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The Center for Latin American & Latino Studies collaborates with schools and colleges across American University to catalyze and disseminate top-notch intellectual work on Brazilian politics, economics, foreign relations, society, and culture. CLALS regularly sponsors research, events, and publications on topics such as Brazil's engagement in the international arena; political economy and business; politics and anti-corruption efforts; migration policy; violence and human rights; and organized crime.

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In addition to the scholarship of AU faculty members who conduct research on Brazil, the Brazil Research Initiative draws on the expertise of a substantial pool of Brazilian researchers who have spent periods in residence as Research Fellows at the Center. Since 2012, CLALS has hosted more than two dozen doctoral and post-doctoral fellows from Brazil. The AU Brazil Research Initiative provides an umbrella framework to catalyze continued intellectual engagement and institutional collaboration with these researchers and

their home institutions, as well as wide-ranging Center research and scholarship with a focus on Brazil. Across multiple projects, these include such topics as Brazil's changing role in the region and in global affairs, its evolving partnership with China, impacts of participatory budgeting and policymaking, the growing influence of evangelicalism, challenges posed by new transnational criminal organizations, gender and the rights of women, threats to the environment and resulting population displacement, among others.

Outcomes of this initiative include the [Brazil Research Initiative Blog](#) and a portfolio of seminars, workshops, trainings, events, and publications. This initiative is directed by Professor Matthew Taylor of the School of International Service.