



## Brazilian Student Ambassadors

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### **Allan Jales Michel Coutinho**

Ed. M. Candidate; 2016-17 Lemann Fellow  
Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE)

#### **Biography**

Ed. M Candidate at the Graduate School of Education, Allan is a Youth Ambassador of Brazil through the U.S. Department of State and alumnus of Rio Leadership Institute Programs. He earned his bachelor degree in "International Development in Education and Governance" with honors from Green Mountain College. Allan also attended the Imperial Japanese University of Nagoya after being nominated a Jasso Scholar through the Japanese Ministry of Education. He worked for several nonprofits and developed programs for at-risk youth and children with cancer in Brazil. Most recently, he was nominated a Lemann Fellow through Harvard and Person of the Year Fellow through the Brazilian-American Chamber of Commerce. Allan enjoys reading, running and teaching during his spare time. His ultimate goal is to contribute to the development of his country. He aspires to work as either a policymaker or researcher and contribute to the full realization of democratic principles of equality and justice in Brazil.



### **Ana Paula Hirano**

PhD Candidate in Romance Languages and Literatures (2017)  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS), Harvard University (FAS)

#### **Biography**

Ana Paula Kojima Hirano is a doctoral student in Harvard's Department of Romance Languages and Literatures with a Secondary Field in Visual and Environmental Studies. As a PhD student her studies have focused on Latin American literature and film theory and the intersection between history and fiction. She is currently working on her dissertation on Brazilian poet Ferreira Gullar and Brazilian filmmaker Eduardo Coutinho. Before coming to Harvard, she earned her undergraduate degree from the University of São Paulo in Economics, where she researched global labor market transformations and also studied visual anthropology and cinema. She received a Japanese Government Scholarship and studied at Sophia University in Tokyo in 2007, during which she continued filming and co-directing the documentary film *One Day We Arrived in Japan*, which is now in the post-production process.



**André Gomma de Azevedo**  
Visiting Researcher 2016-2017  
Harvard Law School (HLS)

### **Biography**

André Gomma de Azevedo is visiting researcher at Harvard Law School (2016-2017), a LL.D. candidate at the University of Brasilia and a judge before the state court of Bahia. Since 2006, he has served as a member of the Steering Committee of the Conciliation and Mediation Program of the National Council of Justice (CNJ) in Brasilia, Brazil. For the past eight years, he has served as a lecturer and an instructor before the National School for Training of Federal and State Judges (ENFAM) where he coordinated the Mediation Referral Training for state and federal judges and he aided the Directors of the National School of Magistrates of the Brazilian Association of Judges (ENM/AMB) on public policies in Mediation. André believes the judiciary should be mainly a center for consensual approaches to solving disputes and only exceptionally a venue for imposed sentences or decisions. By promoting collaborative approaches to conflicts, the judiciary may exert better its function of being one of the main centers for peacemaking in society.



**Andrea Margit**  
Masters Candidate (2017); Environment Unit Head  
Harvard GSD; Fundação Roberto Marinho

### **Biography**

Andrea Margit is interested in imagining and planning the cities of tomorrow in a participatory and sustainable fashion. She has fifteen years of professional experience dedicated to rewire people's intellect to their environments through cultural, educational and citizenship initiatives. Prior to joining the Graduate School of Design (GSD), she was leading forest management education programs and working in the development of the Museum of Tomorrow, a centerpiece of the Rio de Janeiro's port district. She also worked with Conservation International in knowledge management and protected areas implementation in the Tropics. In the Master in Design Studies at GSD, she researches development-induced displacement and resettlement, particularly in Brazilian Amazon.



**Beatriz Marinho**  
Class of 2020  
Harvard College (FAS)

### **Biography**

Beatriz was born and raised in Rio de Janeiro (RJ), Brazil. She studied and graduated from The British School of Rio de Janeiro in 2015. During her high school years, she took part in activities such as being leader of the Student Government, captain and player in both the volleyball and soccer teams, and an enthusiastic participant in the school MUNs and Green Council. In 2014, Beatriz and her twin sister (Luiza), after having taught English in a favela in Rio de Janeiro, decided to create a program to teach English to children from different communities in Brazil via Skype. Their aim was to impact as many communities as they could. X-Change Brazil (their project) was developed throughout the year and taught children from four different communities (three in Rio de Janeiro and one in Mato Grosso do Sul). She is currently an undergraduate at Harvard University and wishes to pursue a degree in Economics.



**Diogo Mac Cord de Faria**  
MC/MPA Candidate; Lemann Fellow 2016-2017  
Harvard Kennedy School (HKS)

### **Biography**

Diogo is a mechanical engineer that holds master and doctoral degrees in science (power systems). He's currently enrolled in the Master of Public Administration program (MC/MPA), at HKS (Harvard University - John F. Kennedy School of Government). He's the chair of the Infrastructure & PPP Committee within the Business and Government Professional Interest Council, a student organization attached with the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government at HKS. Before joining the program Diogo was a partner in a consulting company in Brazil that served both government and private sector by structuring new PPPs and/or developing existing ones. He was also a professor at Fundação Getúlio Vargas - FGV and the coordinator of the Power Sector MBA in different locations, including São Paulo, Curitiba and Belo Horizonte.



**Erik Navarro Wolkart**  
Visiting Scholar  
Harvard Law School (HLS)

### **Biography**

Erik Navarro Wolkart, Federal Judge PhD. Candidate in civil procedure law in Brazil (UERJ) and Visiting Scholar at Harvard Law School.



**Fernando Augusto Bizzarro**  
Graduate Student  
Government, GSAS

### **Biography**

I am a PhD Student in the Department of Government at Harvard University. For three years, I have been a Research Assistant for the Varieties of Democracy project. My research concentrates on the nature, the causes, and the consequences of political institutions, particularly on political parties, regimes, and their impacts on human and economic development. Most of my current research engages with advanced quantitative methods for political analysis, but I have employed qualitative methods and conducted survey research in my previous works. I am originally from Brazil and was first trained in the Department of Political Science of the State University of Campinas, in Campinas, Sao Paulo.



**Gabriela Ceribelli Talarico**  
Masters Candidate; 2016-2017 Lemann Fellow  
Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE)

### **Biography**

Gabriela Ceribelli Talarico has a Bachelor's Degree in Social Communication with concentration in Advertising at University of Sao Paulo. There, she engaged in undergraduate research, was an intern at Signos do Consumo academic journal and took part in a student representation group. Gabriela worked as a market researcher for four years at TNS Research International and Talk Inc Research, with a special love for qualitative methods. She started learning about creativity, self-regulation and education in her honors thesis and is taking these subjects to the Human Development and Psychology Masters Program at the Graduate School of Education in Harvard, where she enters as a Lemann Fellow.



**Isabela Rossi Cortes Ferrari**  
Visiting Scholar  
Harvard Law School

### **Biography**

Federal Judge since 2012, working in a multiple jurisdictions Court. Master of Law's candidate at UERJ. Professor of Administrative Law at Ênfase Instituto Juridico Member of the of Administrative and Environmental Law Committee of The 2nd Federal Regional Court (TRF2).



**Leticia Queiroz**  
Masters Candidate; 2016-17 Lemann Fellow  
Harvard Graduate School of Education

### **Biography**

Leticia is a Master Candidate at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Prior to that she worked for 8 years at Endeavor Brazil, an international non profit that supports entrepreneurs in emerging countries with the objective of transforming economies through entrepreneurship. Before Endeavor, Leticia was a financial analyst in an investment boutique called Capitania. She received her B.A. in Business Administration at Fundação Getulio Vargas in Sao Paulo.



**Mariana Pereira Guimarães**  
Master's Candidate of Urban Planning  
Harvard Graduate School of Design - GSD

### **Biography (English)**

Mariana is currently a Master Candidate in Urban Planning at the Harvard Graduate School of Design (MUP'18). During the academic year of 2015-2016 she was Fox-Zucker International Fellow at Yale University from the Engineering School of the University of São Paulo, from where she holds a MSc in Water Resources Management. Her first Master's thesis focused in water quality and urban renewal in informal settlements located in Environmentally Protected Areas. Mariana has a Bachelor degree in Architecture and Urbanism and a second Bachelor degree in Civil Engineering from the University of São Paulo, through a dual-degree program. In São Paulo, she has worked as a research assistant at the USP's Human Settlements and Housing Laboratory at the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism. During her undergrad studies, she worked as an intern at the Decision Support Systems Laboratory at Poli-USP with

hydrology and hydrodynamics modelling for flood control. In 2013 she received an Innovation Grant from USP and worked as an intern at the Harvard GSD on the “A Sustainable Future for the Exumas” project. Later that year, she also received funding from the Canadian agency "Mitacs Globalink" to develop a project on food security and urban agriculture at Ryerson University. Mariana plans to pursue a PhD in the field of Water Resources Management in the Global South and to become a specialist in this field. Her research interests varies from sanitation to urban planning, green infrastructure, global health, GIS and hydrodynamics computational modelling.



**Nikolas Iubel**  
MBA Candidate (2018)  
Harvard Business School (HBS)

### **Biography**

Nikolas Iubel is an MBA candidate at Harvard Business School. Born and raised in Curitiba, Brazil, Nikolas graduated Phi Beta Kappa and with distinction from Stanford University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in mathematical and computational science. Nikolas also holds a dual master's degree in computer science and journalism from Columbia University. At HBS, Nikolas is specializing in business strategy for the news industry, particularly in the intersection between "newsconomics" and computational journalism. Prior to joining Harvard's MBA program, Nikolas has worked at McKinsey & Co and the Rio 2016 organizing committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and interned at The New York Times and Globo TV.



**Paulo Ricardo De Souza Costa**  
PhD Candidate in Economics (2020)  
Graduate School of Arts & Sciences (GSAS)

### **Biography**

Paulo Costa is a PhD candidate in economics at Harvard. His research focus is on applying behavioral economic theories to mainstream economics. He currently studies individual's inattention to price changes as well as the effect of retirement on physical and mental health. Originally from Rio de Janeiro, Paulo graduated from Yale University with a B.A. in Economics. In his undergraduate thesis, he studied the relationship between financial literacy and math by designing and fielding a national survey and a randomized controlled trial in schools in Rio. Consumer finance is still a passion of his and he hopes to keep contributing to this field during his graduate studies.



**Pedro Farias**  
Class of 2020  
Harvard College (FAS)

### **Biography**

Pedro Farias was born and spent most of his life living in Brasilia. At the age of six, his family moved to Boston, where they resided for a year and a half. Upon returning to Brasilia, Pedro enrolled in the American School of Brasilia and studied there until his graduation this May. Pedro is awed and inspired by the potential technology yields to bridge global gaps and mitigate pressing issues, and hence he is interested in pursuing a concentration in Computer Science. His academic passions span beyond math and the sciences, as he is also an avid observer of international relations, politics, and financial markets. For this reason, he dedicated his high school years to student government, in which he was class president for two years and high school president for one year. Additionally, he presided the Candangos Chapter of the National Honor Society and led his school's Model United Nations club. He founded the Brasilia MUN conference and was Secretary General of the Brazil MUN conference, which brought together over 500 participants from Latin America. Outside of academics, Pedro enjoys riding his bicycle, playing the piano, and meeting new people.



**Taciana Pereira**  
Class of 2017  
Harvard College (FAS)

### **Biography**

Taciana is currently pursuing a B.S. in Bioengineering at Harvard and doing research in immunotherapy. She is extremely passionate about Brazil and wants to expand their research program so that they enter the global science and technology scene. She loves sports, having played soccer, basketball, triathlon and volleyball competitively, as well as rugby in the Brazilian National Team. Taciana is from Curitiba, Brazil, and loves spending time with her family and dogs, playing the guitar and singing. She is a board director of the Harvard Undergraduate Brazilian Association and President of the Harvard-MIT Brazil Conference.



**Walquiria Lajoia Garcia**  
Class of 2020  
Harvard College (FAS)

### **Biography**

My name is Walquíria (though I usually go by Wal), I was born in 1997 in Rio de Janeiro. I'm a military daughter and, as such, I have lived in 7 cities and 3 countries. I went to 3 different Military Schools for most of middle and all of my high school. In this period, I was primarily involved in MUN and the International Relations Club, the Cavalry Guild, the Legion of Honor, and the Dance Team. During my senior year I was Student Battalion Commander. Before applying to college I took a gap year to live in Huntsville, AL. I travelled, studied, volunteered in a Fair Trade Marketplace, and worked in a Preschool for most of the year. My favorite hobbies are reading, dancing, and watching movies or series. I am not sure yet what I will be concentrating on or where I want to work after college, but I know that I wish to do something that involves international relations and multiple cultures. The interactions between world views, powers, and markets are a brilliant field of study.