



# HARVARD UNIVERSITY

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## Student Ambassadors 2015-2016



### **Ana Paula Hirano**

PhD in Romance Languages and Literatures Candidate  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS), Harvard University (FAS)

Ana Paula is a doctoral student in Harvard's Department of Romance Languages and Literatures with a Secondary Field in Visual and Environmental Studies. As a doctoral student her studies have focused on literature and film theory and the intersection between history and fiction. Her research project sheds light on the fine line that separates "Official History" from other histories, stories, and narratives produced in Brazil during and after the military dictatorship. Before coming to Harvard, she earned her undergraduate degree from the University of São Paulo in Economics, with additional coursework in visual anthropology, sociology, and cinema. She also received a Japanese Government Scholarship and studied at Sophia University in Tokyo for one year, during which she co-produced and co-directed the documentary film From Brazil to Japan.



### **Andrea Romualdo Lavourinha**

Law Student; Exchange Student FGV-Rio; HLS

LLM at HLS - 2015

Graduated in Law at Fundação Getulio Vargas Law School

- FGV Direito Rio - 2013, Rio de Janeiro

Primary and secondary school at Escola Alemã Corcovado

- German School Corcovado, Rio de Janeiro

Lawyer at Portugal Ribeiro Advogados (2013-2014)

- structuring infrastructure projects

Foreign Associate at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP (2015-2016)



**Carlos David Carneiro Bichara**  
Visiting Researcher Harvard Law School

My name is David Carneiro, I'm 26 and I a PHD candidate in University of State of Rio de Janeiro, in a philosophy of law program. My aim is to develop a criticism on the role of law in contemporary Brazil, focusing on the consequences of inequality to the effectiveness of the rule of law. My claim is that contemporary Brazilian democracy is hurt by three main processes that disturb the development of the rule of law: a systematic violation of rights of the poor, a systematic disqualification of a part of Brazilian people as second-class citizens and, finally, a persistent institutional weakness. Of course it is not a stationary framework. A lot of reforms were done and many social movements and organizations of civil society are forging and organizing new narratives about Brazilian citizenship. However, the maintenance of deep inequalities and its consequences to the role of law must still be problematized.



**Claudia Sardenberg Sussekind**  
MBA Candidate (2015) - Master in Public Policy Candidate (2015)  
Harvard Business School (HBS) - Harvard Kenedy School (HKS)

Claudia Sardenberg Sussekind, who earned her Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), is a Master's student in the Joint Degree Program (Master in Business Administration & Master in Public Policy) at Harvard University. A native of Rio de Janeiro, Claudia has been an economist at the Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES) since 2008, where she worked on the funding for electrical energy projects in the bank's Infrastructure Division. Additionally, Claudia coordinates the Projeto Dom Hélder, which offers tutoring to children at the Cruzada São Sebastião, a public housing complex in Rio de Janeiro. The project was founded with the support of PUC-Rio in 2006 by Claudia and two of her friends. Claudia believes that Rio de Janeiro and Brazil are in a pivotal moment of change and hopes to ensure that the advances are lasting, sustainable and beneficial for the whole population.



**Deborah Barbosa Alves**  
Class of 2015  
Harvard College (FAS)

Deborah Alves is a sophomore at Harvard College studying Computer Science and Mathematics. She lived in São Paulo all her life, until she came to Harvard. As a proud Brazilian, she is currently the co-president of the Harvard Undergraduate Brazilian Association and works as an intern at the Brazil Studies Program at DRCLAS. She also loves music (including, of course, Brazilian music) and sings with the Harvard Noteables. She also likes to pursue other interests through dance, visual arts and American Sign Language classes.



### **Felipe de Melo Fonte**

LLM Candidate - Class of 2015  
Harvard Law School

Felipe de Melo Fonte is Assistant Professor of Law at FGV Direito Rio Law School, where he teaches legislative process. He clerked for Justice Marco Aurélio Mello on the Brazilian Supreme Court. He received his LL.B. and LL.M. from Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro in 2006 and 2009, and his LL.M. from Harvard Law School in 2015. He's also an S.J.D. candidate at Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro and a Public Attorney in the Rio de Janeiro State Attorney's office.



### **Flavia Nasser Goulart**

Master of Public Policy Candidate (2015); MBA Candidate (2015);  
2014-15 Lemann Fellow  
Harvard Kennedy School (HKS); Harvard Business School (HBS)

For nearly a decade before pursuing dual degrees at Harvard's Kennedy School and Harvard Business School, Flavia worked in the non-profit sector and in public organizations in Brazil. During this period, she led initiatives to improve governance and management in several State and local government offices, such as meritocracy programs, design of public policies and bureaucracy reduction. In 2009, she worked for the city of São José dos Campos (in the State of São Paulo) as one of the members studying and proposing a new urban plan for the city. In 2012 (from February to July), she worked with a small group towards the foundation of a new political party in Brazil, called "Partido NOVO". After concluding her Joint Degree Program at Harvard, her goal is to return to Brazil and continue working for the development of public leadership and better public management practices in the country.



### **Gabriel Lima Guimarães**

Undergraduate Student Harvard College (FAS)

Gabriel is a Computer Scientist and passionate Problem Solver. He first took College classes when he was 14 and, soon after that, started teaching Physics and Calculus to Engineering undergraduates. When he was 16, Gabriel embarked on a trip to Germany to pursue new interests and learn a new language. There, he took Harvard's CS50 course over the internet and fell in love with Computer Science. Fascinated by what he learned, Gabriel translated CS50 into Portuguese and taught it in Brazil to over 200 students, recording the lectures and making them available online, free of charge. On the side, Gabriel plays the guitar and the piano, both for over five years, and was a member of the Boy Scouts for seven years. In addition, he founded the robotics team Emerotecos, which won a gold medal at the RoboCup World Championship 2012 in Mexico.



### **Guilherme Finkelfarb Lichand**

2013-14 Lemann Fellow & PhD in Political Economy & Government  
Candidate  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS), Harvard University (FAS)

Listed as one of the top-10 Brazilian Innovators under 35 and named Social Innovator of 2014 by MIT Technology Review, Guilherme Lichand is an economist and PhD candidate in Political Economy and Government at Harvard. His research on Political Economy focuses on corruption, public management, and representation, and his work on Development Economics ranges from the determinants of entrepreneurship to the design of financial solutions for the poor. Guilherme is also a founding partner at MGov, a platform for designing and evaluating mobile solutions for public policy and social impact.



### **Guilherme Trivellato Andrade**

Doctoral Candidate; 2014-15 Lemann Fellow  
Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH)

Master of Public Health and Master of Business Administration Candidate at Johns Hopkins University. Diverse professional experiences in the healthcare industry, including care delivery and academic settings, competitive business environments and non-profit sector. Successful track record as an entrepreneur in health promotion.



### **João Henrique de Aquino Vogel**

Class of 2016  
Harvard College (FAS)

João Henrique Vogel was born and raised in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and is a degree candidate in Sociology, Economics, and French in Harvard College, Class of 2016. For two consecutive years, he was elected Co- President of the Harvard Undergraduate Brazilian Association (HUBA). He co-founded the Brazilian Undergraduate Student Conference (BrazUSC), the first and largest conference of Brazilian undergraduate students in the United States, leading its organization in 2014 and 2015. Currently, he is the Vice-President of Products and Services and a founding member of the Brazilian Student Association (BRASA), the largest Brazilian Student Association abroad in the world. At BRASA, he believes to be empowering the next generation of Brazilian leaders by developing platforms that engage Brazilians that want to study, currently study, or have studied abroad. His big dream is to impact the Brazilian public sector's management. He is a grantee of Fundação Estudar (2012), of the Jorge Paulo Lemann Scholarship Fund at Harvard College (2012-2016) and a fellow of Rede de Ação Política pela Sustentabilidade (RAPS, 2014).



## **Larissa Maranhão Rocha**

Undergraduate Student Harvard College (FAS)

Larissa was born and raised in Maceio, AL – Brazil. In 2011, she obtained the maximum score on the ENEM (the Brazilian equivalent of the SAT) and decided to create the Projeto RED, an initiative focused on preparing students for the writing portion of this High School National Exam. In 2012, her project led her to win the Prêmio Jovens Inspiradores, a competition sponsored by Fundação Estudar and the Veja Magazine. She is currently an undergraduate at Harvard University where she is pursuing a degree in Economics. Larissa is also an active member of the Harvard University Brazilian Association, (having served as president during this past academic year) the Harvard University Speech and Debate Team, the Harvard Cheerleading Team, and the Harvard College Consulting Group.



## **Larissa Cavalcante Queiroz de Lima**

Dual-degree Candidate (2016); Lemann Fellow (2013-14)

Harvard Business School (HBS); Harvard Kennedy School (HKS)

Larissa Cavalcante Queiroz de Lima is pursuing a combined Master in Public Policy/Master of Business Administration (MPP/MBA) degree at the Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Business School. Originally from Fortaleza, Ceará, Larissa graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Harvard College in 2009, where she was a Lemann Harvard College Scholarship recipient (2008-2009). Afterwards, she worked as a management consultant for Oliver Wyman Consulting in Boston, MA, working across different industries in the US and Brazil. She took a sabbatical to serve as a volunteer consultant for TechnoServe in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Throughout her time abroad, she maintained her connection to Fortaleza through her work for Primeira Chance, a nonprofit that provides scholarships and mentorship to low-income students.



## **Lucas Daniel Freitas**

Class of 2015

Harvard College - FAS

Lucas graduated from Harvard College in May 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Science. Coming from Brasília, he is an avid science enthusiast and loves studying, researching and talking about everything from software development and quantum mechanics to existentialism and art history. He is also very interested in organizing Model United Nations conferences, both in the U.S. and abroad, and on transforming his ideas in concrete projects, which he did at Harvard with the support of the Harvard Innovation Lab. During his time at Harvard, Lucas studied a range of fields, such as artificial intelligence, computational linguistics, languagetheory,

theoretical physics, Mandarin, cosmology, and philosophy. He participated in many clubs, but his heart was particularly fond of WorldMUN, a conference hosted by Harvard students in a different country every year. Lucas is particularly passionate about the intersections among various fields of study and the ultimate realization that all areas of knowledge tend to be different perspectives of a similar problem: the incessant search for knowledge that is intrinsic to the human condition.



### **Luiz Filipe Barbosa Baia**

MBA Candidate - Class of 2016  
Harvard Business School

My name is Luiz Baia, I'm 30 years old and I'm currently studying at HBS. I did my undergrad in Computer Science at UFRJ and Business Administration at UERJ. I started my career in consulting, working at Booz & Company, and then I changed my career to focus on market intelligence, working in this area at Monsanto and Vale. I am currently doing my summer internship at Tarpon in a project at Morena Rosa.



### **Maria Antonia Girardello Gatti**

PhD in Romance Languages and Literatures  
Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

I was born in Florianopolis, Brazil, where I did my Bachelor and Masters in History. As a child I lived in New York, where my parents went to graduate school. I have worked with translation and film production, and as a History teacher in a Brazilian public school and in a U.S. exchange program. I do research in Brazilian culture and international relations, and make attempts at writing fiction.



### **Marina Lemos Pires**

LLM Candidate - Class of 2015  
Harvard Law School

I am a corporate lawyer from Recife, (graduated from UFPE) and just graduated from Harvard Law School (LL.M. - Masters of Laws). I will be moving to London soon to work as an associate lawyer at Cravath, Swaine & Moore, LLP. I have a passion for ballet dancing, watching movies and being very busy. I'm one of the founding members of BRASA - Brazilian Student Association, and I am currently its Chief Legal Officer. BRASA aims at connecting Brazil to the world and at empowering youth to transform our country, and that is also one of my most special goals.



### **Natalie Unterstell**

Masters Candidate; 2015-16 Lemann Fellow;  
Mason Fellow Harvard Kennedy School

BA in Business Administration by Fundacao Getulio Vargas. Specialized in Economics of Natural Resources in Norway and in Environmental Economics in Costa Rica. Worked on development issues in the Amazon region for 7 years, for Instituto Socioambiental and Rainforest Foundation Norway. Then led the Amazonas' State pioneer agency on climate change at 26 years old. Joined the Brazilian negotiator team at United Nations Climate Change Convention in 2011. Worked for the Ministry of Environment and Strategic Affairs Secretariat. Leader of the Brazil 2040 study on adapting infrastructure to climate change impacts.



### **Renan Ferreirinha Carneiro**

Undergraduate Student Harvard College (FAS)

I was born in São Gonçalo, a city close to Rio de Janeiro, and studied for seven years at the Military School of Rio de Janeiro (CMRJ). There I was a member of the Cavalry, doing horseback riding frequently; vice-president of the Student's Union; director of the Union of Catholic Students; Valedictorian; Olympiad medalist, getting a Scholarship in a Junior Scientific Initiation Program; and Colonel Student, the top-ranked student in the senior year class. Outside of school, my cousin and I created SOMAR-English, an English course for kids and adults in an underprivileged community in Rio de Janeiro. On the junior year of high school, I decided to do the application process and after two years of hard working I was accepted in eight American universities, being seven Ivy League schools. Moreover, I have a column called "I wanna be a freshaman" on the website "Estudar Fora" (<http://www.estudarfora.org.br/>) and co-founded and command the social business "O Formigueiro" ([www.oformigueiro.org](http://www.oformigueiro.org)), the first crowdfunding platform in Brazil exclusively devoted to education projects. At college, I intend to study Economics and Political Science and then come back to Brazil to work with education and public policies.



### **Suzane Simões de Sá**

PhD in Environmental Sciences and Engineering Candidate School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS); Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS)

Suzane Simões de Sá is a Ph.D. candidate in Environmental Science and Engineering at the Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Suzane was born in Rio de Janeiro, but lived since the age of 7 in Belo Horizonte, where she graduated as a chemical engineer from the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG) in 2012. She also holds a technical degree in chemistry through Colégio Técnico da UFMG. During

her undergraduate years, Suzane worked both in industry and academic research, in fields ranging from wastewater treatment and water reuse to production of refractory materials for steel industry to environmental technical consulting. She also studied a semester abroad at the University of Leeds, UK. Driven by the ideology of employing science and technology to better understand and improve the environment we live in, Suzane is now conducting research at Harvard on topics of atmospheric chemistry. Her research focuses on airborne particles, which are important players in global climate. She has done field work in the Amazon rainforest, and seeks to understand the composition and production of these airborne particles over the Amazon as they are affected by emissions from human activities in the basin. Suzane is a 2015-2016 Schlumberger Faculty for the Future Fellow.



### **Tábata Amaral de Pontes**

Class of 2016  
Harvard College (FAS)

Tabata Amaral de Pontes is from Sao Paulo, Brazil, and a student at the College, in the class of 2016. Her interests are Astrophysics, Education and Political Science. She is a member of the Harvard Bhangra Team (passionate about dance), of KSNAP (Kids with Special Needs Achievement Program, a program with PBHA), and the HUBA Publicity Coordinator. After graduating from Harvard, she dreams about going back to Brazil to work with public education, either as a researcher or as a policymaker. In line with this, she is one of the developers and coordinators of VOA, a project in which that prepares Brazilian students from public schools to scientific Olympiads. Right now, she is working together with HPSD (Harvard Project for Sustainable Development), in order to improve and expand VOA's impact.



### **Vanessa Moon**

Accepted into GSD to start in 2013-2014  
Harvard Graduate School of Design (GSD)

Vanessa Moon received a Master in Urban Planning degree from Harvard Graduate School of Design in 2015 and holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Cornell University. Prior to the GSD she practiced architecture in the United States and Brazil on a variety of international projects. Originally from Sao Paulo where her fascination with cities began, she is interested in exploring ways of enhancing the urban environment through a multi-disciplinary approach.



### **Marysol Rivas Brito**

Masters Candidate  
Harvard Graduate School of Design (GSD)

Marysol Rivas Brito is pursuing a Master in Architecture at Harvard's Graduate School of Design (2015 – 2017). She earned her Bachelor of Architecture and Urbanism (2006 – 2012) from the Universidade de São Paulo (USP). Marysol received a Scientific Initiation Scholarship for work at the Technology Laboratory of the USP (TECNOLAB). In 2012, she was a Teaching Assistant to USP Professors Alexandre Delijaicov, Álvaro Puntoni, Angelo Bucci, Antonio Carlos Barossi, and Milton Braga in a project focused on Urban Social Housing at the “Canal city.”