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This text seeks to complement the follow-up and evaluation form of the National Institute of Science and Technology for Studies on the United States (NISUS), by means of an enlarged description of the activities conducted by the research groups involved in the different thematic areas. Owing to the fact that it is a partial report of the results obtained in the first year of activity, we highlight the main achievements that were in line with the conceptual grounding of the themes proposed, the activities that permitted interaction between thematic teams and exchanges of information with informants not linked with the institute, as well as collective or individual works that lent external visibility to the project.
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INTRODUCTION

The National Institute of Science and Technology for Studies on the United States (NISUS) aims to produce expert knowledge on US foreign policy for different sectors in Brazil, chiefly the academic, business and government spheres.

The idea of employing financial and intellectual resources to studies on the United States in the first instance results from the country’s unique importance in global economic activities, in world governance structures, in Latin American regional politics, not to mention in the whole of the international system. We hope to broaden and deepen the data relating to these issues, treating them analytically through the systematic monitoring of the US foreign policy-making process.

We feel that in Brazil the systematized study of other countries is below the level required by the country’s current moment of insertion in the international setting. In the face of the importance of the United States in every ambit of the international system, prioritizing studies on this country becomes relevant. In this sense, there is an urgent need for enhancing knowledge on players and scenarios, so as to allow Brazilian foreign policy planning and action, both in the government sphere and through national private actors.

We aim to improve the training of experts and, above all, to diffuse among Brazilian society the knowledge acquired, by means of a consolidation of efforts in an institutional structure that concentrates on political, social and economic questions, particularly those related to foreign policy.

Given the complexity of the object of study, the object has been structured into four (4) thematic areas with fourteen (14) research lines, listed below.
NISUS AREAS AND RESEARCH LINES

1. US INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY

1.1. Trade policy making and execution in the post-Cold War period;
1.2. International financial reform and US foreign policy;
1.3. Investment, trade and security: US foreign investment policy.

2. GRAND STRATEGY AND US SECURITY POLICY

2.1. Consensus and dissensus in the strategic debate on the role of the United States in the international system;
2.2. The role of energy policy in US security strategy;
2.3. Forms of foreign aid and its role in US international strategy.

3. THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN GLOBAL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES

3.1. The multilateral trade system and the challenges to US leadership;
3.2. Conflicts of ideas and principles in international economic organizations;
3.3. Transformations in international human rights law and schemes for fighting terrorism and international crime;
3.4. Legal implications of US strategy for fighting terrorism.

4. INTEGRATION AND CRISIS IN SOUTH AMERICA AND US POLICY TOWARD THE REGION

4.1. Regional and sub-regional integration;
4.2. Relations between the United States and the MERCOSUR countries;
4.3. The crisis of Andean countries and US security policy;
4.4. The energy question and US policy toward South America.
OBJECTIVES OF NISUS

Briefly, we highlight here the main objectives, goals and expected results in accordance with the initial proposal:

I. Main objective: producing expert knowledge on US foreign policy for various sectors in Brazil, chiefly the academic, business and government spheres.

II. Derived objectives: broadening and deepening the data on US foreign policy; giving the data analytical treatment; monitoring the domestic foreign policy-making process, identifying the main actors; investigating US culture and society in order to better interpret foreign policy actions.

III. Goals: reducing the current distance between the diplomatic and academic worlds in Brazil; contributing to Brazilian foreign policy planning and execution; improving the training of students and faculty in fields related to studies on the United States; generating current and prospective analyses to inform public bodies and social actors, also contributing to business decision-making; diffusing knowledge among society through the consolidation of individual efforts in an institutionalized structure.

IV. Expected results: consolidation and enhancement of research already initiated in the scope of the Renato Archer Project; production of new knowledge; teaching at undergraduate, postgraduate, extension and specialization levels; gathering and organization of studies by third parties; incentives for the production of monographs, dissertations and theses about the United States; promotion of internal and external events; public diffusion of specialist knowledge; analyses for the Brazilian State; analyses for the business world; strengthening of the production and publication in Brazil of materials on the United States; exchanges with researchers and professors from foreign universities.
Seen as the quantitative data relating to NISUS are in the follow-up and evaluation form, in the following sections we turn to the qualitative analysis of the results, seeking to demonstrate that the main goals were met and highlighting the texts we judge to be most relevant to the objectives presented by the Coordination of this INCT in its initial proposal. Over the next few years, we hope to multiply the theoretical and practical results obtained by means of the tools formulated in the Research, Teaching and Knowledge Diffusion Subprograms.
The Management Committee created an “Academic Council” with the aim of establishing and implementing the intellectual and operational guidelines of the Institute. At the same time, it is important to stress that researchers from all the institutions that make up NISUS take part in this Council.
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II. ACTIVITIES INVOLVING COOPERATION BETWEEN NISUS PARTICIPANT GROUPS

There were many activities involving cooperation between the participants of NISUS. Below we list the most relevant ones, divided into two topics: “Meetings of subgroups / research teams” and “Holding of workshops to discuss themes related to the different research projects and the underlying theoretical questions”.

Meetings of subgroups / research teams


21/05/2009 - Meeting of US trade policy research subgroup. Text debated: COELHO, Jaime Cesar. Trajetórias e Interesses: Os EUA e as finanças globalizadas num contexto de crise e transição. Forthcoming.


03/12/2009 - Meeting of human rights research subgroup. Reading of Memoranda of the US Justice Department.


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**Holding of workshops to discuss themes related to the different research projects and the underlying theoretical questions**

The internal seminars held monthly to discuss texts resulting from individual or team research were the main bond between research groups. These gatherings turned out to be an important space for diffusion and exchange of knowledge about aspects of the current setting, theoretical issues and the bibliography on US foreign policy. The texts produced were sent in advance to all the researchers for the seminars to take on an analytical and critical character, rather than being merely presentations.
Furthermore, two meetings were held with the coordinators of the research groups in order to discuss methodology. The Institute funded the travel expenses for coordinators who live in other cities. The general meetings — including those referent to coordination and planning activities — were broadcast via video-conference for the benefit of non-residents of São Paulo, so that the decision-making process could be shared by all those responsible and implemented in the respective research units.

Below, we list the main workshops held:

**13/03/2009**


VIGEVANI, Tullo; MIKLOS, Manoela; RODRIGUES, Priscila; MARTINS, Aline. *Para que serve uma Teoria Marxista em Relações Internacionais?* Presentation by the authors.

**17/04/2009**


**15/05/2009**

REIS, Solange. *Os monopólios do gás na Europa e na Ásia e os seus efeitos na política internacional*. Presentation by the author. Comments: Igor Fuser.


21/08/2009

FUSER, Igor & FERREIRA, Kelly. A política energética de Obama: um caminho viável? Presentation by the authors.

MENEZES, Henrique Zeferino de & LIMA, Thiago. Acordos comerciais e autonomia estatal nas relações EUA-América Latina: perspectivas sobre os acordos de propriedade intelectual e políticas de inovação. Presentation by the authors.

RAMANZINI JUNIOR, Haroldo & MENDONÇA, Filipe Almeida. Teorias, Processos e Instituições: Uma análise da política comercial externa do Brasil e dos EUA. Presentation by the authors.

SILVA, Edna. A política de investimento estrangeiro dos Estados Unidos: conflito de princípios na reforma do CFIUS. Presentation by the author.

25/09/2009

LIMA, Thiago. O desafio de ganhar e levar: um estudo sobre a reação norte-americana em contestações agrícolas na OMC. Presentation by the author. Comments: Michelle Ratton Sanchez.

VELASCO E CRUZ, Sebastião C. 1945-1984: Ordem (desordem) econômica internacional e nova estratégia comercial dos Estados Unidos. Presentation by the author. Comments: Carlos Eduardo Carvalho

04/12/2009


KOERNER, Andrei & MEZAROBBA, Glenda. A guerra contra o terror e a agenda dos direitos humanos sob a ótica de ONGs internacionais de promoção dos direitos humanos. Presentation by Glenda Mezarobba and Ariana Bazzano. Comments: Débora Maciel.

PEREIRA, Paulo José dos Reis. Crime transnacional e segurança internacional. Aspectos recentes do relacionamento entre Estados Unidos e América
Participation of NISUS researchers: Tullo Vigevani, Sebastião C. Velasco e Cruz, Flávia de Campos Mello, Solange Reis and Igor Fuser.

Summary: NISUS researchers were selected by Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada (IPEA) to collaborate with analyses and prospects for the publication of two books about Brazil’s insertion in international trade, political, security, governance and energy spheres, where the USA plays a dominant role. The works will be published in 2010 as book chapters. Below, we list the chapters’ titles, the authors and the summaries of their research:

- **FUSER, Igor & REIS, Solange. Geopolitics and Energy Transition in Times of Crisis.** This research project seeks to sketch an overview of the global energy geopolitical setting. It sets out to analyze the geopolitics of energy in the context of the triple crisis: energy, environmental and hegemonic. To that end, it strives to identify the principal hotspots of conflict and the potential for cooperation between the most relevant actors and, chiefly, the USA.

- **VIGEVANI, Tullo. Brazil–United States Relations.** The aim here is to characterize with accuracy US-Brazil relations in the 1990s and early 2000s. Relations are discussed in the light of the key bibliography of each country. Economic relations during the 1990-2009 period are examined in an effort to understand the tendency in trade and investment matters. Some specific cases are analyzed to illustrate situations of cooperation, conflict and use of multilateral agencies to make agreement possible. The research is chiefly interested in demonstrating the decline in the centrality of the USA for Brazil’s international policies, though the former retains significant relevance.

- **MELLO, Flávia de Campos. Multilateralism in Contemporary International Politics.** The research discusses the role of the United
States in the structures of international governance. Considering the historical process of formation and change of the multilateral trade system set up on the basis of the understandings reached between the USA and Great Britain during and immediately after the Second World War, the project studies WTO negotiations. The emphasis is on questions about its institutional formation and transformation, given the interests and strategies of the USA, the European Union and the major peripheral countries.

VELASCO E CRUZ, Sebastião C. Global Geopolitical Evolution. The research deals with the last three decades and the international system affected by two articulated macro-processes of change: the crisis and restructuring of the world economy, and the dissolution of the socialist bloc with the end of the bipolar political logic. With the predominance of the consensus around the market economy, liberal democracy and human rights, the world seemed to have entered an era of peace and prosperity, in which inter-state wars seemed distant. But this idea ended up losing ground due to the chronic and largely unconventional conflicts and wars in the former Third World. Previously limited by the bipolar logic, those events arose in the midst of the process of globalization and entered the international agenda. The universalism that characterized US foreign policy at that moment varied from the globalist model of the Clinton administration, which preferred to obtain consensus by consent, to the hegemonist model of George W. Bush, geared to unilateral actions. The latter constituted a policy of selective engagement. Its aim was to promote the US national interest, not to reshape the world in its image.
Participation of NISUS researchers: Tullo Vigevani, Sebastião C. Velasco e Cruz and Luis Fernando Ayerbe.

Venue: University Council Chamber – Unesp, São Paulo, Brazil.

Date: 08/06/2009

Summary: The international conference jointly hosted by NISUS and the above mentioned Brazilian and overseas institutions, *The Hemispheric Agenda in the Face of the New Political Setting in Latin America and the Caribbean*, made possible the interaction with important US and Latin American specialists and interlocutors, as well discussions on the region’s political setting in the face of local changes and of the Barack Obama presidency.

The event’s debates led to the publication of a special issue of *Revista Pensamiento Propio*, published in Buenos Aires. It was an important production on the part of NISUS in partnership with national and international research centers such as CRIES, Instituto de Estudios Políticos para América Latina y Africa (IEPALA), Instituto de Estudos Econômicos e Internacionais (IEEI-Unesp) and the Washington-based American University. The review presents a collection of texts, with articles by specialists in politics and international relations from Latin America and the USA, some of whom with government service in current and past administrations, like Marco Aurélio Garcia, Sally Shelton-Colby and Richard Feinberg.
With: Instituto Nacional de Ciência e Tecnologia de Estudos Comparados em Administração Institucional de Conflitos (INCT-InEAC), Centro de Estudos Internacionais e Política Contemporânea / Universidade Estadual de Campinas (CEIPOC-Unicamp), Programa de Pós-Graduação em Direito / Universidade Gama Filho (PPGD/UGF), Associação Brasileira de Ciência Política (ABCP) and Justiça Federal (EMARF/CCIF)

**Participation of NISUS researchers:** Andrei Koerner and Cristina Carvalho Pacheco.

**Venue:** Centro Cultural Justiça Federal (CCJF), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**Date:** 12 to 14/08/2009

**Supported by:** US Consulate, Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (FAPERJ), Procuradoria Geral do Estado (PGE), Associação de Juízes Federais do Brasil (AJUFE) and Associação dos Juízes Federais do Rio de Janeiro e Espírito Santo (AJUFERJES).

**Summary:** NISUS, in partnership with Centro Cultural Justiça Federal (CCJF), the recently created Centro de Estudos Brasil-EUA, Escola da Magistratura Regional Federal da 2ª Região (EMARF), Associação Brasileira de Ciência Política (ABCP), Universidade Gama Filho (UGF) and Universidade Federal Fluminense (UFF), hosted from 12 to 14 August, at the CCJF (Av. Rio Branco, 241, Cinelândia), the “National Seminar on Constitutional Justice”. This event was a landmark in terms of bringing closer together academic research and the institutional demands of legal professionals, as well as providing important contributions to themes of interest to NISUS. Worthy of note were the decisions of the US Supreme Court regarding Guantánamo Bay prisoners. The event was open to the public and broadcast via video-conference.

The event had the participation of Bernardo Cabral, Sepúlveda Pertence, Giselle Citadino, Gilberto Bercovici, Rogério Dultra dos Santos, Martonio Barreto, Ricardo Marcelo Fonseca, Arno Wehling, Gladys Ribeiro, Christian Cyril Lynch, Andrei Koerner, Marcus Faro de Castro, Ernani Carvalho, Marçô Aurélio Sampaio, Luís Werneck Vianna, Jane Reis, Marcelo Cattoni, Luís Roberto Barroso, Cristina Carvalho Pacheco, Fernanda Duarte, José Ricardo, Rodrigo Mascarenhas, Marcelo Burgos, Gustavo Feitosa, Michael McCann, Débora Alves Maciel, Fabiano Engelmann, José Carlos Garcia, Charles Pessanha, Joaquim Falcão, Flávio Dino and Luciana Gross Cunha.
Participação de pesquisador do INCT-INEU: Jaime Cesar Coelho e Flávia Campos Mello

Participation of NISUS researchers: Jaime Cesar Coelho and Flávia de Campos Mello

Venue: Auditorium of Centro Sócio-Econômico, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (CSE/UFSC), Florianópolis, Brazil.

Date: 31/08/2009 to 02/09/2009

Summary: Support offered to the Cycle of Lectures of the CNM Academic Week (Economics Department) 2009.2, which counted on the presence of speakers Immanuel Wallerstein, Timothy Moran, Patrício Korzeniewicz, Pedro Antonio Vieira, Plínio de Arruda Sampaio and Reinaldo Carcanhoto. The main focus was analyzing the recent world economic crisis using the World-System Theory, seeking to understand its origins in central countries and its repercussions in peripheral regions.

At the same event, on 02/09/2009, Wednesday, in the same auditorium researcher Flávia de Campos Mello, coordinator of the NISUS Teaching Subprogram, gave a lecture titled “The field of International Relations in Brazil: experiences and prospects”. This served as an opportunity to publicize the Institute’s activities.
Participation of NISUS researcher: Glenda Mezarobba

Venue: Prof. Francisco Romeu Landi Auditorium (Poli-USP), São Paulo, Brazil.

Date: 19 and 20/10/2009

Summary: Support offered to the International Conference on the Right to Truth, an event that sought to reflect upon the last three decades of our history, since the coming into force of the 1979 Amnesty Law. Forty-five years after the coup that ushered in the military regime (1964-85), the families of the dead and disappeared for political reasons continue to wonder about the crimes against humanity perpetrated by the State. In this sense, the event had the intention of discussing the obligations of Democratic States, thus promoting a debate on the right of victims, their families and of all society to truth. This conference was relevant for having permitted two INCTs from the field of the Human Sciences to cooperate.

Participation of NISUS researchers: Tullo Vigevani, Luis Fernando Ayerbe, Reginaldo Mattar Nasser, Ricardo Alaggio Ribeiro, Flávia de Campos Mello, Sebastião C. Velasco e Cruz, Filipe Almeida Mendonça, Thiago Lima, Henrique Zeferino de Menezes, Ariel Finguerut and Débora Prado, among others.

Venue: Memorial da América Latina, São Paulo, Brazil.

Date: 16 to 18/11/2009

Summary: Organization and partial sponsorship of the 2nd Postgraduate International Relations Symposium of Programa “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp,
Unicamp and PUC-SP), whose fundamental objective was the consolidation of an academic space to discuss ongoing research by postgraduates in IR and related disciplines. The event was divided into six major areas, one of which, called “Studies on the USA”, was organized and sponsored by NISUS. The creation of this area had the aim of bringing together and stimulating analyses among postgraduates on themes such as US foreign relations, its international economic policy, grand strategy and security policy, among others.

During the event, a book edited by Luis Fernando Ayerbe, member of the NISUS Academic Council, was launched. Several of our researchers collaborated. The teamwork resulted in a broad comparative analysis of US policy toward Latin America over the last two decades. The publication constitutes one of the conceptual marks of our research areas “Integration and Crisis in South America” and “US Policy Toward the Region”.


The event also included the launch of a book edited by Reginaldo Mattar Nasser, another member of the NISUS Academic Council, in collaboration several of our researchers. The book provides a broadened perspective on international conflicts, seeking to better understand a security agenda that incorporates new concepts, without necessarily replacing the traditional military and defense questions, such as economic, political and social conflicts, migrations, environmental problems and the drug trade.

Participation of NISUS researchers: Reginaldo Mattar Nasser, Paulo José dos Reis Pereira, Flávia de Campos Mello, Luis Fernando Ayerbe and Sebastião C. Velasco e Cruz, among others.

Venue: PUC-SP, São Paulo, Brazil.

Date: 24 to 26/11/2009

Summary: Between November 24 and 26, in conjunction with Programa de Pós-Graduação em Relações Internacionais “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP) and Observatório de Relações Internacionais (ORI), Faculdade de Ciências Sociais / PUC-SP, NISUS promoted the seminar “Twenty years after the fall of the wall: repercussions in Latin America and Africa”. The event included lectures by Brazilian and foreign professors and researchers, as well as the launch of the book *Kissinger e o Brasil*, by Matias Spektor (Coordinator of Centro de Estudos sobre Relações Internacionais / Fundação Getulio Vargas). The round table “USA–Latin America Relations in the post-Cold War period” deserves special mention. It was counted on the participation of Luis Fernando Ayerbe and Carlos Romero, professor and researcher in the field of Politics and International Relations from Universidad Central de Venezuela.
IV. MAIN TECHNICAL-SCIENTIFIC RESULTS

Research Area 1 – US INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY

The main aim of this thematic area is to understand the formulation and execution of US trade policy after the Cold War, so as to better ground Brazilian foreign policy. To this end, we will analyze the stimuli and constraints brought about by relations between Congress, the Executive and US interest groups in the formulation of international trade policy guidelines. Special attention is to be paid to the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the agency responsible for international trade. This area has three research lines that interact with one another and with the other thematic areas, given that its object constitutes one of the pillars of US foreign policy.

The first — **Trade policy making and execution in the post-Cold War period** — possesses an analytical axis organized around the mechanisms of formulation and execution of US policy in the post-Cold War period, with a view to identifying the domestic stimuli and constraints over the country’s foreign policy in the trade, economic and financial spheres.

The second — **International financial reform and US foreign policy** — is geared toward financial issues, specifically the transformations in international standards after Bretton Woods, particularly since the Clinton administration. The liberalizing and deregulated trajectory of the international financial system directly impacts the sovereign management of economic, productive and financial resources. Some works produced by NISUS turned to historical investigations of this dynamic, identifying the main US domestic institutions that influence financial policy and the impact of changes in government over foreign policy action.

The third — **Investment, trade and security: US foreign investment policy** — investigates US investment policy, with the domestic debate on the regulation of foreign investment flows into the country as the starting point, assessing its significance in relation to international negotiations and the systemic impact of regulatory alternatives. The studies indicate that the US debate is shifting from one of trade/investments to one of investments/security, identifying the entry of foreign
investment as a new threat to national security. This perception has impacts on the regulation of the international system of investments in its totality.

The research is very broad. But among all the activities conducted by NISUS for the purposes of achieving the objectives and goals of this area and its respective research lines, we highlight the following works:


Unlike classic wars, whose internal logic would drive opponents into dramatic confrontations that redefined power relations and put an end to conflicts, wars since the 1990s have been fragmented. It is no longer a matter of just ensuring the security of the State — conceived of as the expression of a politically organized community and guarantor of the moral and physical integrity of its members — but rather, to protect the communities themselves, even against their own States. The subject matter that unites the three research lines in this area is how US foreign policy-makers respond theoretically and practically to these issues and to the new challenges that lie ahead as a consequence of orientations and policies adopted by the major powers.

The first research line — **Consensus and dissensus in the strategic debate on the role of the United States in the international system** — goes in two different though complementary directions. The first focuses on the US domestic strategic debate. The matter here is to investigate how the relevant players — government agencies, Congress committees and think-tanks — project the role of the USA in the world. The second has an inverted focus. The question here is to study how the USA’s main interlocutors conceptualize their relations with the superpower, what future scenarios regarding the international system they work with and what lines of action are adopted by them in order to make desired future scenarios more likely.

**The role of energy policy in US security strategy** constitutes the second research line in this area. Energy issues give substance to security policies and define the dynamics of international relations in the post Cold-War era, in a scenario where the USA strives to consolidate its power in key geopolitical regions as a way to ensure access to vital resources, which is part of its security policy. Because of political instability in the Persian Gulf, US energy policy seeks complementary sources in Africa and Central Asia, particularly in the Caspian Sea region, thus expanding its geopolitical basis. The kernel
of this research proposal is to understand how energy issues exert an impact on the formulation of US foreign policy, and how this reflects on US security strategy.

Lastly, the third research line: **Forms of foreign aid and its role in US international strategy**. Financial aid has been a fundamental component of American foreign policy, rooted in several executive and legislative spheres. There are four main categories of foreign assistance: bilateral development aid, negotiated between the USA and the country in question; financial assistance programs that directly support US political objectives; humanitarian aid, generally provided at specific moments; and multilateral financial contributions, where the US Government acts indirectly through international bodies. The objective of this research line is to study in historical and comparative fashion the various forms of foreign aid and their role in US foreign policy strategy. It is necessary to understand the nature of US interests in each particular case to assess how these forms of foreign aid are managed by US authorities.

Among the works produced, we highlight the following:


Research Area 3 – THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN GLOBAL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES

This research area analyzes global governance structures focusing on the role played by the USA. On the assumption that within this field objects and approaches are complementary due to the intrinsic relations among theories, actions and institutions, research shall focus on three different thematic areas: international negotiations at the GATT/WTO, theories that inspire policies established by international financial institutions and theoretical models about international law on human rights and international criminal law.

The first research line — The multilateral trade system and the challenges to US leadership — studies negotiations within the WTO, emphasizing issues related to its foundation and institutional alterations, taking into account the interests and strategies of the USA, the EU and the big peripheral countries.

The second research line — Conflicts of ideas and principles in international economic organizations — will study economic theories and ideas, on the one hand within the World Bank and the IMF, and on the second hand, within the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), regarding the incorporation of the Third World into the hierarchic international order. The research on documents, reports and the intellectual production of the institutions seeks to identify the theoretical models and preferred themes, their changes over time and the struggles over theory in their midst. The latter are associated to different conception and strategies of inclusion of the Third World into the international system.

The third research line — Transformations in international human rights law and schemes for fighting terrorism and international crime — will focus firstly on the debate about adequate theoretical models to understand changes taking place in both fields, and secondly on the analysis of decision-making processes within international normative fora so as to identify the main international players’ conflicting interests and strategies, taking into consideration States, multilateral agencies and non-governmental organizations.

The fourth research line — Legal implications of US strategy for fighting terrorism — will study decisions taken by the US Supreme Court regarding suspect terrorists imprisoned in the Guantánamo base in Cuba.
Below we list the main items produced:

BAZZANO, Ariana. Presentation of *A guerra contra o terror e as conseqüências para a agenda dos direitos humanos* at the First Political Science Postgraduate Forum, UFMG, Belo Horizonte, 21-23 October, 2009.


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**Research Area 4 – INTEGRATION AND CRISIS IN SOUTH AMERICA AND US POLICY TOWARD THE REGION**

The main objective of this research area is to examine two different aspects of the South American reality: on the one hand, the way in which the region interacts with US foreign policy; on the other, the political and economic dynamics within the main South American countries namely, Argentina, Venezuela, Colombia, Bolivia, Peru, Paraguay, Uruguay and Ecuador.
This area is divided in four research lines. The first one — **Regional and sub-regional integration** — seeks to examine the evolution of the integration processes currently underway in the region, local economic and political factors that condition such processes, and how the countries involved relate and react to US foreign policy.

The second — **Relations between the United States and the MERCOSUR countries** — aims to understand US foreign policy toward Latin American countries, particularly MERCOSUR member States (both full members and associates).

The third — **The crisis of Andean countries and US security policy** — studies the positions adopted by the US government in the face of challenges arising from social movements in Bolivia and Ecuador, *Chavismo* and *Uribismo*, as well as current events in post-Fujimori Peru.

Lastly, the fourth research line — **The energy question and US policy toward South America** — analyzes the resurgence of resource nationalism in South America, as well as the rise of integration projects that strive for greater autonomy vis-à-vis the USA and how these processes impact US foreign policy. Especially emphasized are political issues related to investments made by Petrobrás in energy resources in neighboring countries, such as Peru, Colombia, Bolivia and Ecuador, as well as partnerships and other cooperation projects within the energy sector involving Venezuela and Argentina.

Among the various initiatives taken by **NISUS** to meet the goals of this research area and its related research lines, we would like to mention the studies listed below, and particularly the publication of the book *Brazilian foreign policy in changing times. The quest for autonomy from Sarney to Lula* by Tullo Vigevani and Gabriel Cepaluni, upon the request of a US publishing house.


Below, we highlight the main activities developed by NISUS researchers in the Research and Knowledge Diffusion fields. To this end, we have divided the production into four categories. The first, “Interviews”, brings together all the institute’s participations in the media in general. The second, “Participation in Events” lists all the main research results presented and published in the annals of national and international events. The third, “Publication of Partial Results in the Form of Articles in Indexed Journals”, lists the main research results published in indexed reviews and other periodicals. Lastly, the topic “Holding of seminars open to the public” mentions the key events that counted on the direct or indirect participation of NISUS.

**INTERVIEWS**


AYERBE, Luis Fernando. *Eleição histórica de Obama promove corrida por espaço na cerimônia de posse.* Rádio CBN, 18/01/09.

AYERBE, Luis Fernando. *Instalação de base dos EUA na Colômbia vai na contramão da tendência sul-americana de buscar soluções internamente.* Rádio CBN, 14/08/09.


FERREIRA, Marcos Alan. & RESENDE, P. E. A. *As relações dos EUA para a América*


FERREIRA, Marcos Alan. *A importância do Irã na política internacional.* Record News, 02/05/2009.


**Participation in events**


CASTRO, Luiza C. Os Conflitos entre o Estado Estadunidense e o Banco Mundial. Associação Brasileira de Ciência Política, Unicamp, Campinas, 2008.


NASSER, Reginaldo Mattar. **O terrorismo e as novas dimensões da segurança regional após o 11 de Setembro.** 10th Luso-Afro-Brazilian Political Science Congress, Universidade do Minho, Braga, Portugal, 2009.


VELASCO E CRUZ, Sebastião C. Member of round table: **Capitalismo e Poder: Vinte Anos Após a Queda do Muro.** Seminar: Twenty years after the fall of the Wall – Repercussions in Latin America and Africa. São Paulo, PUC, 25/11/09.

VIGEVANI, Tullo. Presentation: **Brasil e EUA: entre cooperação e rivalidade** at the Symposium: “Brazil among the BRIC countries”. Promoted by the Brazilian embassy (Berlin) and Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut. Berlin, 3 November, 2009.

VIGEVANI, Tullo. International conference: **La agenda hemisférica ante el nuevo escenario político en América Latina y el Caribe.** Round table: **La nueva agenda hemisférica y el rol de los organismos internacionales y regionales.** Organizers: Coordinadora Regional de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales (CRIES), IIEI/Unesp, INCT-INEU, Universidad de La Habana, American University, GAPCon, São Paulo, 8 June, 2009.

VIGEVANI, Tullo. **The quest for autonomy in Brazilian foreign policy.** Paper presented with Haroldo Ramanzini Júnior and Gabriel Cepaluni. Panel: **Brazilian Foreign Policy: institutions, business and strategic changes.** International Studies Association (ISA) and Associação Brasileira de Relações Internacionais (ABRI), New York, 15-18 February, 2009.

VIGEVANI, Tullo. Round table: **América do Sul: identidade, cooperação e assimetrias nas novas democracias do continente.** Speakers: Maria Celina D’Araujo,


Publication of partial results in the form of articles in indexed journals


**SEMINAR – THE OBAMA GOVERNMENT: ECONOMIC CRISIS, DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGES**

**Participation of NISUS researchers:** Sebastião C. Velasco e Cruz, Luis Fernando Ayerbe and Jaime Cesar Coelho.

**Date:** 27/11/2008

**Promoted by:** Programa de Pós-Graduação em Relações Internacionais “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP), Centro de Estudos de Cultura Contemporânea (Cedec) and Projeto Renato Archer.

**Venue:** PUC-SP, São Paulo, Brazil.

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE – THE HEMISPHERIC AGENDA IN THE NEW POLITICAL SETTING OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

**Participation of NISUS researchers:** Tullo Vigevani, Sebastião C. Velasco e Cruz and Luis Fernando Ayerbe.

**Date:** 08/06/2009

**Organized by:** NISUS, Instituto de Estudos Econômicos e Internacionais / Universidade Estadual Paulista “Júlio de Mesquita Filho” (IEEI-Unesp), Universidad de La Habana, American University, Grupo de Análise de Prevenção de Conflitos (GAPCon) e a Coordinadora Regional de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales (CRIES).

**Venue:** University Council Chamber – Unesp, São Paulo, Brazil.

**SEMINAR – FOREIGN POLICY AND PARADIPLOMACY IN MEXICO: BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA**

**Speaker:** Professor Jorge A. Schiavon from Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), México.

**Date:** 18/06/2009

**Promoted by:** NISUS and Programa de Pós-Graduação em Relações Internacionais “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP)
Venue: Centro de Estudos de Cultura Contemporânea (Cedec), São Paulo, Brazil.

SEMINAR – THE POSSIBILITIES FOR JUSTICE IN THE PROCESS OF SETTLING OF ACCOUNTS BY THE BRAZILIAN REGIME WITH THE VICTIMS OF THE MILITARY REGIME

Participation of NISUS researcher: Glenda Mezarobba (NISUS researcher), also a speaker at the round table “A reflection on the Brazilian case, based on the notion of transitional justice”.

Date: 29/06/2009


Supported by: NISUS, Editora Fórum and Livraria Cultura.

Venue: Eva Hertz Theater, Livraria Cultura, São Paulo, Brazil.

LECTURE – WAR ON TERROR AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Speaker: Professor Thomas Unger (Austrian jurist, specialist in International Criminal Law and Human Rights).

Participation of NISUS researchers: The event was open to the public and had the participation of several researchers of the Institute; broadcast via web-streaming.

Date: 30/06/2009

Organization: NISUS and Programa de Pós-Graduação em Relações Internacionais “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP).

Venue: Programa de Pós-Graduação em Relações Internacionais “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP).

NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE SEMINAR 2009
Participation of NISUS researchers: Andrei Koerner and Cristina Carvalho Pacheco.

Date: 12-14/08/2009


Supported by: US consulate – Rio de Janeiro, Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (FAPERJ), Procuradoria Geral do Estado (PGE), Associação de Juízes Federais do Brasil (AJUFE) and Associação dos Juízes Federais do Rio de Janeiro e Espírito Santo (AJUFERJES)

Venue: Centro Cultural Justiça Federal, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

ACADEMIC WEEK OF CNM (ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT), UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DE SANTA CATARINA), 2009

Participants: Immanuel Wallerstein, Timothy Moran, Patrício Korzeniewicz, Pedro Antonio Vieira, Plínio de Arruda Sampaio and Reinaldo Carcanholo.

Participation of NISUS researchers: Jaime Cesar Coelho and Flávia de Campos Mello.

Supported by: NISUS.

Date: 31/08 to 02/09/2009

Venue: Auditorium of Centro Sócio-Econômico, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Florianópolis, Brazil.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE RIGHT TO TRUTH

Speaker: Minister Paulo Vannuchi (Secretaria Especial dos Direitos Humanos da Presidência da República), Secretary José Henrique Reis Lobo, (Secretaria de Relações Institucionais do Estado de São Paulo), Secretary Luiz Antonio Guimarães Marrey (Secretaria da Justiça e Defesa da Cidadania do Estado de São Paulo), Secretary José Gregori (Secretaria Especial de Direitos Humanos da Prefeitura de São Paulo) Sérgio Adorno (Scientific Coordinator, Núcleo de Estudos da Violência / Universidade de São Paulo – NEV/USP), Paulo Sérgio
Participation of NISUS researcher: Glenda Mezarobba.

Promoted by: Núcleo de Estudos da Violência (NEV-USP), INCT Violência, Democracia e Segurança Cidadã and NISUS. Participation of NISUS researcher Glenda Mezarobba in the opening ceremony of the panel “The truth and the responsibility of the Brazilian State”.

Date: 19 and 20/10/2009

Venue: Prof. Francisco Romeu Landi Auditorium (Poli-USP), São Paulo, Brazil.

2nd INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS POSTGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM OF PROGRAMA “SAN TIAGO DANTAS” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP)

Participants: Antonio Jorge Ramalho da Rocha (UnB), Clodoaldo Bueno (STD/UNESP-Assis), Cristina Soreanu Pecequilo (Unesp-Marília), Héctor Luis Saint Pierre (PPGRI/Unesp-Franca), Jaime César Coelho (PPGRI/UFSC), Janina Onuki (USP), Javier Alberto Vadell (PUC-MG), José Blanes Sala (Unesp-Marília), José Flávio Sombra Saraiva (UnB), Monica Herz (PUC-RJ), Norma Breda dos Santos (UnB), Oliveiros da Silva Ferreira (PPGRI/PUC-SP), Paulo Gilberto Fagundes Vizentini (UFRGS), Rafael Antonio Duarte Villa (USP), Samuel Alves Soares (PPGRI/Unesp-Franca), Shiguenoli Miyamoto (PPGRI/Unicamp), Suzeley Kalil Mathias (PPGRI/Unesp-Franca), Theôtonio dos Santos (UFF) and Wagner Costa Ribeiro (USP), among others.

Participation of NISUS researchers: Flávia de Campos Mello, Glenda Mezarobba, Reginaldo Mattar Nasser, Sebastião C. Velasco e Cruz, Tullo Vigevani, Ricardo Alaggio Ribeiro, Filipe Almeida Mendonça, Débora Prado, Thiago Lima and Henrique Zeferino de Menezes, among others.

Promoted by: NISUS and Programa de Pós-Graduação em Relações Internacionais “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP)

Co-Promoted by: Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico (CNPq), Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior (CAPES) and Memorial da América Latina.

Date: 16-18/11/2009

Venue: Memorial da América Latina, São Paulo, Brazil.

Highlights: Launch of the book De Clinton a Obama: Políticas dos Estados Unidos para a América Latina, edited by Luis Fernando Ayerbe (member of the
INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR – TWENTY YEARS AFTER THE FALL OF THE WALL: REPERCUSSIONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA

Participants: David Sogge (Researcher at the Transnational Institute, Amsterdam), Carlos Romero (Professor and researcher in the fields of Politics and International Relations, Universidad Central de Venezuela), Matias Spektor (Coordinator of Centro de Estudos sobre Relações Internacionais, Fundação Getulio Vargas), Oliveira Ferreira (Professor of the Political Science department, PUC-SP, and of Programa de Pós-Graduação em Relações Internacionais “San Tiago Dantas”), Carlos Eduardo Lins da Silva (Ombudsman of Folha de São Paulo newspaper), Letícia Pinheiro (Professor of International Relations, Instituto de Relações Internacionais, PUC-Rio) and Jose Augusto Guilhon Albuquerque (Professor of International Relations, Universidade de São Paulo), among others.

Participation of NISUS researchers: Reginaldo Mattar Nasser, Paulo José dos Reis Pereira, Flávia de Campos Mello, Luis Fernando Ayerbe and Sebastião C. Velasco e Cruz, among others.

Coordination: Reginaldo Mattar Nasser (member of the NISUS Academic Council).

Promoted by: Programa de Pós-Graduação em Relações Internacionais “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP), NISUS and Observatório de Relações Internacionais (ORI).

Date: 24-26/11/2009

Venue: PUC-SP.
VI. HUMAN RESOURCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

The coordination of the NISUS Teaching Subprogram has defined as a priority inviting visiting scholars to teach courses on the United States to Brazilian postgraduate students.

Regarding postgraduate courses, NISUS is committed to contacting US professors and making feasible their coming to Brazil. Negotiations with Professor Alexander Keyssar, Chair of Democracy, Politics and Institutions at the Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University, are well underway. NISUS’ objective is to finalize proceedings in order to offer the subject “Institutions and Political Processes in the United States” to Master’s students within Programa de Pós-Graduação em Relações Internacionais “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP) in the second semester of 2010. Invitations to other scholars will be analyzed and effected during the current year.

NISUS researchers have carried out a preliminary survey on the availability of texts in Portuguese about American history and society covering its multiple aspects, as well as classic works of American culture. This survey has identified certain gaps that need to be filled, so as to disseminate and deepen our knowledge of the United States. Besides, various important books on the USA previously published in Brazil, are no longer part of current catalogues (in some cases, the publishing houses in question no longer exist).

In order to overcome such difficulties, we have started conversations with members of the US Embassy in Brazil. Contacts with Ms. Vera Galante, Cultural Adviser of the Embassy, were particularly fruitful, as she expressed an interest in collaborating with us and recommended we get in touch with an agency linked to the US Executive branch that will probably help us regarding negotiations on publishing rights.

Some activities are worth highlighting as they yielded promising results as far as Research and Teaching are concerned, for instance, the formulation of blueprints for undergraduate and postgraduate courses and the aforementioned bibliographical survey on the USA.

During 2009, the subject “Liberal Political Thought” was taught by Professor Andrei Koerner, in the Social Sciences undergraduate course at Unicamp. This subject was entirely based on American constitutional political thought.
For 2010, three courses have been created, as follows:

✔ “North American Liberal Political Thought”. Subject to be taught in the Political Science postgraduate course at Unicamp, second semester, 2010.

✔ “History and Politics in the USA: Historical Formation and Current Perspectives”. Subject scheduled to make up Programa de Pós-Graduação em Relações Internacionais “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP), to be taught by professors Luis Fernando Ayerbe and Reginaldo Mattar Nasser in the first semester, 2010.

✔ “Institutions and Political Processes in the United States”. Subject to be part of Programa de Pós-Graduação em Relações Internacionais “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP), to be taught by professors Tullo Vigevani, Sebastião C. Velasco e Cruz and probably a visiting professor in the second term, 2010.

Regarding the bibliographical survey, activities were divided into two tasks. The first was to acquire nearly 1,300 books on the most varied aspects of American foreign policy. This was the result of collective research carried out by various NISUS researchers, whose objective was to identify the main works available on the domestic and foreign publishing markets. As this is a permanent activity, new acquisitions are forecast for the next few months and years, such as the one made through the Fap-Livros 2009 program, supported by FAPESP.

The second remarkable task was to survey books, theses, papers and articles on the United States. This activity was carried out by undergraduate research grant-holders under the orientation of PhD students and it allowed for the creation of a database on postgraduate research available in Brazil. This also permitted the mapping of domestic Brazilian production on related subject matters in the form of articles and books in Portuguese.

Such specific lists of studies about the United States, unprecedented in Brazil, are now available at the NISUS digital library. Besides providing scholars with a rich research source, the data-gathering process strengthened the undergraduate grant-holder team, being also relevant as regards human resource training. That said, both the
grants and the orientation by NISUS members turned out to be a great opportunity for students to delve into specific International Relations issues with a focus on the USA.

Among the research projects, we highlight those that are ongoing or have been concluded:

PhD students

CEPALUNI, Gabriel. **Países em desenvolvimento e coalizões internacionais no GATT/OMC.** Ongoing PhD in Political Science at Universidade de São Paulo (USP), with a sandwich course at Georgetown University. Supervisors: Amâncio Jorge Silva Nunes de Oliveira and Andrew Bennett.


PRADO, Débora. **Paradipomacia nos Estados Unidos.** Ongoing PhD in Political Science at Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Unicamp). Supervisor: Shiguenoli Miyamoto.

MENDONÇA, Filipe Almeida. **A face multilateral do unilateralismo: A política comercial dos Estados Unidos na década de 1990.** Ongoing PhD in Political Science at Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Unicamp). Supervisor: Sebastião C. Velasco e Cruz.


Master’s students

AMUSQUIVAR, Érika Laurinda. **Império ou Imperialismo? Um debate sobre as relações de poder no pós-Guerra Fria.** Ongoing Master’s in Political Science at Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Unicamp). Supervisor: Sebastião C. Velasco e Cruz.
BARBOSA DE SOUZA, Marília Carolina. **A política de segurança e defesa dos Estados Unidos para o cone sul no âmbito do alargamento do conceito de segurança.** Ongoing Master’s in International Relations at Programa de Pós-Graduação “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP). Supervisor: Luis Fernando Ayerbe.

CAMARGO, Ana Carolina de Angelo. **A expansão e a promoção da democracia: Um estudo do governo de Bill Clinton.** Ongoing Master’s in International Relations at Programa de Pós-Graduação “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP). Supervisor: Reginaldo Mattar Nasser.

CARVALHO, Elisane Alves e Silva de. **Uma análise estratérgica da política comercial internacional dos Estados Unidos. Um estudo de caso: As Indústrias Deseret.** Ongoing Master’s in International Relations at Programa de Pós-Graduação “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP). Supervisors: Jaime Cesar Coelho and Sebastião C. Velasco e Cruz.

CASARÕES, Guilherme. **Transições à democracia em perspectiva comparada.** Ongoing Master’s in International Relations at Programa de Pós-Graduação “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP). Supervisor: Andrei Koerner.


FERREIRA, Kelly. **Políticas energéticas asiáticas: panoramas, agendas e a influência dos Estados Unidos.** Ongoing Master’s in International Relations at Programa de Pós-Graduação “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP). Supervisor: Sebastião C. Velasco e Cruz.

GALHERA, Katiuscia Moreno. **A (re)organização dos movimentos sindicais frente ao processo de internacionalização do capital: o caso das Global Union Federations (GUFs).** Ongoing Master’s in International Relations at Programa de Pós-Graduação “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP). Supervisor: Tullo Vigevani.

LAMBERT, Rodrigo. **O papel dos Estados Unidos na reconfiguração das estruturas dos regimes liberais: a reforma do mecanismo de solução de controvérsias da OMC.** Ongoing Master’s in International Relations at Programa de Pós-Graduação “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP). Supervisor: Sebastião C. Velasco e Cruz.


Undergraduate research grant-holders

The activities conducted by undergraduate research grant-holders may be divided into four major groups: (1) Seminars/Debates on Texts; (2) Data Gathering; (3) Website of the Institute; and (4) Academic Works. As results achieved, we cite the strengthening of methodological and theoretical knowledge, as well as intellectual maturing of the students with a view to conducting scientific work.

A. 10 undergraduate research grant-holders undertaking International Relations and Political Science degrees developed tasks related to our research processes and methods, selection of literature, development of research, production of reviews, participation in and organization of events and creation of a database, among others. We highlight the selection of NISUS grant-holder Thiago Espíndola Lira to take part in the Study of the US Institute for Student Leaders – 2010 program, sponsored by the US government, to be held at The University of Tennessee from 23 January to 27 February, 2010.

B. 3 undergraduate research grant-holders undertaking Library Studies degrees developed activities related to the technical and referencing process, acquired practical knowledge about cataloguing and other matters in the field of International Relations.

C. 1 undergraduate research grant-holder undertaking a Computer Science degree developed systems to manage academic research, through which it was possible to apply information technology to the sphere of Human Sciences research.

D. 1 undergraduate research grant-holder undertaking a Film Studies degree produced a pilot program for TV-PUC and drew up the project for a documentary.
In order to project the prospects for the second year of the National Institute for Studies on the United States (NISUS) one must consider the results of its activities in the first year. In the face of the information presented here, it is possible to observe that research activities were consistent. We have sought to establish links with institutions and researchers from the United States and other countries, who study the international system, particularly the USA. In the second and following years, we intend to carry on with this activity, consolidating the institute as a center of reference for studies on the country.

In our evaluation, the areas specified in the initial project were developed well (see item “Main Technical-Scientific Results”). The second year will deepen studies on US international economic policy, on strategy and security policy, on the US role in global governance and on relations with Latin America, which are the areas defined as objects of research in the original project. Our capacity to publicize and to publish, which we have sought to demonstrate, will take on greater amplitude and get reflected in the bibliographical production which, we hope, will come to have a strong impact. The institute is devoting special efforts to making sure these results become known and get debated also in the United States.

The Teaching and Knowledge Diffusion Subprograms are to receive greater attention in the second year. With regard to Teaching, specific subjects about the USA will be offered at postgraduate programs where our professors teach, i.e., Programa de Pós-Graduação em Relações internacionais “San Tiago Dantas” (Unesp, Unicamp and PUC-SP), Programa de Pós-Graduação em Ciência Política (Unicamp) and Programa de Pós-Graduação em Ciências Sociais (Unesp), as well as at various undergraduate programs in the fields of International Relations, Political Science and Social Sciences.

With regard to Knowledge Diffusion, our participation in public debate on themes relating to the role of the United States in the world was a constant of our first year of activity. It is hoped that this aspect of our diffusion efforts will be consolidated in the second year. The purchase of video-conference equipment, of a high-resolution camera and of a system for broadcasting via the internet, among others things, will serve to enhance diffusion and, above all, allow audiovisual material to be produced.

It is worth stressing our aim of holding a major and innovative event in the second half of 2010. The idea is to systematize intellectual production in Brazil about the USA
(articles, books, dissertations etc). This should be greatly useful for the research field in Brazil, as it will be a moment to publicize Brazilian knowledge on that country, with possible impacts on opinion in the broad sense.