

“Brazil is not for Beginners” quote by Tom Jobim

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Assigned Texts (excerpts):

The Last Forest: the Amazon in the Age of Globalization by Mark London and Brian Kelly. Random House (2007).

Pantanal: South America’s Wetland Jewel by Russell A Mittermeier et al., Firefly Press (2005).

Recommended Readings:

Entangled Edens: Visions of the Amazon by Candace Slater. University of California Press, 2002.

The Pantanal edited by Frederick A Swarts. Paragon House, 2000.

The Accidental President of Brazil: A Memoir by Fernando Henrique Cardoso with Brian Winter. Public Affairs, 2006.

The Amazon: Land Without History by Euclides da Cunha (translated from the Portuguese by Ronald Sousa, edited with Introduction and Notes by Lúcia Sá. Oxford University Press, 2006.

Dam the Rivers, Damn the People: Development and Resistance in Amazonian Brazil by Barbara J. Cummings. London: Earthscan Publications, 1990.

Lonely Planet Brazil 6th Edition, 2005.

The Rough Guide to Brazil 6th Edition, November 2006.

Travellers’ Wildlife Guides: Brazil Amazon and Pantanal by David L. Pearson and Les Beletsky. Interlink Books, 2005.

The Brazil Reader: History, Culture, Politics by Robert M. Levine and John J. Crocitti, editors. Duke University Press, 1999.

Films:

Rivers of Destiny (Amazon excerpt) episode one of Journey to Planet Earth (1999).

Bill Moyers Reports: Earth on Edge (2004).

Amazonas: No Ritmo Das Águas (2002).

Pantanal: Lifewaters (1999).

O Povo Brasileiro [excerpts] (2000).

Assigned Articles:

Brazil worth wooing by Gail Schoettler, **Denver Post**, 11/7/07.

Lawmakers gather in Brazil to discuss climate change by Lesley Wroughton, **Reuters**, February 19, 2008.

Studies Call Biofuels a Greenhouse Threat by Elisabeth Rosenthal, **New York Times**, February 8, 2008.

'Minister of Ideas' Tries to Put Brazil's Future in Focus by Alexei Barrionuevo, **New York Times**, February 2, 2008.

Both Sides Say Project is Pivotal Issue for Brazil by Larry Rohter, **New York Times**, June 11, 2007.

In the Amazon: Conservation or Colonialism by Larry Rohter, **New York Times**, July 27, 2007.

Brazil's Option for Science Education by Luiz Inácio Lula Da Silva, Fernando Haddad and Miguel A. L. Nicolelis. **Scientific American**, February 2008, p. 33.

Recommended Resources:

Amazon, Forest to Farms, Battle to Stop the Land Grab (Cover Story), **National Geographic**, January 2007.

The Smithsonian Atlas of the Amazon by Michael Goulding, Ronaldo Barthem, Efrem Jorge Gondim Ferreira. Smithsonian, 2003.

Amazon Basin Map by ITMB Publishing Ltd, Jan 1, 2000.

Brazil 1:4,000,000 Berndtson Map, 1st Edition, 2006. www.BERNDTSON.com

<http://www.BrazilMax.com>: A great website on all things Brazil by American journalist and São Paulo resident Bill Hinchberger. Winner of the "Best of the Web 2006" award from Transitions Abroad magazine and acclaimed in *The Guardian* of London, the *SonntagsZeitung* of Zurich and *O Dia* of Rio de Janeiro, BrazilMax features information on travel, culture, history and nature. Hinchberger also has an online radio program: <http://www.brazilmax.com/brazilmax.cfm/id/17>.

In the Way of Development: Indigenous Peoples, Life Projects and Globalization edited by Mario Blaser, Harvey Feit and Glenn McRae. Zed Books, 2004.

Sustainable Planet: Solutions for the Twenty First Century edited by Juliet B. Schor and Betsy Taylor. Beacon Press, 2002.

Implementing Sustainable Development: From Global Policy to Local Action by Philip J. Cooper and Claudia Maria Vargas. 2004.

Greening the Americas: NAFTA's Lessons for Hemispheric Trade edited by Carolyn L. Deere and Daniel C. Esty. 2002.

Global Governance: the battle over planetary power by Kristin Dawkins. 2003.

Global Environmental Governance by James Gustave Speth and Peter M. Haas. Island Press, 2006.

Global Environmental Politics, Fourth Edition by Pamela Chasek, David L. Downie, Janet Welsh Brown. Westview Press, 2006.

High Tech Trash: Digital Devices, Hidden Toxics, and Human Health by Elizabeth Grossman. Island Press, 2006.

Green Planet Blues: Environmental Politics from Stockholm to Johannesburg, Third Edition by Ken Conca and Geoffrey D. Dabelko, editors. Westview Press, 2004.

Plan B 3.0 Mobilizing to Save Civilization by Lester R. Brown. Norton, 2009.

Paradise for Sale: A Parable of Nature by Carl N. McDaniel and John M. Gowdy. University of California Press, 2000.

Assignments:

Session 1:

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Poetry Reading

News Discussion

Reading:

Global Environmental Politics: Chapter 3, The Development of Environmental Regimes: Eleven Case Studies; Chapter 4, Effective Environmental Regimes: Opportunities and Obstacles.

Chapters from **The Last Forest:** preface and pages 1–46.

Articles:

Brazil worth wooing by Gail Schoettler, **Denver Post**, 11/7/07.

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Film: [Earth on Edge excerpts, Ch 1 and 2 and 27–end \(Brazil\)](#)

[PL Brazil PowerPoint](#)

Misc. Handouts for next class

Session 2

Poetry Reading

News Discussion

Reading: [Handouts TBA](#)

Green Planet Blues: Chapters 6, 7, 8.

The Last Forest: Chapter 5, Natural Wonders of This World; Chapter 6, Voices of Experience; Chapter 7, There's Someone in our garden; Chapter 8, The Legacy of El Dorado.

Articles:

Lawmakers gather in Brazil to discuss climate change by Lesley Wroughton, **Reuters**, February 19, 2008.

Brazil's Option for Science Education by Luiz Inácio Lula Da Silva, Fernando Haddad and Miguel A. L. Nicolelis. **Scientific American**, February 2008, p. 33.

Film: [Amazonas: No Ritmo Das Aguas](#)

Misc. Handouts for next Class

Session 3

Poetry Reading

News Discussion

Reading:

The Last Forest: Chapters 8-14.

Film: [O Povo Brasileiro #4 Similarities and Differences](#)

Misc. Handouts for Next Class

Session 4

CASE Study BRAZIL and Group work

Poetry Reading

News Discussion

Reading:

Green Planet Blues: Part 7, Ecological Justice.

The Last Forest: Chapters 15–17 and epilogue.

Film: [Large Dams, False Promises](#)

Misc. Handouts for Next Class

Session 5

CASE Study BRAZIL: Pantanal

Poetry Reading

News Discussion

Reading:

Plan B 3.0: Preface, Acknowledgements, About the Author, and Part I (Chapters 1-6).

Pantanal: Mittermeier et al. entire; and Swartz: Chapter 1, The Pantanal in the 21st Century.

Film: [Pantanal Lifewaters](#)