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XIII FACTORY OF IDEAS - 2010

ADVANCED COURSE IN ETHNIC AND RACIAL STUDIES

THEME: HERITAGE, MEMORY AND IDENTITY

5-23 July 2010

THE PROGRAM FACTORY OF IDEAS of the Federal University of Bahia announces, for the thirteenth consecutive year, the Course Factory of Ideas, a Course that seeks to contribute to the training of researchers who are dedicated to elucidating processes of racialization and ethnic identity formation. Special emphasis is given to black-white relationships and the production of black cultures in Latin America, Africa and the African Diaspora. The course adopts a comparative perspective, exploring several aspects of race relations framed within the perspectives presented by Brazilian and international intellectual productions. It hopes to promote exchanges between students and scholars from diverse regions of Brazil and other countries, especially along the South-South axis.

The theme of the 13th International Advanced Course of the Factory of Ideas is Heritage, Memory and Identity. Our aim is scrutinizing the processes of patrimonialization and valorization of material and immaterial culture of ethno-racial minorities. We focus on the South – the part of the world with the least developed museums and archives – and on the impact and consequences of this process on identity formation and the politics of diversity. We are interested in developing a South-South perspective on the politics of museums and archives, but we also want to analyze critically the politics of the archive as it is been developed in the North. The relationship between museums, archives, memory and identity formation will be discussed in the context of broad and powerful technological changes.

The course Factory of Ideas will be realized at CEAO, in Salvador, Bahia and the colonial city of Cachoeira, also in the state of Bahia, from July 5rd to 23st of July of 2010, with a 40 hour per week course load. The course will consist of classes, study and reading groups, lectures and thematic seminars. Participants will be required to write an essay about their own research projects, utilizing the course's mandatory bibliography. They must also participate actively in class discussions, which will be substantially based on publications written in English. All students must incorporate their research interests into the course debates and discussions, even though we would like to note that it will not be possible to exhaustively analyze the content of each participant's research. On the other hand, students will be encouraged to deal with their research themes in all course modules, aside from the module dedicated to the discussion of participant's individual projects. Classes will be taught in Portuguese, Spanish and English. English classes will be translated. Therefore, proficiency in Spanish or Portuguese is required for those who intend to be enrolled in the three week course. Selected students, who have a sound knowledge of the English language, but no Portuguese or Spanish, will attend the course only during its first part (two weeks).

A total of 30 candidates will be selected to participate in the XII Factory of Ideas, through an international selection process. In Brazil, preference will be given to candidates from the Northeast, North, and Central Western regions of Brazil as well as Afro-Brazilians.

Participants will be provided room and boarding (breakfast and lunch), and course materials (photocopies). Selected candidates will, on the other hand, be responsible for the cost of the air fares. Salvador residents are only entitled to meals and course materials (photocopies). At the end of the course, students will enjoy a one day trip to the Recôncavo - the bay surrounding Salvador.

The continuation of student's enrollment in the course will be subject to weekly evaluations which will take into consideration attendance and participation in course related activities. Certificates will be issued to those students with satisfactory performance at the end of the course.

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS:

Candidates should be at graduate or equivalent levels or higher. A committee will select the course participants based on evaluation of the required documents and materials, and all committee's decisions will be final.

Interested candidates in participating must fill up the electronic form available on www.fabricaideias.ufba.br between January 15th and March 31th of 2010. The forms may be filled up in Portuguese, Spanish or English.

Please use the 2009 registration form for enrollment for the 2010 Factory of Ideas Advanced Course.

In filling up this electronic form special attention must be paid to:

- A statement (maximum two pages) in which the candidate expresses his/her reasons to be interested in the course, also expounding upon how this course will contribute to the candidate's research development and academic growth.
- Curriculum Vitae (no longer than 5 pages) – it must be in the Lattes format for Brazilian candidates;
- A summary of the research project (maximum 5 pages single-spaced in character Times New Roman 12) including the bibliography utilized in the project summary. That bibliography will be discussed in the first module of the Course.
- Attach an electronic copy of an article or a chapter of the MA thesis or PhD dissertation.

The committee's decision will be announced no later than April 15, 2010.