DISCIPLINA ELETIVA: FAVELAS: LAW, MARGINALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT

CÓDIGO: GRDDIRELE0120

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CARGA HORÁRIA: 30h

EMENTA
The course seeks to prepare students to understand and discuss the “challenges” of the favelas in Brazil. First, we will analyze influential narratives on the development of favelas over the 20th century. These narratives are significant not only for their unique substantive views on the problems currently faced by favelas, but also for their different methods of analysis. Special attention will be given to the role of law in each narrative. Secondly, the course will discuss some of the most pressing social, legal and political problems in contemporary Brazilian favelas. And also how/to which extent each of those narratives/legal conceptions could meaningfully guide our ideas and actions to solve these challenges. In the last classes of the course, we hope to discuss to which extent the most recent socioeconomic development in the Brazilian favelas (some of them have become “low middle class” neighborhoods) could suggest new insights for our understanding of the meaning/potential of favelas in Brazil.

OBJETIVO(S)
The general objectives are to familiarize the students with grand narratives about favelas/slums around the world, to connect these theoretical frameworks to concrete contemporary problems related to Rio’s favelas, and to stimulate student creativity aimed at developing new solutions to these problems.
The specific objectives include discussing the role of law and legal institutions in the marginalization and development of the favelas, attacking problems such as access to housing and the protection of life and liberty in the context of urban criminality, and building the basis for a new narrative centered on the potentials of favela communities as social, political, and economic protagonists of Brazilian society.

BIBLIOGRAFIA OBRIGATÓRIA
PS: Books will be edited so readings do not exceed 30 pages per week.

DAVIS, Mike. Planeta Favela
DE SOTO, Hernando. O mistério do Capital
PERLMAN, Janice. O mito da marginalidade: favelas e política no Rio de Janeiro

BIBLIOGRAFIA COMPLEMENTAR
AGAMBEN, Giorgio. Homo Sacer I
DE GIORGI, Raffaello. Direito, Tempo e Memória
MARX, Karl. O Capital. Volume I, Part VIII
VALLADARES, Licia do Prado. A invenção da favela