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Dr Marcelo Neri IBRE/FGV Rio de Janeiro

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Dear Marcelo.

On behalf of the University of Oxford Centre for Brazilian Studies I write to invite you to take part in a two-day conference on **Strategies for social inclusion: Brazil in comparative perspective** to be held at St Antony's College, Oxford on 21-22 or 22-23 June 2004 (dates to be confirmed). The conference is coordinated by Dr Louise Haagh, Department of Politics, University of York and Centre for Brazilian Studies together with Dr Fiona Macaulay, Institute of Latin American Studies, University of London and Centre for Brazilian Studies.

The Conference aims to establish a working group of scholars from Brazil, the UK and the EU working on Brazilian social policy, with the intention of publishing an edited volume on Brazilian strategies towards social inclusion in a global context.

First drafts of papers to be included in the edited volume will be presented at the June conference. There will be a follow-up meeting before the publication of the volume in either December 2004 or March 2005.

It is proposed that the working group will initially focus on four central themes:

- ? Identity and Entitlements of the Poor. Discussing methods.
- ? Income Security. Evidence of its effects on freedoms and economic behaviour.
- ? The Poor and Work. Active Labour Market Policies in Brazil.
- ? Coordinating Social Policy in Brazil.

See attached statement by Louise Haagh for further details.

92, Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 7ND Tel: 44 (0) 1865 284 460 Fax 44 (0) 1865 284 461 Email: enquiries@brazil.ox.ac.uk Web site: www.brazil.ox.ac.uk We encourage members of the working group and participants in the conference to explore the comparative and international dimension to policies and debates about them under each of these headings.

I hope you are able to contribute a paper on one of the proposed four central themes, and invite you to suggest an initial title.

The Centre can offer an economy class airfare, local travel expenses, meals during the conference and accommodation in Oxford.

I very much hope that you will be able to come. And I look forward to your reply to this invitation.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

Professor Leslie Bethell Director

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