



# SEPHIS

## XII FACTORY OF IDEAS - 2009

### ADVANCED COURSE IN ETHNIC AND RACIAL STUDIES

#### THEME: BODY, POWER AND IDENTITY

THE PROGRAM FACTORY OF IDEAS of the Federal University of Bahia announces, for the twelfth consecutive year, the Course Factory of Ideas, a Course that seeks to contribute to the training of researchers who are dedicated to studying 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.

**BODY, POWER and IDENTITY** is the theme of the XII edition of the Factory of Ideas. The choice of such theme aims at accounting for different perspectives and approaches on the body in connection with power and processes of affirmation of ethno-racial identities as well as racialization. We aim at attracting researchers who are interested in establishing a dialogue as well as sharing experience and research practice that articulate several aspects of ethno-racial issues and explore new identity configurations between different social groups, particularly subalternized groups. We are interested in analyzing the narratives about the body in several aspects: in medical and biomedical practices; in gender and sexuality studies; in the emergence of subalternized bodies in colonial and post-colonial contexts; in emancipatory political activist discourses; in mass media, advertizing and conspicuous consumption. Ultimately, we seek to think about the body as a language, a political artifact, an arena of negotiation and conflict.

The course Factory of Ideas will be held in Salvador da Bahia at the Centre of Afro-Oriental Studies (CEAO) of the Federal University of Bahia and at the Federal University of Reconavo (UFRB) in the colonial city of Cachoeira, also in the state of Bahia, from August 3<sup>rd</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of August of 2009, 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 stress 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 poorer Northeast, North, and Central Western regions of Brazil as well as Afro-Brazilians and índios (native 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. Up to five students from the South will receive a travel grant thanks to a generous contribution of the Sephis Program.

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.fabricaideideas.ufba.br](http://www.fabricaideideas.ufba.br) between February 10<sup>th</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup> of 2009. The forms may be filled up in Portuguese, Spanish or English.

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 30, 2009.