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## 45th Annual ISCSC Gathering in Rio De Janeiro

### I. CONFERENCE

The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual ISCSC Conference will be held in colorful and exciting Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 11- 13, 2015. The conference venue will be the Windsor Florida Hotel.

The opening reception and the main conference will be at the Convention Center of the Windsor Florida Hotel, located at 81 Ferreira Viana Street, Flamengo neighborhood, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The Convention Center of Windsor Florida Hotel is one of the most advanced in Rio de Janeiro. Its main building is a historic structure that was once used as the Presidential Guard for the Catete Palace.

### II. MAIN CONTACT PERSON

Our Conference Host is: Tereza Coni Aguiar.

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#### IV. GROUND TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO HOTELS.

Special taxis do not need to be booked in advance; they are available upon request at the counter outside the departure gate at Rio de Janeiro's Galeão - Antônio Carlos Jobim International Airport.

Taxi companies: Cootramo, Coopertramo, Copatur, Transcopass, Transcotur. The price from the airport to the Windsor Flórida Hotel is approximately R\$ 98,00 or U\$\$ 43.36.

If you desire to make a connection in São Paulo or other cities, it is possible to use Santos Dumont Airport which is very close to the Hotel Windsor Florida, about five minutes away. There is also an organized service of taxi transportation (with the same companies operating out of Rio de Janeiro's Galeão - Antônio Carlos Jobim International Airport). The price is approximately R\$ 33,00 or U\$\$ 14.60.

Another option is VIP TAXIS. You must book in advance by contacting Julio Batista. His contact info is:

Email: tourguidejulio@gmail.com

☎ (55 21) 99439-4144

#### V. LODGING

Lodging will be available at the WINDSOR FLORIDA HOTEL, where the conference will be held.

We have received a special group rate for the ISCSC conference:

Please note: these currency conversions are approximate, as exchange rates fluctuate. A final reconciliation will be performed on site to adjust prices to the fluctuating currency rate.

Single: US Dollars: \$161.00

Double: US\$176.64

Single: Brazilian Real: R\$387.00

Double: R\$ 425,70

In order to receive this special rate, you must have reserved a room by March 15, 2015.

Phone: (55 21) 2195 6800  
Reservation by email:  
www.windsorhoteis.com

**Other Hotels close to the Convention Center:**

HOTEL NOVO MUNDO - Rates are:

Single: US\$ 166.46 Double: US\$ 191.28

Single: R\$ 376.20 - Double: R\$ 432.30

☎ (55 21) 2105-7000

Reservation by E-mail: reservas@hotelnovomundo.com.br

FLAMENGO PALACE HOTEL - Rates are:

Single: US\$150.88 – Double: US\$175.22

Single: R\$ 341.00 – Double: R\$396.00

☎ (55 21) 3235-2600

Reservation by E-mail: hotelflamengopalace@hotmail.com

IMPERIAL - Rates are:

Single: US\$113.83– Double: US\$123.12

Single: R\$257.25 – Double: R\$278.25

☎ (55 21) 2112-6000

Reservation E-mail: resevas@imperialhotel.com.br

HOTEL REGINA - Rates are:

Single: US141.70 – Double: US\$123.12

Single: R\$320.25 – Double: R\$367.50

☎ (55 21) 3289-9999

Reservation E-mail: hotelregina@hotelregina.com.br

**VI. MEALS**

There are many restaurants in the neighborhood. Participants also have the option of having meals at the Windsor Flórida Hotel.

Dinner at the hotel costs R\$ 65 + 10% per person.

**Other Suggestions:**

Carmelo

Address: 75 Correa Dutra Street – Flamengo - RJ

☎ (55 21) 2225-1890

Carmelo Armazém (only cafeteria - sandwiches, juices and sweets)

Address: 39 Correa Dutra Street – Flamengo,

☎ (55 21) 2557-7941, open until 8 p.m.

Empório Santa Fé

Address: 2 Praia do Flamengo Street – Flamengo - RJ

☎ (55 21) 2245-6274

Estação República Churrascaria

Address: 104 Catete Street – Glória – RJ

☎ (55 21) 2225-2650

Restaurante Graça da Vila

Address: 133 Catete Street – Glória – RJ

☎ (55 21) 2225-7949

Restaurante Alcaparra

Address: 150, Praia do Flamengo – Flamengo – RJ

☎ (55 21) 2558-3937

## VII. BANQUET

The banquet will be held on June 13 (we are planning on 1:30 p.m., but finalized time TBA).

Price: US\$ approximately 60.00

R\$ 130 + 10% per person

Locale: Porcão Ipanema

## VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### 1. Tours in Rio

A 6 or 8 hour group tour in Rio by van with local Tour Guide Julio Batista will be also offered to conference participants to visit famous sights in town. Another option will be by car, using the same Tour Guide in a more private tour (up to 4 persons). Check Mr. Batista's website for more information: [www.guidinginrio.com](http://www.guidinginrio.com)

The best way to learn about prices for every each tourist service will be by contacting Julio Batista through his e-mail ([tourguidejulio@gamil.com](mailto:tourguidejulio@gamil.com)) or his website ([www.guidinginrio.com](http://www.guidinginrio.com)).

Julio Batista

Private Tour Guide in Rio

Cell: 55 (21) 99439-4144

Fan Page: <https://www.facebook.com/tourguidejulio?fref=ts>

For other tourist guide options, please inquire at the hotel reception desk.



Convention Center of Windsor Florida Hotel



Windsor Florida Hotel

## The International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations

In October 1961, in Salzburg, Austria, an extraordinary group of scholars gathered to create the International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations. Among the 26 founding members from Austria, Germany, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Spain, Italy, England, Russia, the United States, China and Japan were luminaries such as Pitirim Sorokin and Arnold Toynbee.

For six days, the participants debated many topics, including the definition of “civilization,” problems in the analysis of complex cultures, civilizational encounters in the past, the Orient versus the Occident, problems of universal history, theories of historiography, and the role of the “human sciences” in “globalization.” The meeting was funded by the Austrian government, in cooperation with UNESCO, and received considerable press coverage. Sorokin was elected the Society’s first president.

After several meetings in Europe, the advancing age of its founding members and the declining health of then president Othmar F. Anderle were important factors in the decision to transfer the Society to the United States.

Between 1968 and 1970 Roger Williams Wescott of Drew University facilitated that transition. In 1971, the first annual meeting of the ISCSC in the United States was held in Philadelphia. Important participants in that meeting and in the Society’s activities during the next years included Benjamin Nelson (the Society’s first American president), Roger Wescott, Vytautas Kavolis, Matthew Melko, David Wilkinson, Rushton Coulborn and C.P. Wolf. In 1974, the Salzburg branch was formally dissolved, and from that year to the present there has been only one International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations (ISCSC).

The presidents of the ISCSC have been, in order: in Europe, Pitirim Sorokin and Othmar Anderle; in the United States, Benjamin Nelson, Vytautas Kavolis, Matthew Melko, Michael Palencia-Roth, Roger Wescott, Shuntaro Ito (from Japan), Wayne Bledsoe, Lee Daniel Snyder, Andrew Targowski, and the current president, David Rosner. To date, the Society has held 45 meetings, most of them in the United States but also in Salzburg, Austria; Santo Domingo, The Dominican Republic; Dublin, Ireland; Chiba, Japan; Frenchman’s Cove, Jamaica; St. Petersburg, Russia; Paris, France; New Brunswick, Canada; and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

More than 30 countries are represented in the Society’s membership. Its intellectual dynamism and vibrancy over the years have been maintained and enhanced through its annual meetings, its publications, and the participation of such scholars as Talcott Parsons, Hayden White, Immanuel Wallerstein, Gordon Hewes, André Gunder Frank, Marshall Sahlins, Lynn White Jr., and Jeremy Sabloff.

The Society is committed to the idea that complex civilizational problems can best be approached through multidisciplinary analyses and debate by scholars from a variety of fields. *The Comparative Civilizations Review*, which welcomes submissions from the Society’s members as well as other scholars, has been published continually since its inaugural issue in 1979.

Prof. Michael Palencia-Roth

### **Membership Information**

If you are not a member of the ISCSC please consider joining. For a \$60 yearly membership fee members receive a one-year subscription to this journal, are invited to attend the annual conference, receive the ISCSC newsletter, and may participate in ongoing dialogues. Membership is open to all interested in civilizations. Visit [www.wmich.edu/ISCSC](http://www.wmich.edu/ISCSC) for further information.

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### **Upcoming 2015 ISCSC Conference**

The 45th Annual Meeting of the International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations will take place June 10 to June 13 in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. The major topic this year will be: Civilizational Values at the Crossroads.

Please see conference information in this issue and on the ISCSC website:

[www.wmich.edu/ISCSC](http://www.wmich.edu/ISCSC)