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"Sunset Over Rio," by Alexander Franco

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ABOUT US

The Association of Global South Studies was established to provide an international structure to support the humane and scientific study of peoples, problems, and issues in the world's developing countries, with the goal of improving the quality of life in those places. The late Dr. Harold Isaacs, professor emeritus of history at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Georgia, founded the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS) in 1983. In the summer of 2016, ATWS was renamed the Association of Global South Studies (AGSS).

Since 1992 the executive headquarters have been located at Georgia Southern University (1992-2003), Mississippi State University (2003-2006), Louisiana State University-Shreveport (2006-2024), and the State University of New York at Plattsburgh (2024-). Due to the dedicated and energetic leadership of Zia H. Hashmi and Paul Rodell at Georgia Southern, Shu-hui Wu at Mississippi State, William Pederson at LSU-Shreveport, and Lauren Eastwood at SUNY Plattsburgh, AGSS has made great progress as a professional organization with global reach. In 1995 the United Nations granted the AGSS "consultative status," thus enabling the association to increase its direct impact on world development. More information can be found at the association's website: http://apps.gsw.edu/atws/.

The association is also the parent organization of the *Journal of Global South Studies*, published biannually by the University of Florida Press. The journal publishes articles related to Asia, Eurasia, the Americas, Africa, and the Middle East from a wide range of disciplinary traditions in the social sciences, humanities, and arts. If you would like more information about the journal, email journalofgss@gmail.com or visit the publisher's website at https://journals.upress.ufl.edu/jgss.

The 2026 conference was planned by Michael Hall, who made all hotel, panel, banquet, and tour arrangements; and Ryan Alexander, who organized the program. The cover art is by Colombian-born, Las Vegas-based artist Alexander Franco. You can visit his online gallery at https://franco.gallery/.

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY ONE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

10:00 AM: Full Day Imperial Brazil Cultural Tour (Optional Excursion 1)
We will leave the Arena Copacabana Hotel lobby at 10:00 AM to take a scenic journey from Rio de Janeiro to the historic city of Petrópolis in an air-conditioned luxury motor coach. The Summer Palace of Emperor Dom Pedro II houses the Imperial Braganza Museum. After visiting the museum, we will take a short walk to visit the Cathedral of São Pedro de Alcântara. After reboarding the motor coach, we will make a panoramic tour of the city, which includes the home of Santo Dumont, the father of Brazilian aviation, and the beautiful Crystal Palace, a gift from the Prince Gastão de Orléans to his wife, the Princess Isabel. Participants will enjoy and elegant lunch before returning to Rio de Janeiro between 5:00 and 6:00 PM. This tour requires a pre-purchased ticket.



7:30-9:30 PM: Opening Reception

Bossa Lounge, Hotel PortoBay Rio de Janeiro

The opening reception, a four-block walk or taxi ride from the Arena Copacabana Hotel, will include complimentary beer, wine, cocktails, and substantial appetizers. Participants who wish to walk as a group should assemble in the Arena Copacabana lobby and depart at 6:30. There is limited elevator access to the rooftop venue, which can cause delays. Upon arriving at the Bossa Lounge, attendees will be given a wristband that grants admission.

DAY TWO: MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

Session 1A (Monday)
8:30-9:45 AM
Jesus Hortal Room

POPULAR CULTURE IN BRAZIL

Panel Chair: Michael Hall, Georgia Southern University

The Tupi Legacy: Language, Cuisine, and National Identity in Brazil
Michael Hall, Georgia Southern University

Two Ways of Making a Dance Move: Ragtime, Choro, and the Transnational Life of Tico-Tico no Fubá
Alwen Yeung, Georgia Southwestern State University

Tracing the Roots of *The Blue Trail* (*O Último Azul*) to Cinema Novo and Beyond
Victoria Pasley, Independent Scholar

Session 2A (Monday)
10:15-11:30 AM
Jesus Hortal Room

AFRICA IN THE WORLD

Panel Chair: Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo, State University of New York at Cortland

Capital from Afar: Industry at Risk? Remittances, Foreign Investment, and Manufacturing in Africa South of the Sahara
James Gire, Virginia Military Institute; Dekuwmini Dee Mornah, Northern Kentucky University

System Transition, Rise of Regional Powers, and Instability in the Horn of Africa
Assefaw Bariagaber, Seton Hall University

Geography from Nigeria to the World: Reframing Global Geographic Knowledge
Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo, State University of New York at Cortland

Session 2B (Monday)
10:15-11:30 AM
Nélida Piñon Room

HUMAN RIGHTS, PAST AND PRESENT

Panel Chair: Sabita Manian, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania

Unheard Architects: Global South Visions of Human Rights, Security, and Justice
Bidisha Biswas, Western Washington University

In the Name of Law and Order: Novel Lessons from India's State of Emergency
Sabita Manian, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania

The State of Contemporary Global Justice Theory
John Boye Ejobowah, Wilfrid Laurier University

Session 3A (Monday)
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM
Jesus Hortal Room

DIASPORA CASE STUDIES

Panel Chair: Joseph Bangura, Delaware State University

How did Chile Become the New Destination for Haitian Immigrants?
Francois Pierre-Louis, Queens College, City University of New York; Margarett Alexandre, York College, City University of New York

The African Diaspora and Pan-Africanism: A Dialectical Interface
Joseph Bangura, Delaware State University

Session 3B (Monday)
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM
Nélida Piñon Room

PHILOSOPHY AND IDENTITY IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

Panel Chair: Sunita Manian, Georgia College and State University

The Times of Our Lives
James Winchester, Georgia College and State University

The Patriarchal State, Homonationalism, and its Dissidents
Sunita Manian, Georgia College and State University

6:00-9:00: Executive Council Meeting

Arena Copacabana Hotel

DAY THREE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Session 4A (Tuesday)
8:30-9:45 AM
Jesus Hortal Room

AFRICAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Panel Chair: Moses Tesi, Middle Tennessee State University

Revisiting Southern Cameroon's Struggle for Independence: John Ngu Foncha and Traditional Chiefs
Joseph Takougang, University of Cincinnati

Narrowing the Gap: Strategic Alternatives for Harnessing the Impact of Higher Education Research in Africa
Ishmael Munene, Northern Arizona University

Politics and Power in Cameroon under the Paul Biya Regime
Moses Tesi, Middle Tennessee State University

Session 4B (Tuesday)
8:30-9:45 AM
Nélida Piñon Room

STATECRAFT AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Panel Chair: Lauren Eastwood, State University of New York at Plattsburgh

Small Island States in UN Climate Negotiations
Lauren Eastwood, State University of New York at Plattsburgh

The Antarctic: The Forgotten Global South
José de Arimatéia da Cruz, Georgia Southern University

Session 5A (Tuesday)
10:15-11:30 AM
Jesus Hortal Room

DIPLOMACY, PROPAGANDA, AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Panel Chair: Mihailo Vučetić, Macalester College

Meeting 'Brothers in Christ': Jimmy Carter and his 1972 Trip to Brazil
Jason Berggren, Georgia Southwestern State University

Paul Knabenshue: An American Diplomat in the Middle East, 1907-1942
Brian Parkinson, Georgia Southwestern State University

The Power of Words from Disney to de Gaulle: Gaucho Goofy, BBC, Free France, and Argentina's Second World War Neutrality
Mihailo Vučetić, Macalester College

Session 5B (Tuesday)
10:15-11:30 AM
Nélida Piñon Room

SCIENCE, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Panel Chair: Ryan Alexander, State University of New York at Plattsburgh

How Southern Science Shapes North-South Collaborations: Lessons for an Era of Scientific Crisis
Elma Montaña, Institute of Human, Social and Environmental Sciences (INCIHUSA) CONICET and National University of Cuyo; Paula Mussetta; INCIHUSA and National University of Cuyo; Margot Hurlbert, University of Regina

Attack of the Killer Corn: The Miseries of Maize Production in Mexico and the United States
Ryan Alexander, State University of New York at Plattsburgh

Lessons from Public Health in Africa and Beyond: Decolonizing Human-Centered Development
Charles Kachi Anumonwo, Independent Scholar

7:00-10:00 PM: Awards Banquet and Closing Ceremony

Fogo de Chão, Botafogo

We will leave the Arena Copacabana Hotel lobby by private transport at 6:00 PM. Please assemble in the lobby prior to departure time to ensure timely arrival. At the banquet, we will enjoy a traditional *rodízio*, or continuous dinner service, in which spits of grilled meat are cut for you tableside, accompanied by salads, sides, and drinks.



DAY FOUR: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00 AM: Full Day Historic Coffee Fazenda Tour (Optional Excursion 2)

We will leave the Hotel Arena Copacabana lobby at 7:00 AM to take a scenic journey from Rio de Janeiro to the historic town of Vassouras in an air-conditioned luxury motor coach. The area is famous for its part in the nineteenth-century coffee boom. The visit includes the Coffee Museum and a coffee fazenda (large farm). Participants will enjoy an elegant lunch before returning to Rio de Janeiro between 5:00 and 6:00 PM. This tour requires a pre-purchased ticket.



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