Panel Discussion

Indigenous Peoples in Brazil and Guyana

A panel discussion jointly organized by the Rainforest Foundation and the Bildner Center on the rights of indigenous peoples featuring:

- **Joênia Batista de Carvalho**, Indigenous Council of Roraima
- **André Lima**, Socio-environmental Institute
- **Jean La Rose**, Amerindian Peoples Association
- **Joanna Simmons**, Amerindian Legal Services Center
- **Ana Valéria Araújo**, Rainforest Foundation-US

Guyana and Brazil are disparate in size, language, history and culture. The Indigenous peoples who live within their borders, however, share many common concerns and aspirations. This panel discussion will focus on the situation of Indigenous peoples in the two countries, comparing national level policies as they reflect on specific local struggles. One of the cases to be highlighted in Brazil is that of Raposa Serra do Sol, the traditional land of the Macuxi, Wapixana and Ingaricó peoples. Local peoples have been fighting for its official recognition for some thirty years, lending RSS strong symbolic importance on the national level, as well as very real importance for the peoples who live there. In Guyana, a series of community-based mapping projects and ground-breaking lawsuits have been used to demand Indigenous land rights. These will be addressed by representatives from the country's foremost Indigenous organization.

**Location**

Room C204/C205
The Graduate Center
365 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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6:00 P.M.

(Across from Empire State Bldg)

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