Institutional and social actors at all levels of government have advanced diverse strategies to address Brazil’s enormous social needs, working in the context of the post-1990’s reform process. On April 8-9, 2002, the Bildner Center for Western Hemisphere Studies (at The Graduate Center, City University of New York) is hosting this symposium, “New Approaches to Social Reform in Brazil,” to probe the new approaches, including the role of civil society in designing and implementing them.

The conference will explore trends of social policy in the context of a globalizing world: job quality and employment; recent reforms on health, welfare and pension systems; issues of planning and management of successful social programs; the role of business and urban local dynamics; rural poverty, land reform, sustainable development (Rio +10), environment and human rights. The Bildner Center intends to publish a selection of the papers in book form as part of the Bildner Center book series.

Registration is required. Those interested in the April conference should visit www.bildner.org, send their inquiries to brazilproject@gc.cuny.edu, or write to Bildner Center, The Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, Suite 5209, New York, NY 10016-4309.

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MONDAY, APRIL  8: Room 9204
9:00 A.M. Registration
9:15 A.M. Opening Remarks
9:30 -11:30 A.M. Session I
Social Reforms: Content and Context
Moderator: Mauricio Font, The Graduate Center & Queens College, City University of New York
“The Middle Way: Social Development and Political Compromise in Democratic Brazil”
Eduardo Graeff, Palácio do Planalto
“Educational Policy Reform”
Sônia Draibe, USP/Unicamp
“Modernization of Labor Relations in Brazil”
Paulo Paiva, Vice President of Inter-American Development Bank
12:15 - 1: 15 P.M. Lunch
1:15-3:15 P.M. Session II
Reforms, the Labor Market and Employment
Moderator: Ken Erickson, The Graduate Center & Hunter College, City University of New York
“Trade Liberalization and Labor Market”
Jorge Arbaiú, University of Brasilia (UnB)
“Social Actors Fighting for Labor Rights”
Simone Buechler, Columbia University
“Trade Liberalization and Social Reforms”
Maria Falcão, UnB
Joaquim Pinto de Andrade, UnB
“Liberalization, Democratization and Corporatist Institutions: the Role of the Technical Support Agencies in Brazil”
Eduardo Gomes, UFF
3:20-5:20 P.M. Session III
Agrarian Reform, Environment and Sustainable Development
“Biodiversidade e Desenvolvimento Sustentável na Amazônia”
Sérgio Leitão, Environmental Lawyer
“Decentralized Agrarian Reform in The Nineties and Perspectives”
José Maria da Silveira, Unicamp
“Water Catchment Areas: Social vs. Environmental Function of Property”
Ligia Maria Largura, Columbia University
TUESDAY, APRIL 9: Room 9204
8:45 A.M. Registration
9:00-11:00 A.M. Session IV
Advancing Human Rights
Moderator: Michael Turner, Hunter College, City University of New York
“Black Consciousness and Democracy”
Carlos Alves Moura, Palmares Foundation
“Indigenous Rights: The Panará Tribe Case”
Ana Valéria Araújo, Rainforest Foundation
“Women Rights in Comparative Perspective”
Mala N. Hutn, New School University
“Direitos Humanos e a Presença da Alto Comissariado das Nações Unidas no Brasil”
Guilherme de Almeida, University of São Paulo (USP)
11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M. Session V
New Actors and New Partnerships
Moderator: Leona Forman, Brazil Foundation
“Civil Society, Government, and the World Bank”
John Garrison, World Bank
“New Social Technologies”
Thereza Lobo, Comunidade Solidária
“Responsabilidade Social: O Instituto Ayrton Senna”
Irati Antonio, Ayrton Senna Institute
12:30-1:30 P.M. Lunch
1:30 -3:30 P.M. Session VI
Local Policy and Urban Dynamics
Moderator: TBA
Janice Perlman, Mega-Cities Project
“Urban Planning: Participatory Budget”
Denise Vitale Mendes, USP/ Columbia University
“Local Government and Civil Society”
Betina Schürmann, UnB
“Favelas and Urban Poverty”
Amb. Flávio Perri, former Minister of Environment and Consul-General of Brazil In New York
3:45-4:30 P.M. Session VII
Health Reform
Moderator: Albert Bildner
“Health Reforms and Federalism in Brazil”
André C. Médici, Inter-American Development Bank
Closing Discussion: From Reform to Sustainable Development