Rio Social Changes 2009-2016: Is There a Pre-Olympic Legacy?

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The Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies invites you to its next Brazil Brown Bag Seminar Series event titled 'Rio Social Changes 2009-2016: Is There a Pre-Olympic Legacy?' with Marcelo Neri, FGV Social and EPGE/FGV.

The term "Olympic legacy" refers generally to the projection of the gains to be seized by the city after the realization of the event. But can we already assess significant inflections in the historical series of the municipality of Rio de Janeiro in the period between the announcement and the realization of the event? After Rio2016 announcement, is there a change in the quality of life in Rio municipality? How the local population has been affected during the period of preparation for the Olympics? How has changed the home, school, work, transport, etc?

The main goal is to assess the change in the quality of life of the population in Rio after the olympic venue announcement. We analyzed several areas such as education, labor, housing, public services, transportation, digital inclusion and social development. The unprecedented opening of Rio's household surveys microdata allows a scientifically investigation of the existence or not of a pre-Olympic social legacy. This seminar discuss the initial evidence of this research.

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