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Annual Report

**Columbia Global Centers
Rio de Janeiro**



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Dear friends of the Columbia Global Center in Rio,

In his dedicatory remarks that preface this year's issue of our Annual Report, Columbia President Lee Bollinger calls our attention to "strange and frightening times", for the United States, for New York City, and for Columbia University. Certainly, the times are strange and frightening in Brazil as well in 2020 and, therefore, also for Columbia's Global Center in Brazil. Everywhere we look, it seems, we behold disease and despair, worsening economic hardship, and deepening frustration among those who demand social justice. While it is not what we would ever wish for, these strange and frightening times unite our two countries, our two peoples, and the Columbia community in New York and here in Brazil. So it is well to remember,

as President Bollinger reminds us, of the strengths we at Columbia have as a university to deal with the hard reality of our existence. Our University and, by extension, Columbia's Center in Brazil has a vital role to play in the search for "fundamental knowledge" and carrying this through to the care of others, no matter how strange and frightening the times. The pages of this, our 2019-2020 Annual Report, provide a glimpse of how the Global Center has interpreted and then adjusted its approach in order to carry our mission to the best of our ability and within the limits of our resources. Before the pandemic hit with its full fury in early 2020, we observed a steady growth in our core programs, such as the Columbia Women's Leadership Network program and our activities in public management and laid plans for new programs. We brought many Columbia professors to Brazil and saw off a large number of Brazilian students and Visiting Scholars traveling to New York to pursue studies at the University. We managed to re-launch our activities focused on the environment and on climate change, in particular, in collaboration with the iconic Earth Institute at Columbia.



Then the world changed.

Starting in early 2020, the Global Center has migrated to a completely online format and the past several months have been a whirlwind of webinars, social media postings, and intensive interaction with our partners in Brazil and at Columbia. We have covered in our online programs many topics of interest to Brazil and to the world, including dialogues on public health featuring our medical faculty at Columbia and examination of the global economic crisis and possible solutions. It has been a busy and, I would say, productive period in which our mission has been refined and our partnerships in Brazil strengthened by a firmer grounding in the “hard realities of our existence”, as President Bollinger wrote.

In a very special way, we are grateful for the support of so many of you. Our donors and sponsors should know of our lasting gratitude. Without them, nothing could be done. With their support, we are free to continue imagining a better future for the Rio Global Center. Our many partners in Brazil are a constant source of inspiration and motivation to band together to make a difference in Brazil. Of course, our staff at the Rio Global Center is practically tireless in its commitment to our mission and always at the ready with new ideas to bring Brazil and Columbia closer together. To all of you, our friends and partners, we send our greetings and best wishes as we navigate together these truly strange times!

**Sincerely,
Thomas J Trebat
Director**

COLUMBIA GLOBAL CENTERS | Rio de Janeiro



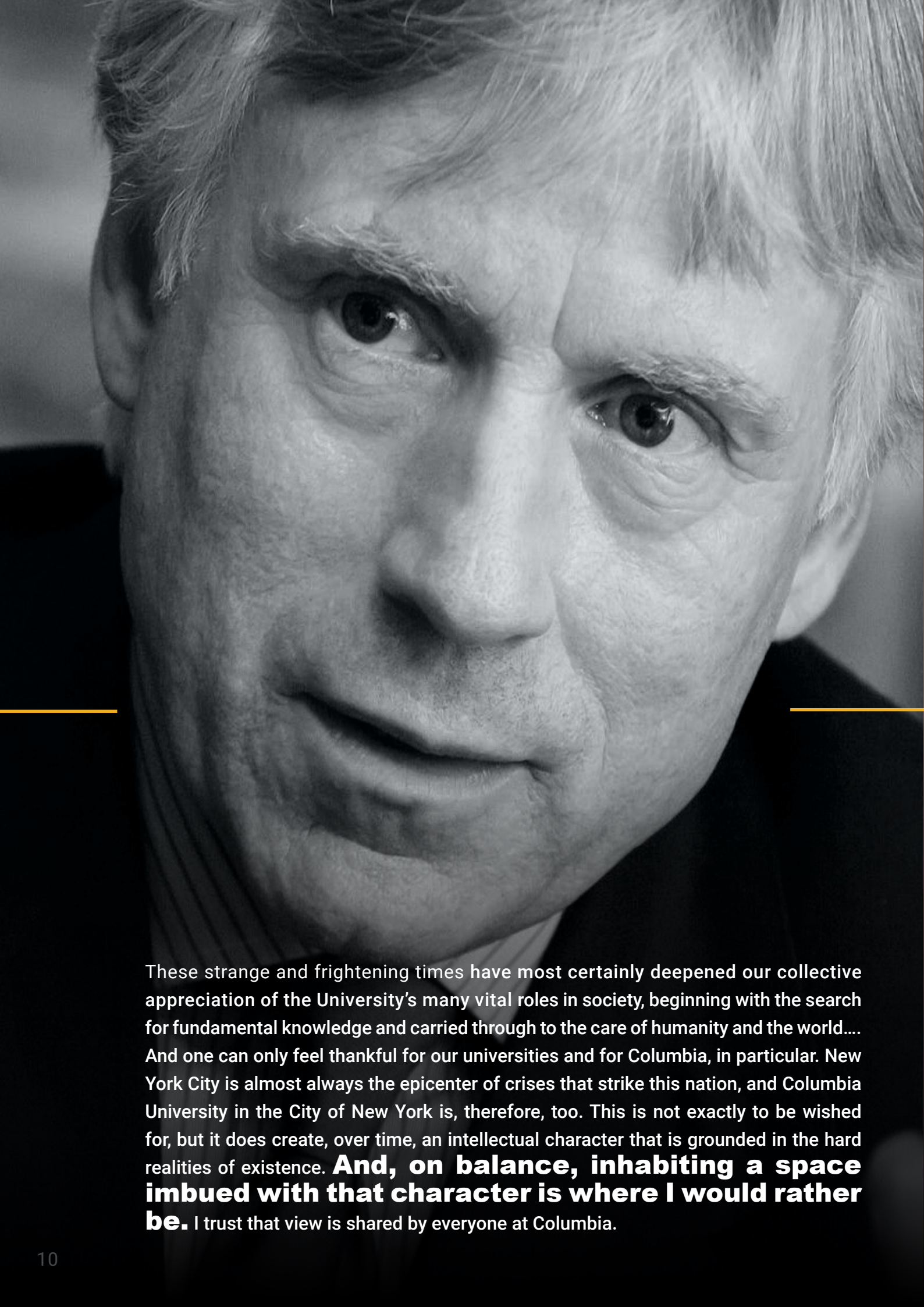
Greetings from the Columbia Global Centers | Rio de Janeiro

We are very proud to be a part of the Columbia University community and honored as well to be part of a hub of academic excellence in Brazil alongside our many Brazilian partners. As annual reports are supposed to do, the pages of this year's report will give an account of our internal workings. But we are hoping for more than that. Our goal is to engage you in a more personal way with a glimpse also at the people behind the facts and numbers of the Rio Global Center.

What do the numbers that track our activities really mean? In addition to knowing how many Brazilians have benefited from an education at Columbia, what did their accomplishments mean for Brazil? How did Columbia programs add to their professional and personal lives? And how was the Columbia community affected by the influx of Brazilian students and scholars?

These are some of the questions we are hoping to answer by introducing you to a few of the people who collaborate closely with the Rio Global Center.

As this Annual Report is being released, Brazil is experiencing hard times with a dual crisis of public health and an economic recession. Mindful of this context, we hope this publication will be a breath of fresh air in showcasing what we are trying to do to contribute: supporting local research, encouraging thoughtful debate on the most important issues of our day, connecting our Brazilian partners to Columbia faculty, and doing all that we can to foster exchanges that can move us toward a more equal and just society.



President Lee Bollinger, Columbia University

These strange and frightening times have most certainly deepened our collective appreciation of the University's many vital roles in society, beginning with the search for fundamental knowledge and carried through to the care of humanity and the world.... And one can only feel thankful for our universities and for Columbia, in particular. New York City is almost always the epicenter of crises that strike this nation, and Columbia University in the City of New York is, therefore, too. This is not exactly to be wished for, but it does create, over time, an intellectual character that is grounded in the hard realities of existence. **And, on balance, inhabiting a space imbued with that character is where I would rather be.** I trust that view is shared by everyone at Columbia.

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Columbia Students and Researchers from Brazil

We are always pleased to report, as we do each year, a large census of Brazilians in residence at Columbia University in New York. We are not always mindful to look back into the past, to see who has come before us and who helped to build the bridge on which we now labor to connect Brazil with Columbia.

Information from the University Archives suggest that the first Brazilian student to graduate from the University may have been L.H.F. D'Aguiar, Jr., who received two Columbia degrees in medicine in 1866 and 1868. Dr. D'Aguiar, who was the son of Brazil's Consul-General to the United States, was also awarded a prize by the University for excellence in clinical medicine. Several other Brazilians followed in the 1870s. Luis de Sousa Barros was a member of the graduating class of 1877 in the then School of Mines. Sousa Barros was one of the first two students of color ever to graduate from Columbia University. One year later, in 1878, José Nabor Pacheco Jordão graduated with a degree in civil engineering and went on to do post-graduate work at the University before returning to São Paulo. Upon his return to Brazil, Jordão authored what must have been one of the earliest Portuguese-language textbooks in chemistry based upon his classroom notes accumulated during his time at Columbia.

As Brazil grew in importance on the global stage in the twentieth century, its importance on the Columbia campus began to be felt in other ways as well. Portuguese instruction began in 1914, for example, and the first fulltime faculty appointment was a Brazilian, Professor José

Famadas, who joined Columbia in 1940. Meanwhile, starting in the 1930s, the University welcomed visiting scholars from Brazil doing advanced research with their Columbia colleagues in a variety of fields of inquiry.

Columbia Teachers College was particularly welcoming of foreign students, including Brazilians, from very early on. Perhaps its most distinguished Brazilian graduate was Anísio Teixeira, M.A. 1929, who became known as the father of the modern public school in

Brazil, open to and equal for all. He was a fervent disciple of the great John Dewey himself and helped spread Dewey's educational philosophy throughout Brazil

Just as Brazil began to discover Columbia in earnest more than a century ago, Brazil's presence and influence on the campus has grown to the point that, today, Brazil is one of the most important sending nations to the University.

In terms of total student enrollment (2018-19 for graduate and undergraduate), Brazil ranks seventh in terms of total sending countries, with enrollments comparable to those of France and the U.K. and ahead of Germany. Brazilian students can be found in practically every school and the program of the University, with the largest cohorts attending the Graduate School of Business, the School of Professional Studies, the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, the School of International and Professional Studies and Columbia College, the main undergraduate school. In seven years since the launch of the Global Center in Brazil, the number of Brazilians enrolled in formal degree programs has roughly doubled to 200 per year, with some year-to-year variation.*

The enrolled student figures as such tell only a part of the story of the Brazilian community at Columbia in terms of its size and impact.

Each year approximately an additional 70 Brazilian students spend a year working somewhere in the United States in Optional Professional Training (OPT) programs following graduation from Columbia. In addition, in 2018-19, the University welcomed 130 Visiting Scholars from Brazil

who typically pursue independent research in their fields while residing on campus in New York for periods of about one year. Their fields of research cover a vast array of concentrations from the sciences to law and the humanities. In a very real way, these Visiting Scholars embody the networks that tie together the human communities of scholars in Brazil and Columbia.

(*Source: ISSO Website. Note that the numbers do not include Brazilians enrolled at Teachers College or Barnard College.)

1866

First Brazilian student to graduate from the University may have been L.H.F. D'Aguiar, Jr., who received two Columbia degrees in medicine in 1866 and 1868;

1914

Portuguese is taught for the first time at the University, with an emphasis on Brazilian usage; Brazilians begin to enroll at Columbia in larger numbers.

1929

Anisio Teixeira, the father of the modern public school system in Brazil and a disciple of John Dewey himself, graduates with a Master's degree from Columbia Teachers College.

2020

Columbia adapts to the global pandemic: Webinars and remote instructions, 30+ "virtual internships" for Columbia students in Brazil.

2019

Brazil reaches seventh globally in total sending countries to the University: 200 enrolled students plus 130 Visiting Brazilian Scholars.

1940

First full-time appointment in Portuguese language instruction was a Brazilian, Professor José Famadas, who joined the faculty in 1940.

1962

Founding of Columbia's Institute of Latin American Studies which brought Columbia scholars in many fields to the study of Brazil.

2013

President Lee C. Bollinger inaugurates the Columbia Global Center in Rio de Janeiro, linking Brazil to Columbia's worldwide network.

2001

Professors Albert Fishlow and Alfred Stepan found the Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies at Columbia.

Ready for more history?

How many Brazilians attended Columbia in 2019?



[CLICK HERE TO SEE STUDENTS BY SCHOOL](#)



Safwan Masri

Professor and Executive Vice
President for Global Centers
and Global Development at
Columbia University

In our current environment, we have all had to twist, or pivot—at our jobs, our home life, and in our broader communities—to fulfill our purpose. For the Global Centers, that has meant developing a full slate of on-line programming and adapting our skills to this new format. We are also focusing on long-term thematic areas of engagement and programs, like our work with refugees in Jordan, women's leadership in Brazil, and urban design in India.... We are adapting and growing in the process.**I hope that you will continue on this journey with us, as we bring important conversations, programs, and projects to the fore, with insight, knowledge, and expertise from Columbia and all over the world.**

Columbia Global Centers | Rio de Janeiro Programs 2019-2020

During the course of 2019-2020, Columbia Global Centers | Rio de Janeiro has been involved in many academic programs and events that happened with direct participation of Columbia faculty from various schools. These programs brought together researchers, specialists, public servants and civil society to discuss a wide range of themes and to exchange their knowledge and experience.

How many programs we had?

1

Applied Sciences

Entrepreneurship and Business

5

Government and Society

50

8

Global Health

Creative Arts and Cultural Studies

3

Sustainability and Environment

3

APPLIED SCIENCES

Columbia Global Centers | Rio de Janeiro announced in April 2019 a research funding opportunity through the partnership signed with FAPESP

The Rio Center and FAPESP – the São Paulo Research Foundation – have worked together since 2017 to promote scientific research and technological development by bringing together researchers from Columbia and the State of São Paulo.

The most recent collaborative initiative involved Columbia’s participation in the FAPESP Sprint Program. This program is designed to encourage the advancement of scientific research in all fields, providing funding of up to US\$10,000 to cover mobility expenses.



April 14 Third No-Boundaries International Art Exhibition

August 14 – 17 On the Margins of American Cinema

October 16 –18 Journalism and Big Data with Professor Giannina Segnini, School of Journalism

No-Boundaries Committee, in partnership with Columbia Global Centers, has launched the No-Boundaries International Art Exhibitions to foster global awareness and social responsibility in young citizens around the world. The partners invite children and teenagers between kindergarten and high school from all over the world to submit artwork that will be publicly exhibited in international traveling exhibitions in the coming year.

The four-day workshop focused on how certain historical and aesthetic perspectives shaped what is known as the American Independent Cinema. Each day, Professor Richard Peña looked into specific examples, such as: Afro-American Independent Cinema, American Vanguard, American Neorealism and New Left Cinema.

Columbia Global Centers | Rio de Janeiro partnered with the Maria Cecilia Souto Vidigal Foundation and with Insper, the leading business school in São Paulo, to create the Early Childhood Data Journalism Course. The program was offered in São Paulo from October 16-18, for a group of 20 Brazilian journalists. The program was led by Professor Giannina Segnini of the Columbia School of Journalism. The objective was to delve into topics related to young children, from infant mortality to access to daycare centers. In the second part of the program, course participants explored the subject through the use of databases and open access data tools, such as Workbench and Flourish.



Third No-Boundaries International Art Exhibition.



Third No-Boundaries International Art Exhibition.



Innovation in the Public Sector.

We were pleased to host Professor Alexis Wichowski of Columbia School of International and Public Affairs on various occasions. She has lectured about social media and communications in government, most recently last November at Insper, a leading business school in São Paulo. After the success of the program held in November 2018, in partnership with Brava, Columbia Global Centers | Rio de Janeiro, and Insper, the second edition of the program was offered between June 10-12, in São Paulo. Professor Alexis Wichowski participated again in the program.

Students from disciplines across Columbia University spent a semester working as innovative design consultants on education technology projects in Brazil. Projects were designed and developed by local Brazilian organizations (“clients”) operating in the K-12 education space including school districts, philanthropies, nonprofits, education companies and ed tech startups.

June 10 – 12
**Innovation
in the Public
Sector**

January 14
**Start-Ed
Challenge**

November 25
**Annual Seminar
on Public
Administration**

The 4th edition of the Annual Seminar on Public Administration was held on November 25, in São Paulo, with the participation of Professor Alexis Wichowski. We worked closely with our most important partners, such as Lemann Foundation, Instituto República and Comunitas to give the event more visibility due to its relevance.



Annual Seminar on Public Administration.



Annual Seminar on Public Administration.

June 25
**6th Global
Conference on
Transparency
Research**

The 6th Global Conference on Transparency Research welcomed proposals for panels, individual papers, posters and roundtables, among other possible formats. All proposals were subject to a first round of double-blind review and a second round of review by the Conference Advisory Committee. Professor David Pozen, Columbia Law, delivered the keynote titled: “Is It Time for a Sociological Turn in Transparency Studies?” Professor Albert Fishlow, Columbia School of International and Public Affairs, moderated a panel on Private Sector, Procurement and Private-Public-Partnerships (PPPs).

July 7 – 17
**Negotiation
and Conflict
Resolution
(NECR) Program
in Brazil**

The NECR program exposes Columbia students to local ways of addressing conflict, peace building, community building, and issues facing youth and women. In addition to classroom instruction, students visited organizations and businesses that do sustained and positive work around conflict and gender in local communities, including organizations that focus specifically on conflict transformation.

August 26 – 28
**Executive
program on
Construction
(UNIFOR)**

In partnership with the School of Professional Studies, we offered a three-day program on the Columbia campus for our partner, the University of Fortaleza (UNIFOR). Unifor sent a group of Brazilian construction executives for classroom sessions with Columbia faculty and site visits to some of the most exciting projects in New York City.



Executive program on Construction (UNIFOR).



Executive program on Construction (UNIFOR).



April 5
Combating Inequality in Brazil: Global Perspectives on Diversity, Inclusion and Equity

This event highlighted Columbia faculty research and expertise on the state of human rights law, culture, and social policy in Brazil. Faculty from a variety of disciplines presented their research and engaged in discussions with an activist from Brazil.

July 14 –17
Instituto Liberta on Campus

As part of the Global Center partnership with Liberta, we hosted six educators from the State Secretariat of Education of São Paulo for an intensive four-day visit to Columbia. The group met with Columbia faculty to discuss global best practices in combating the sexual exploitation of children. Visits to local NGOs in New York City rounded out the visit.



Liberta in NYC.



Columbia Women's Leadership Network on campus.

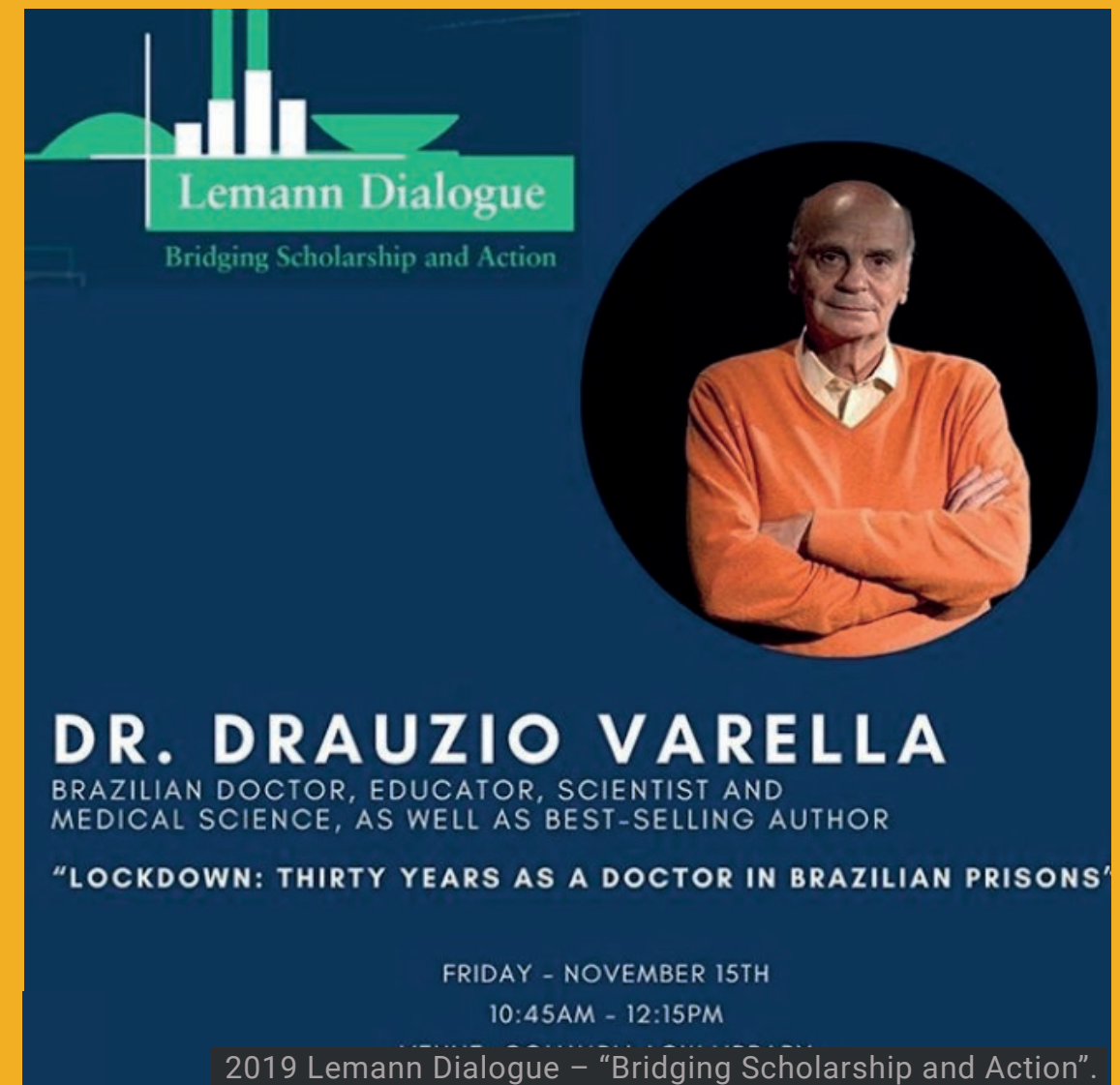
July 22 – 26 Columbia Women's Leadership Network on campus

This was the 5th module of the Columbia Women's Leadership Network in Brazil program. The module featured classroom sessions, group visits and activities, along the lines of traditional executive education programs. The themes selected for the international module are in synergy with the training that will be offered in Brazil. The module consisted of academic sessions in the morning with afternoon visits, totalling in 6-8 hours daily for 4 days.

November 14 – 15 2019 Lemann Dialogue – “Bridging Scholarship and Action”

The Lemann Dialogues are annual conferences in Brazil collaboratively organized between four universities with endowments made possible through the Lemann Foundation (Columbia University, Harvard University, the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, and Stanford University). For the 2019 Lemann Dialogue, hosted by the Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies at Columbia University, the overarching theme was evidence-based policy making, its importance in a world in which ideology often trumps empirical research, and its challenges.

>> [Watch Dr. Drauzio Varella's talk at the 2019 Lemann Dialogue.](#)



May 15
Third Annual Seminar on Combating Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents in Brazil

The seminar focused on how the pornography industry is creating a generation of violent men and submissive women. Professor of Sociology and President of Culture Reframed Gail Dines from Wheelock College in Boston argued that pornography is a public health issue. Dines made a direct association between cases of sexual abuse or exploitation of children and pornography in shaping culture.

July 10
Environmental Challenges in Brazil: A Conversation with Jeffrey Sachs

Hosting noted Columbia economist, the Rio Global Center gathered together representatives from more than a dozen environmental organizations, government agencies, and private firms for a frank discussion on the global challenge of climate change. After an exchange of views around the table on present environmental practices in the U.S. and Brazil, the participants expressed a resolve to constitute an informal working coalition to maintain contact and share best practices on climate change advocacy.

February 4 - 6
Harvesting Energy Through Water Sanitation

As part of our ongoing collaboration with Sanepar in the State of Paraná, Professor Kartik Chandran of the Columbia School of Engineering conducted a training session for a group of 25 Sanepar engineers. The intensive session delved into topics ranging from the biochemical fundamentals of domestic sanitation operations to mathematical modeling of treatment processes. Professor Chandran's expertise is in delivering low-cost and energy-generating sanitation systems to underserved populations around the world.

November 13
Workshop: Threats to the Brazilian Environment and Environmental Policy

Faced with the reversal of longstanding environmental protection policies in Brazil, the Rio Global Center partnered with the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia to increase understanding and raise awareness in the United States about the scope and severity of the environmental crisis in Brazil. Scholars and activists gathered to examine the alarming situation in Brazil from a comparative U.S.-Brazil perspective.



Alexis Wichowski

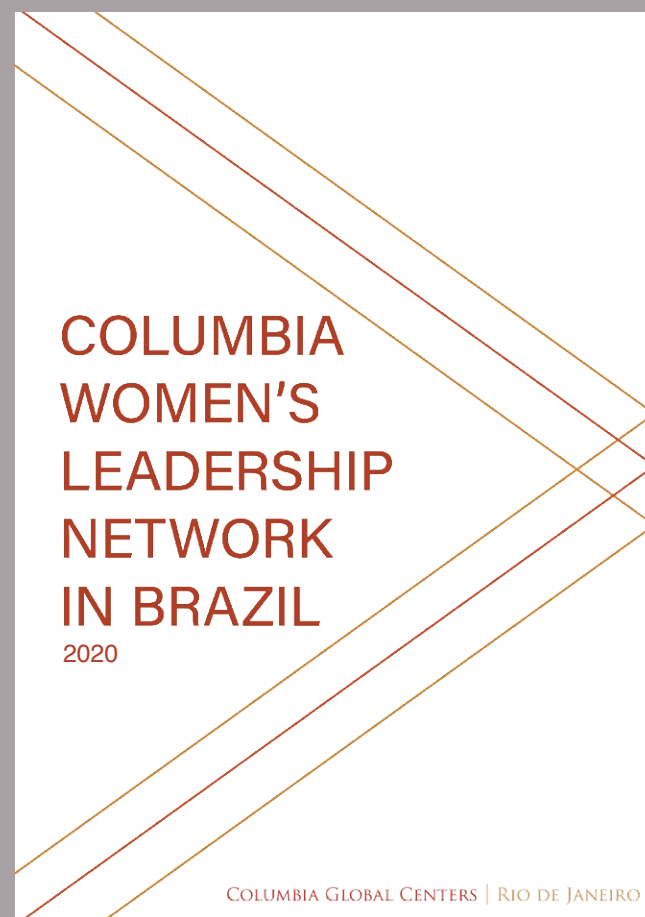
Adjunct Associate Professor of
International and Public Affairs and
Deputy Chief Technology Officer for
Innovation for the City of New York

Columbia Global Centers-Rio quite simply created Brazil's next biggest fan when they invited me to speak at a conference three years ago. From never having been to the country to now having taken 8 trips there, **Columbia Global Centers Rio de Janeiro has introduced me to an intellectual community that impresses and surprises me for their endless curiosity in pursuit of knowledge,** their tireless commitment to the betterment of society, and their innovative approaches to improve governance and, ultimately, democracy.

As a public official, I thank Columbia Global Centers | Rio de Janeiro for the ability to connect with like-minded public servants across Brazil. As a professor, I thank Columbia Global Centers | Rio de Janeiro for the intellectual stimulation of the many wonderful debates I've been a part of during my visits. And as a human being, I thank Columbia Global Centers | Rio de Janeiro for opening my eyes to the indescribable warmth, beauty, and passion of the Brazilian people.

PUBLICATIONS

During the period 2019-2020, we designed and produced four new publications that can be easily downloaded from our website
<https://globalcenters.columbia.edu/content/rio-publications>



This volume is linked to the Columbia Program Women's Leadership Network in Brazil, which is designed to develop a growing network of women who will contribute for the transformation of public service in Brazil. The goal is to promote the affirmation of feminine potency, placing participants at the center of discussions on the main strategic challenges of public management today. At the end of the program, students presented a project to improve the performance of a particular unit in public management. The project includes practical and cross-sectoral initiatives that ensure that attention to the gender equality agenda is at the very center of the proposed activity.

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The Columbia Global Centers | Rio de Janeiro, in partnership with the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University and the Brazil-American Institute for Law and Environment at Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, organized a Workshop on November 13, 2019 in New York City. The Workshop was convened to discuss and raise awareness of the scope and severity of the environmental crisis in Brazil with a focus on the severe threats to the Amazon. For the Workshop at Columbia, the organizers gathered specialists from Brazil and the U.S. to examine the legal and scientific aspects of a large number of actions taken by the new Brazilian government intended to weaken normative, administrative, and legislative practices that underpin environmental policy. Pressing global issues, such as setbacks to US environmental law, climate change denial, and human rights violations, were discussed from a comparative U.S.-Brazil perspective as well as ways of moving forward.

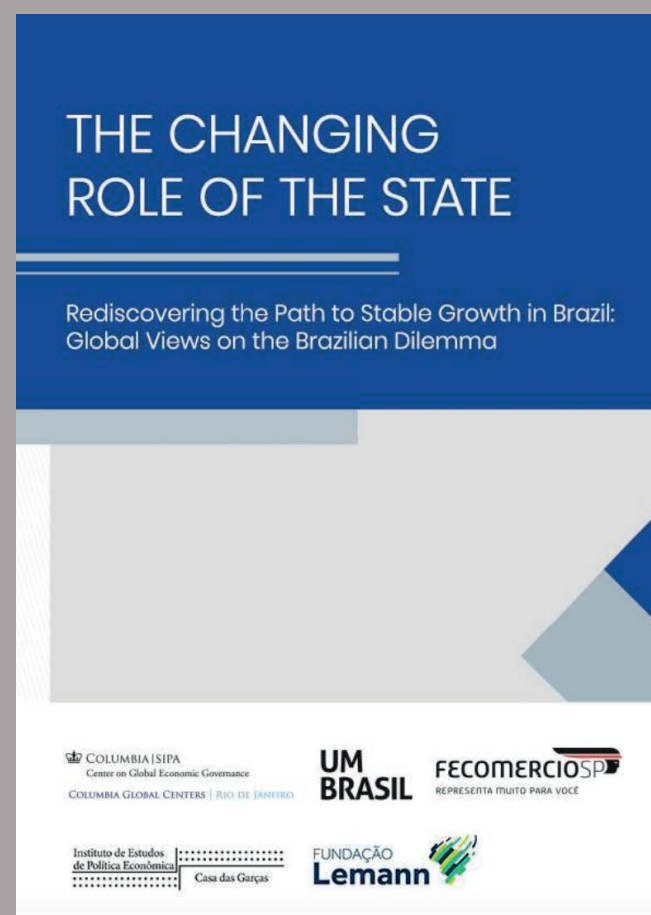
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The traditional view of how societies manage themselves is changing.

The government, by itself, has not been able to take care of the responsibilities and the growing costs of the problems it faces in the modern world: public security, social welfare, international relations, job creation, housing, energy, environmental protection, transport, space exploration , scientific research, justice, and so on. Furthermore, most individuals and local communities do not want these important problems to be addressed without being heard, however well-intentioned the government is. Published at a timely moment in Brazil, the book shows how the government, the private sector, the philanthropic sector, and civil society can join forces do deal with problems that might seem insurmountable, such as health, security, rural poverty and infrastructure, through public-private partnerships. This book was edited by Columbia Global Centers Rio de Janeiro in partnership with Instituto Humanize.

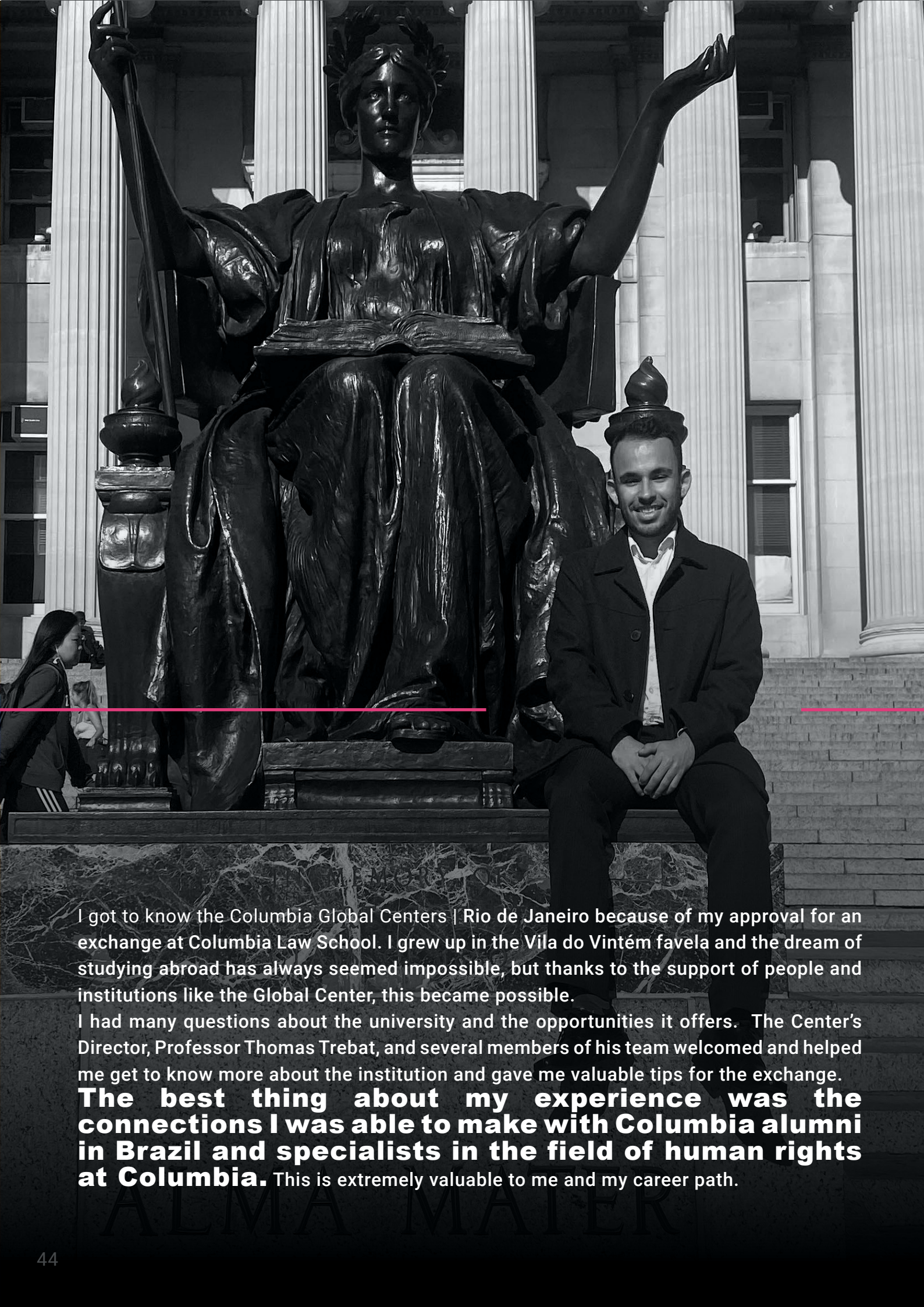
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A two-day conference took place in São Paulo and Rio in December 2018 and gathered the opinions of economists, policymakers, and business leaders.

Many chapters in this volume are verbatim transcripts of conference remarks. Others are written submissions by the authors. All are written in simple, accessible style so that non-specialists can understand and form opinions about complex issues. Published as it is in English, this conference volume is aimed especially at audiences outside of Brazil, perplexed about the direction of the Brazilian economy.

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Daniel Calarco

President of International Youth
Observatory and Youth Researcher

I got to know the Columbia Global Centers | Rio de Janeiro because of my approval for an exchange at Columbia Law School. I grew up in the Vila do Vintém favela and the dream of studying abroad has always seemed impossible, but thanks to the support of people and institutions like the Global Center, this became possible.

I had many questions about the university and the opportunities it offers. The Center's Director, Professor Thomas Trebat, and several members of his team welcomed and helped me get to know more about the institution and gave me valuable tips for the exchange.

The best thing about my experience was the connections I was able to make with Columbia alumni in Brazil and specialists in the field of human rights at Columbia. This is extremely valuable to me and my career path.

Adapting to the Pandemic Era: Columbia Global Centers | Rio de Janeiro

Starting in early March 2020, almost all of Columbia's network of Global Centers closed their offices and shifted to remote operations. As at Columbia itself, the key priority for the Global Centers is to keep our partners and our employees safe during this time

The Covid-19 emergency that humankind faces today is perhaps the most serious global crisis of our generation. The crisis, and how we respond to it, will not only shape our healthcare systems, economy, politics, and culture for years to come, but it will undoubtedly change the ways by which we interact with one another across borders.

As national isolation intensifies in response to the crisis, we at the Global Centers are uniquely positioned to help connect the world and share information globally. We have in front of us an unprecedented opportunity to reinvigorate our mission and reposition ourselves

such that not only do we ensure our survival, but so that we indeed thrive. Our mission—to advance the University's engagement with the world and to enhance global knowledge sharing—has never been as critical as it is today. Delivering on this mission, for the foreseeable future, requires us to innovate and retool—in our internal operations and external activities—in order to adapt to the new online reality that we are operating within.

In this unprecedented time, we are committed to staying connected and to bringing you the world-class knowledge and programming you have come to expect and enjoy from us. We are shifting our focus to online programming, where we can continue to engage you with regional and Columbia-wide expertise.



Guilherme Coelho

Founder
Samambaia Filantropias

It is a great opportunity for Brazil to have a Columbia Global Center based in Rio, which the cultural touchstone of the country, at the same time truly representing its idiosyncrasies and demographics.

Through its commitment to the pursuit of excellence and the support to responsible governance, the Brazilian Columbia Global Center is transforming the relationship between academics and the private and public sectors.

As founder of República.org and Samambaia Philanthropies, I thank and celebrate the team in Brazil, in New York and around the world. Count on me for the long-term for success of this invaluable global network.

Governments matter. International cooperation matters. This has never seen so clear since the era of the Marshall Plan. Columbia can be a central part of it and is already doing a wonderful job.

Webinars organized by Columbia Global Centers | Rio de Janeiro



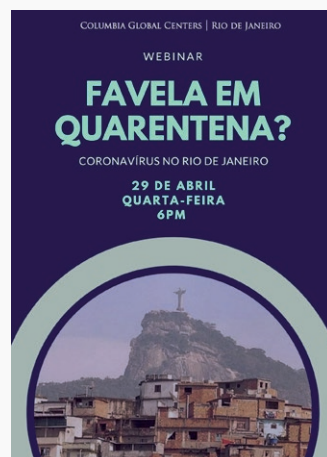
Public Management in Times of Severe Stress: Lessons to date from the COVID-19 Response



Respostas e desafios dos países latino-americanos à pandemia: uma conversa com Guga Chacra e Laura Carvalho



Inimigo Invisível: Pandemias e o cinema com Richard Peña



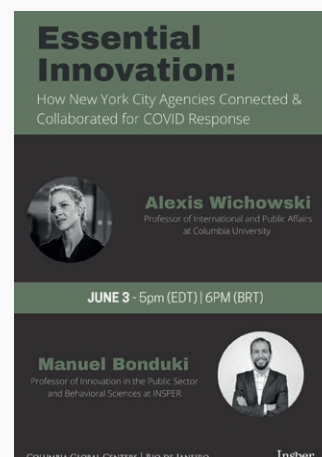
Favela em quarentena? Coronavírus no Rio de Janeiro



Navegando a tempestade perfeita: uma conversa com Armínio Fraga



Perspectives for the Economy, Politics and the Role of the State in Brazil



Essential Innovation: How New York City Agencies Connected & Collaborated for COVID Response

We organized many other interesting webinars and events featuring Columbia experts and Brazilian partners of the Columbia Global Center. Please click here and find the complete list of events.

Webinars in Partnership with other Columbia Global Centers



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COLUMBIA GLOBAL CENTERS | ISTANBUL
Talking with Data: Why is it Crucial in the COVID-19 Era?



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COLUMBIA GLOBAL CENTERS | NAIROBI
Stigma and discrimination in the midst of a pandemic: What's happening in informal settlements?



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COLUMBIA GLOBAL CENTERS
SANTIAGO AND ILAS (INSTITUTE OF LATIN AMERICA)
Responding to COVID-19 in Latin America: science, expertise, and state capacity

All of our webinars were recorded. You can watch them at any time on our Youtube Channel.

Columbia Global Centers mobilized virtual internships around the globe for Columbia students

**More than 180
internship
opportunities
were created,
including 30 in
Brazil**

**Over 1,250
applications
were received
from students**

The pandemic of 2020 deprived many Columbia students of opportunities to pursue formal summer internships which were abruptly canceled. To address this problem, the network of nine Global Centers around the world banded together to identify “virtual” internships with the cooperation of their local partners. These were meaningful summer experiences for students to support a variety of projects at organizations around the world. The Rio Global Center organized and helped to fill 30 virtual internships among its partners in Brazil.

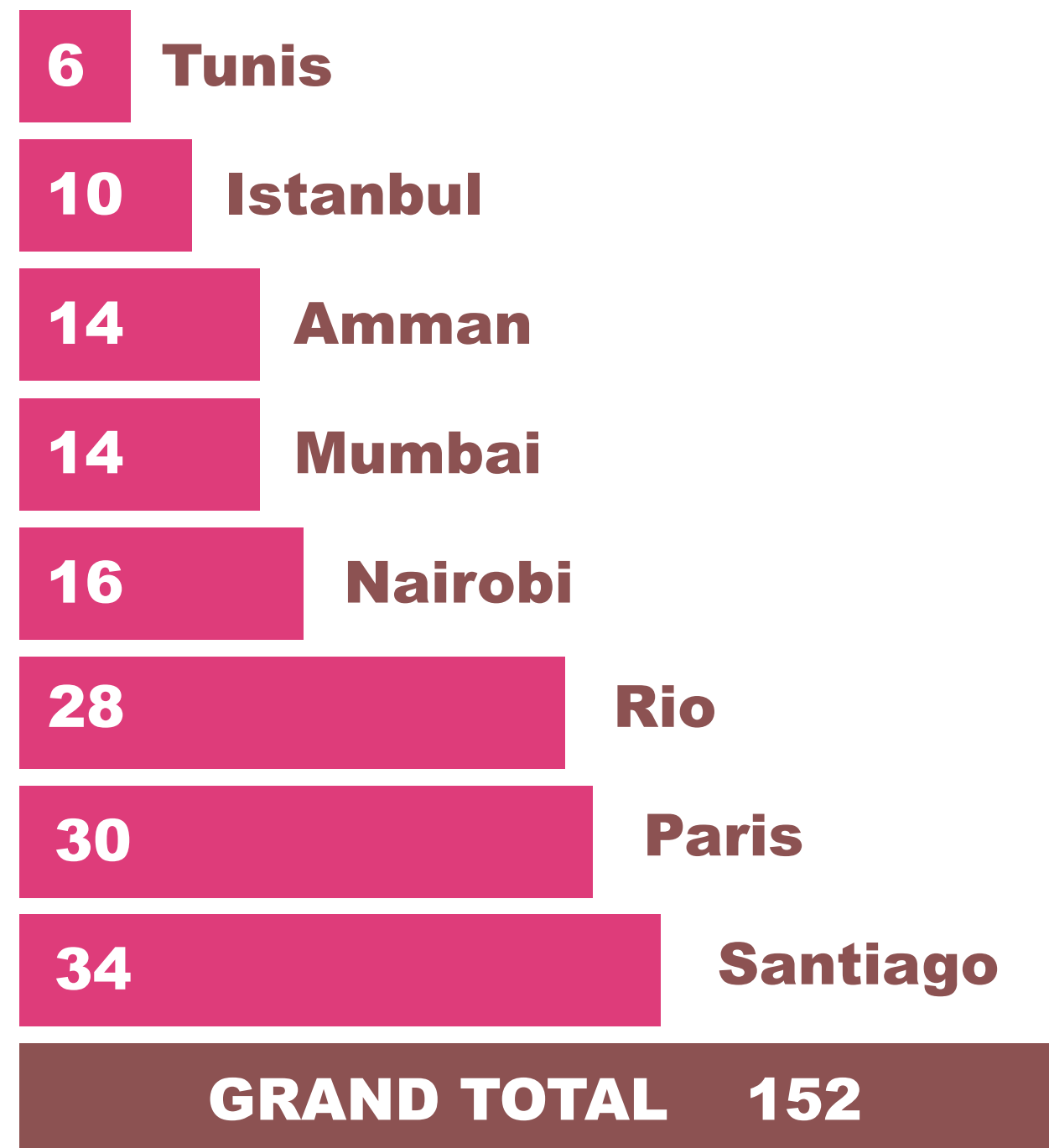
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A10 Investimentos
Comissão de Valores Mobiliários
Securities and Exchange Commission of Brazil
Office of the Mayor in Teresina (Secretaria Municipal de Planejamento e Coordenação)
GO Associados
Reservas Votorantim Ltda
National Institute of Tramatology and Orthopedics (INTO)
Felsberg Advogados
ENAP (Brazil National School of Public Administration Foundation)
Columbia Global Centers | Rio de Janeiro
Mauá Ventures
Verdeceleste
Comunitas
The Voice of Guanacaste
ENGIE Brasil

Database of applications

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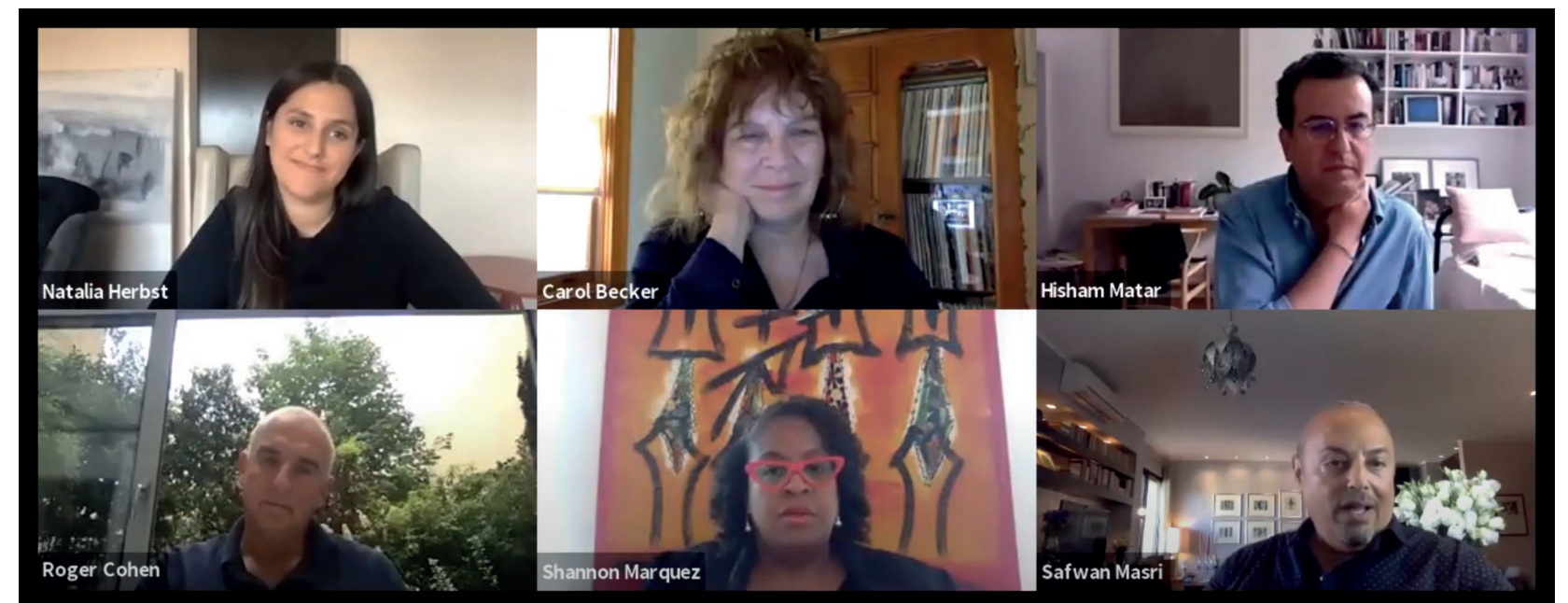
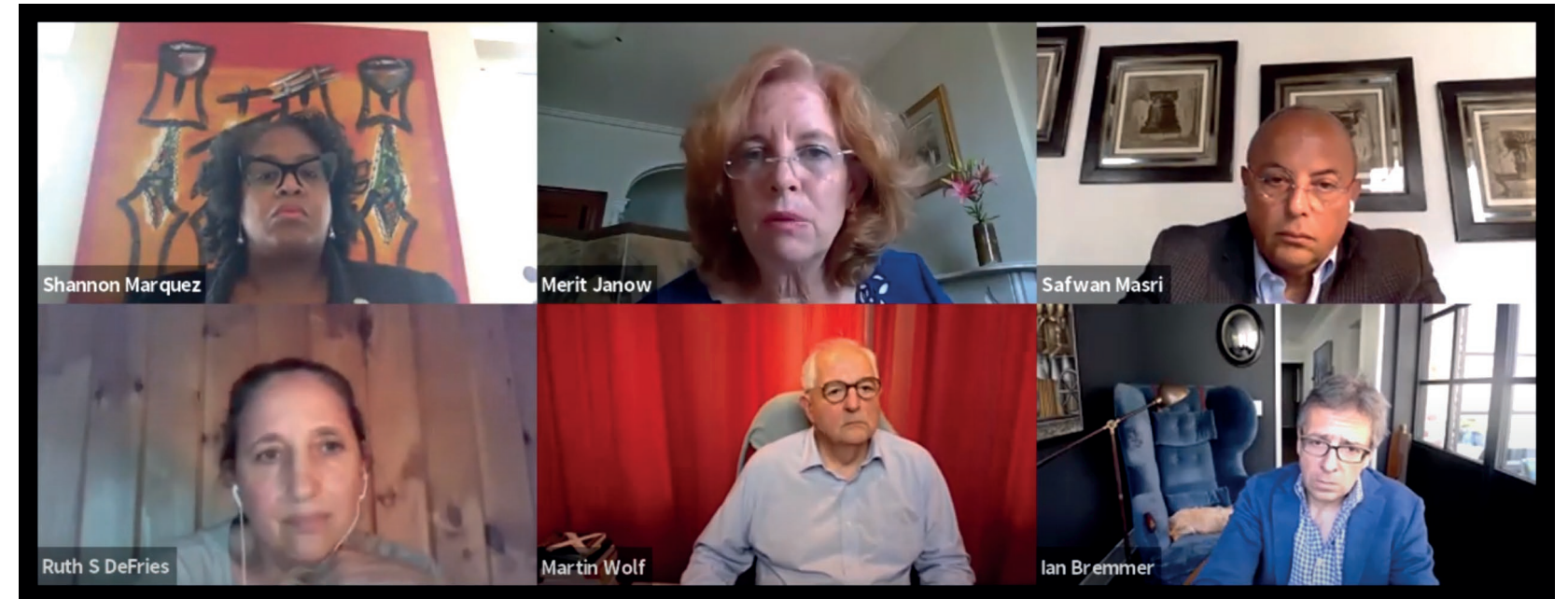
It's time to collaborate!

In 2020, the Columbia Global Centers as a network partnered with **Columbia's Center** for Undergraduate Global Engagement to develop a series of seminars known as the **Global Columbia Collaboratory**. The Collaboratory was designed to give students the skills, understanding, and networks to grow into the leaders our world needs to thoughtfully address our increasingly complex challenges with a focus on the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences. In addition to global online seminars that allow them to learn from faculty and experts drawn from around the world, students engage in facilitated reflections to consider ways the pandemic has affected communities, and they have the opportunity to generate ideas and design and implement collaborative projects centered on concrete solutions. While the Collaboratory primarily targets sixty undergraduate students carefully selected through a competitive application process, the online seminars attract a large global audience, reached through the Columbia Global Centers, the University's alumni network, and various Columbia communications channels, and drawing a large audience from all corners of the world. The events are recorded and subsequently pushed out through various channels.

Program Benefits

The Global Columbia Collaboratory provides participants with opportunities to:

- Develop a worldwide network of thinkers eager to engage with complex global challenges
- Learn more about pressing topics of global importance
- Connect with students world wide and create reflections and collaborations
- Engage in team-building and interdisciplinary collaboration
- Explore and construct ways to make an impact locally and globally
- Strengthen global learning competencies: perspective taking, critical reflection, personal and social responsibility.



Groundbreaking work at Columbia to combat the Covid pandemic

During the pandemic, Columbia has been mentioned prominently in the news media. Here are just a few articles which highlight the groundbreaking work done by Columbia's research and medical teams during these stressful times.

**PRESIDENT BOLLINGER
SUPPORTS LAWSUIT AGAINST
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT VISA
RESTRICTIONS**

**TO INCREASE PHYSICIAN RANKS,
COLUMBIA MEDICAL STUDENTS
GRADUATED EARLY**

**A NEW GENERATION OF FAST
CORONAVIRUS TESTS IS COMING**

**OXFORD CORONAVIRUS VACCINE:
FIVE THINGS TO KNOW**

**COVID-19 PATIENTS NO LONGER
NEED TESTS TO END ISOLATION**

**LAB IN THE TIME OF
CORONAVIRUS:
“HARNESSING ANTIBODIES”**

POP-UP GLOBAL CENTERS



Flavia da Costa Viana

Judge with the Court of Justice of the State of Paraná and Participant in the 2019 - 2020 Columbia Women's Leadership Network.

From an early age, I found myself to be very attentive to issues related to diversity. **Although I have dedicated myself to various social projects throughout my career in the judiciary, the Columbia Women's Leadership Program definitely pushed me to do more in terms of inclusion and changing the institutional mindset.** The classes and interaction with such inspiring professors and colleagues made me realize the need - and the viability - to undertake more concrete and transformative actions in the justice system. The seeds have been planted, and the fruit is already beginning to grow. I will be forever grateful to CGC-Rio for the opportunity.

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Columbia's Global Center in Brazil has been a major success. It has been building bridges in good times and in bad times, covering a large number of key subjects, with palpable results.

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The great Covid pandemic of 2020 certainly affected the ways in which our team works together with its partners, but we have managed to stay closer than ever. Through daily meetings on Zoom, we have been able to exchange ideas for future events, share our concerns, and handle every task that needed to be accomplished. Times were hard for all of us, and for everyone else, but our commitment to mission of bringing Columbia and Brazil closer together made us stronger and even more connected to each other.

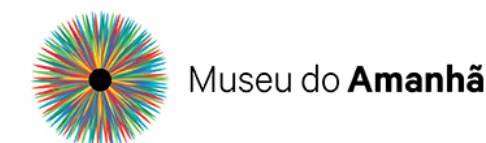


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