

Book Talk

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The book, "**The Politics of Blackness: Racial Identity and Political Behavior in Contemporary Brazil**" (Cambridge University Press) uses an intersectional approach to analyze the impact of the experience of race on **Afro-Brazilian** political behavior in the cities of Salvador, São Paulo, and Rio de Janeiro. It takes into account black linked fate and the experience of **racial discrimination** and it seeks to explain Afro-Brazilian political behavior with a focus on **affirmative action policy**.

**Thursday**  
**March 1, 2018**

**2:00-5:00 p.m.**

**IBL Conference Room**  
**(FAO 296)**

**Refreshments will be served**

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