

## **Beginners' Portuguese: a taste of Brazil, its language and culture**

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**Start date** 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017      **Time** 10:00 – 16:45

**Venue** Madingley Hall  
Madingley  
Cambridge

**Tutor** Karin Muller Tahir      **Course code** 1617NDX051

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### **Tutor biography**

Karin Muller Tahir is a teacher and interpreter of Brazilian Portuguese. Having grown up in Brazil, in 1985, she graduated from the Universidade Federal do Parana where she gained a degree in Portuguese and English. She also has a post graduate course in Marketing. Karin taught EFL and Portuguese as a Foreign Language in Brazil for 9 years and has been living in the UK for over 18 years. She works for Cambridge International Examinations as Principal Moderator for the Portuguese GCSE Speaking Exam and is also a member of both the GCSE and A Level Question Paper Evaluation Committees.

Karin enjoys teaching Portuguese in an adult education context, and she has also taught at the University of Cambridge Language Centre. Her courses aim to give students an insight into the Brazilian lifestyle as well as the ability to communicate. The sessions are very visual, interactive and practical and provide entertainment as well as stimulation. Music and video enhance the learning experience and provide exposure to cultural aspects of Brazil.

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## Course programme

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09:30	Terrace bar open for pre-course tea/coffee
10:00 – 11:15	<b>Session 1 – Greeting and introducing ourselves</b>
11:15	Coffee
11:45 – 13:00	<b>Session 2 –The sounds of Brazil</b>
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:15	<b>Session 3 – Tell me about yourself</b>
15:15	Tea
15:30 – 16:45	<b>Session 4 – Brazil and its origins</b>
16:45	Day-school ends

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## Course syllabus

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In this one-day course the aim is to give you a flavour of the Portuguese language with focus on the Brazilian variant. However, it will also be relevant to those interested in Portugal or other Lusophone destinations. At the end of the course learners will know how to greet each other as well as introduce themselves and others. They will be able to ask and answer basic questions about themselves. Music and short videos will be used to enhance the learning experience and provide exposure to the sounds and cultural aspects of Brazil.

### **Aims:**

- To familiarize learners with the sounds of Portuguese;
- To introduce key Portuguese communicative language skills to talk about oneself and others;
- To explore some aspects of the cultural background of Brazil to inform language learning and usage in context.

### **Content:**

- Greeting others in formal and informal situations;
- Introducing oneself and others;
- Asking the name, nationality and profession;
- Identifying and reproducing special sounds and letters in Portuguese;
- Exploring cultural aspects of Brazil and a bit about its history

### **Presentation of the course:**

The main focus of the course will be on speaking and listening. Language will be presented in authentic situations as much as possible through the use of audio, video and slide presentations. Learners will have the opportunity to practise the language in pairs, groups and role plays. Music and short videos will be used to provide exposure to cultural aspects of Brazil. Grammar will be explored in the context of language functions as needed.

### **As a result of the course, within the constraints of the time available, students should be able to:**

- introduce him/herself /a friend, say where one is from and ask questions to elicit the same information;
- have an increased awareness of the pronunciation of Brazilian Portuguese and differences from European Portuguese;
- develop an appreciation for the language and culture of Brazil.

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## Reading and resources list

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Listed below are a number of texts that might be of interest for future reference, but do not need to be bought (or consulted) for the course.

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Author	Title	Publisher and date
Emma Eberlein Lima and Lutz Rohrmann	Novo Avenida Brasil 1 - Curso Básico de Português para Estrangeiros	Editora Pedagógica e Universitária / 2009
Isabel Coimbra and Olga Mata Coimbra	Gramática Ativa 1 - Versão Brasileira 2nd Edition	Lidel - Edições Técnicas /2012
BBC Languages Online	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/portuguese/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/portuguese/</a>	BBC

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