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**Cultural Memory as Official Memory: Historical Narratives
among Xavante Indians, Pioneers and Gauchos in
Nova Xavantina, Brazil.**

Thursday, March 5, 2015

**3-4:30 PM, Deutz Room in the Copley International
Conference Center, Institute of the Americas Complex, UCSD**

In this seminar, I will analyze the symbolic struggles due to politics of migration in the town of Nova Xavantina, Brazil, in order to study the construction of cultural memory as official memory in the context of the occupation of the Brazilian Legal Amazon region. This town was created by the official colonization of politics and inhabited by indigenous populations before the expansion of the agricultural frontier in Brazil. The actors affected in this process are the Xavante Indians, known as angry warriors; the Pioneers, who came from northeastern Brazil through the March to the West political project; and lastly the Gauchos, who moved from southern Brazil during the Brazilian military dictatorship.



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