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5th African Forced Labor Conference - Brazil, 120 years of Abolition

Salvador - BA - Brazil, from November 3rd to 5th, 2008

The year of 2008 is when Brazil reminds of the 120 years of slavery abolition. The experiences and trajectory of the slaved Africans constituted the Brazilian history and are truly important features in both social and cultural lives of the people in Bahia, specially. In Bahia, the way through which the social bonds, religious practices, labor organization and leisure habits are established reveal the strength of the African originated cultures. Despite the abolition, the forced labor work survived the law of 1888. In Brazil, according to the National League of Agriculture Workers (CONTAG), nearly 40 thousand people are still submitted to labor activities without any salary or working rights. This persistence, together with racism, reflect the limits of absolute citizenship in contemporary world.

In order to consolidate discussions and investigations on the history of slavery, the State Culture Bureau (Secult), through Pedro Calmon Foundation, in partnership with the State Equality Promotion Bureau (Sepromi), the African Studies Centre of Porto University (CEAUP), the History Post-Graduation Nucleus of both Federal University of Bahia (Ufba) and Feira de Santana State University (Uefs) and Extension Program of the State University of Bahia (Uneb), promote the 5th African Forced Labor Conference, in its first edition in Brazil. The Conference will be held from 3rd to 5th of November, 2008, in Salvador - Bahia.

Between 2004 and 2007, the African Forced Labor Conference was annually realized by the CEAUP, with the objective of promoting a discussion network about the modalities and historic conditions of this kind of work in colony societies, as well as its consequences and continuity among modern ones. In 2008, the 5th African Forced Labor Conference will be held in Bahia, inserted among the actions of the Pedro Calmon Foundation (Secult) concerning the spread of knowledge about the culture, the history and memory of the state of Bahia, as well as the 120th Slavery Abolition Anniversary and its consequences on its people.

Aiming that goal, we are honored to invite researches, professors and students, as well as any interested, to participate (as presenters or observers) of the 5th African Forced Labor Conference - Brazil, 120 years of Abolition, that is going to take place at the Medicine School of the Federal University of Bahia (Ufba), at the Historic Center of Salvador (Pelourinho).

Informations and rules to participate:

- a.. Date: November 3rd to 5th, 2008
- b.. Place: Medicine School of the Federal University of Bahia (Ufba), at the Historic Center of Salvador, Terreiro de Jesus. Pelourinho, Box 40.026-010, Salvador - BA - Brazil.
- c.. Participation with communication presentation: Fill in the inscription form available at <http://www.fpc.ba.gov.br/coloquio.asp> and send it to [t...@fpc.ba.gov.br](mailto:t...@fpc.ba.gov.br). The evaluation and acceptance of proposals will be taken by the Cientific Commission considering its pertinence to the Conference themes. The approved ones will be gathered in round tables, concerning its theme. The presenter will have to confirm the inscription tax payment by the email [t...@fpa.ba.gov.br](mailto:t...@fpa.ba.gov.br)
- d. Due time to inscriptions: Until August 20th 2008. The acceptance communication will be sent 20 days after this date