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SCHOLARLY "ANCESTRALIDADE" (ANCESTRY): POSSIBILITIES AND CHALLENGES OF A RISING CONCEPT

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In the past 20 years, Brazil has witnessed an increasing centrality of race and racism as public concerns in media, public policies, and academia. This shift is primarily driven by a profound change in the role of social movements and community strengthening, which seek representation and reparation. This trend has incorporated the use of the term "ancestralidade" to unveil a previously obscured historical background, contributing to the definition of blackness and the understanding of what it means to be black in Brazil. The presentation will specifically address the popularization of the concept "ancestralidade" within Brazilian academic discourse. I aim to explore how, on the one hand, the academic adoption of the term contributes to efforts of anti-racist knowledge production, and on the other hand, how it may succumb to a yearning for a pure Black and Indigenous mythical past, potentially leading to the essentialization of identities, and jeopardizing effective political action.



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1:00 pm - 2:30 pm with
coffee & snacks at 12:30 pm



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