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000 – Declined in favour of SSHRC)
Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities
- 2012.** Norman Pollock Memorial Award for Latin American Studies (\$2,126)
Carleton University, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs
- 2011.** Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (\$17,500)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
- 2011.** Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000 – Declined in favour of SSHRC)
Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities
- 2011.** Departmental Graduate Scholarship (\$4,000)
Carleton University, Institute of Political Economy
- 2010.** Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000)
Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities
- 2010.** Departmental Graduate Scholarship (\$8,000)
Carleton University, Institute of Political Economy
- 2010.** Domestic Entrance Masters Scholarship (\$2,000)
Carleton University, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs
- 2010.** Reverend Thomas Daley Award (\$500)
St. Thomas University Alumni Association
- 2009.** Bernard and Louis Bloomfield Scholarship (\$1,500)
St. Thomas University
- 2007 - 2009.** Outstanding Scholar Award (\$1,000/year for 3 years)
St. Thomas University

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2006. Bishop Barry Entrance Scholarship (\$1,000)

St. Thomas University

10. OTHER RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

2015. Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (\$250)

Carleton University, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs

2013. Directors of the Institute of Political Economy Prize (\$500)

Carleton University, Institute of Political Economy

2012. Nomination for Senate Medal for Outstanding Graduate Work

Carleton University, Institute of Political Economy

2010. The Professor Tom Good Economics Award for Leadership in Economics

St. Thomas University, Economics Department

2010. The Prize for Economics for 4th Year

St. Thomas University, Economics Department

2007, 2008, 2009, 2010. Dean's List

St. Thomas University

2007. Volunteer Excellence Award

St. Thomas University Students' Union

11. UNIVERSITY SERVICE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2016-present. Political Organizer in Ecosocialist issues

Ecosocialist Sector of the Socialism and Freedom Party (PSOL)

2014-2016. Political Organizer in Gender and the Right to the City

Lutas Urbanas

2014- 2015. Student member of the Board of Directors

Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS)

2013-2014. Chair.

Sociology and Anthropology Graduate Student Caucus, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario

2012-2013. Conference logistics coordinator

Congress 2013 of the Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS), Ottawa, Ontario

2012-2013. Communications Coordinator and Graduate Conference Coordinator

Sociology and Anthropology Graduate Student Caucus, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario

Summer 2011. Arts & Culture Volunteer – Stage Manager

Womens' World Conference, Ottawa, Ontario

Spring 2011. Poll Officer – Graduate Student Association Spring Elections

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Carleton University, Graduate Student Association

2010-2011. Co-coordinator – 12th Annual Graduate Student Conference

Carleton University, Institute of Political Economy

2009-2010. President of Economics Society of St. Thomas University

St. Thomas University

Fall 2009. Conference Student Coordinator - Public Symposium: “Environmental activism in a time of climate change.” (October 16, 2009)

St. Thomas University, Department of Environment & Society, and Conservation Council of New Brunswick

Winter 2009. Multicultural Fair Coordinator

St. Thomas University, St. Thomas University International Students’ Association Annual Fair

2007-2008. Public Relations Officer

St. Thomas University, St. Thomas University International Students’ Association Annual

Spring 2008, Spring 2009, Spring 2010. Director/Moderator

St. Thomas University, John Peters Humphrey Model United Nations

2006. Coordinator and Teacher - Educational Outreach Programme

B.A. English School and Casa da Acolhida, Goiânia, Brazil

12. RESEARCH INTERESTS

Marxist Humanism, Political Economy, Critical Pedagogy, Left Politics, Solidarity, Development/Underdevelopment, Brazil and Latin America, Feminist Political Economy, Women and Politics, Reproductive Justice, Women and the City, Right to the City, Education, Ecosocialism.

13. COMPUTER SKILLS

MS Office; Open Office; Prezi; Keynote; Pages; Adobe Acrobat Pro, Photoshop CS5, Lightroom 5, Dreamweaver CS5, Corel 12; NVivo 11; Windows 7 and MAC OS X.

14. LANGUAGES

Native Portuguese; Fluent English; Proficient Spanish; Beginner French.

15. EXTRA-CURRICULAR INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

Photography, theatre production, event organizing.

16. REFERENCES

Available upon request

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