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The Portuguese language and sociolinguistic aspects of the Brazilian Amazon

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10 AM-11:30 PM, Hojel Auditorium in the Copley International Conference Center, Institute of the Americas Complex, UCSD

The presentation will be in Portuguese.

The Brazilian Portuguese language was influenced by the European Portuguese, African languages and indigenous languages. More than 170 languages are spoken by the indigenous people living in the vast and exotic Amazon rainforest. Knowledge of the sociolinguistics aspects of the Brazilian Portuguese Language will help the learner better understand the historical aspects of the Portuguese language spoken in Brazil.

Alvaro Fernando Rodrigues da Cunha received a Master's degree and a Doctorate degree from the University of São Paulo followed by post-doctoral training at the State University of Campinas. He is an ethno-anthropologist linguistics researcher whose focus is on the analysis of the Theory of Crossover in Orality and Literacy, a theory he developed. Dr. Cunha described, analyzed and documented the language of the Tenehara indigenous people (from the western Amazon region), the language of the Kalo gypsy group (from the basket making clan in the states of Sao Paulo and Minas Gerais), and the Moroccan-Jews who live in the Amazon rainforest (in the areas of Santarem, Manaus, Belem and Caracas). He lived in the Amazon rainforest for 2 years studying the indigenous groups of Wayway, Puyanawa, Suyá, Kapon, Kanoê e Guajajara.



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