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## WOMEN'S RESISTANCE TO VIOLENCE IN BRAZIL

Seminar with CFR Visiting Graduate Students Vinícius Santiago & Laura Martello

2.30-4.30pm, Monday, January 28, 2019

**NEW LOCATION!**

519 Kaneff Tower, York University

Chaired by Dr. Anna Agathangelou

### Mothers resisting state violence in favelas of Rio De Janeiro

The murder of black people in favelas of Rio, especially black youths, by Brazilian military police reveals the deadly racism of a country that leads the murder rate of young black men in the world. Some mothers have come to the streets to protest this murderous state practice and to mourn publicly their sons' lives - a resistance to state violence and a political tool to claim justice in face of the arbitrariness of the state.

**Vinícius Santiago** is a PhD candidate in International Relations at the Institute of International Relations of the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (IRI/PUC-Rio), Brazil.

### Young feminists resisting the conservative reaction and the neoliberal offensive

Massive street protests against sexual abuse and femicide and in defense of sexual and reproductive rights have taken place in the last years in Brazil, resisting the conservative reaction and neoliberal offensive that coordinated a misogynist coup and the recent election of an ultra-right wing president. Combining elements of festivity and disruption in protests deeply rooted in local popular culture, young feminists are developing self-defense strategies to deal with patriarchal, capitalist and racist violence.

**Laura França Martello** is a PhD candidate in Political Science at the Federal University of Minas Gerais, UFMG, Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

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