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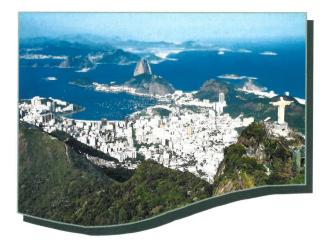
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At this 19th Annual Hispanic Forum, we invite our students, colleagues and general public to attend and participate in the different talks our guests are going to give on UVM's commitment to "green sustainable economy" and the importance of languages in today's world. Portuguese is spoken by more than 230 million people (190 million in Brazil alone) and is the third most spoken language in the western world after Spanish and English. Portuguese is also spoken in Europe, Africa, some areas of Indonesia, India, China, and in many Atlantic islands.

We believe that UVM, as one the "greenest" universities in the U.S., has many goals in common with Brazil, and joining both is certainly a great idea. Our students who want to pursue a career in environmental studies, ecology, sustainability science, wilderness education, etc., would love to learn more about the opportunities the "greenest country of the world", with a tremendous economical potential, can provide for their futures. Brazil is also the host and organizer of the next Soccer World cup, as well as the Olympic Games. UVM's commitment to providing students with a global awareness, UVM's dedication to sustainable development, and the appreciation of Brazil as one of the most powerful green economies in the world are some of the topics that are going to be addressed during this two day forum. The recognition of Portuguese as one of the strategic languages in today's world will also be another of the main topics.

Your presence and participation in our Forum will be greatly appreciated.



Thursday, October 11th

11:00

Welcome:

Juan Francisco Maura, Department of Romance Languages and Linguistics, UVM.

11:15

Opening remarks:

Antonio Cepeda-Benito, Dean of the UVM College of Arts and Sciences.

11:30 Session I

Introduction: Ignacio López-Vicuña, Department of Romance Languages and Linguistics, UVM.

Keynote speaker:

Prof. Maria Luci Moreira, College of Charleston and Middlebury Summer Language School:

"The Importance of Portuguese in the World as a

Strategic Language for Global Communication"

12:30 Lunch Recess

2:00 Session II

Introduction: John Waldron

Robert Bartlett, Department of Political Science, UVM:

"Speaking Green, Reading Green: Learning about Green in a Second (or Third) Language"

2:45

Joshua Farley, Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, UVM:

"Forests, Ecosystem Services and Small Family Farms: Overcoming Irreconcilable Conflicts in Brazil and Vermont"

4:00

Leaf Peeping (Mt. Philo or Shelburne Farms):

"Beautiful Vermont at its Best"

Friday, October 12th

10:30 Session III

Introduction: McKew Devitt, Department of Romance Languages and Linguistics, UVM.

Tina Escaja, Department of Romance Languages and Linguistics, UVM:

"Cartografía del progreso y sus falacias: Arte urbano en São Paulo como In/Acción Subversiva."

11:15

Ignacio López-Vicuña, Department of Romance Languages and Linguistics, UVM:

"Una mirada sobre la experiencia brasileño-japonesa: Los mundos narrativos de Karen Tei Yamashita"

12:00 Lunch Recess

1:30 Session IV

Introduction: Guillermo Rodriguez, Department of Romance Languages and Linguistics, UVM.

Juan Francisco Maura, Department of Romance Languages and Linguistics, UVM:

"Portuguese language in Canada and the U.S in the XVth and XVIth Century".

2:15

Patience L. Epps, University of Texas at Austin:

"Encontro das águas, encontro das línguas: Portuguese and indigenous languages in the Brazilian Amazon"

3:00-4:00

Movie: "A Convenient Truth: Urban Solutions from Curitiba, Brazil"

Director: Giovanni Vaz Del Bello.

4:15-5:30

Round Table:

"Vermont and Brazil: a sisterhood of sustainable future"

Moderator: Debora Teixeira, Department of Romance Languages and Linguistics, UVM