“Brazil is not for Beginners” quote by Tom Jobim

A five-week Seminar Unit for ENVS 360 Global Environmental Policy **Spring 2008**

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One class weekly, 3 hours each.

**Assigned Texts (excerpts):**


**Recommended Readings:**


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


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


Amazonas: No Ritmo Das Águas (2002).


**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.

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

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

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

Assignments:

Session 1:
Class 6 March 3  CASE Study BRAZIL
 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.
 ‘Minister of Ideas’ Tries to Put Brazil’s Future in Focus by Alexei Barrionuevo, New York Times, February 2, 2008.
 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.
 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