

# Indian Ocean World Centre

Fall **Speaker Series**

## Sailing the Lusophone Legacy: Brazil's Geopolitical Odyssey in the Indian Ocean

**Oct 2** - Rm 116, Peterson Hall  
3:00 – 5:00, Refreshments served

Brazil's expanding influence in the Indian Ocean mirrors the historical pathways once navigated by Portuguese explorers. As Portugal's colonial legacy fades, Brazil now emerges as a bridge between continents, fostering economic ties, cultural exchange, and diplomatic collaboration. The Lusophone connection—shared language, traditions, and historical bonds—positions Brazil strategically. By leveraging this heritage, Brazil can lead South-South cooperation, and as a rising global player, Brazil's new engagement intersects with trade routes, security dynamics, and cultural exchanges. This seminar explores Brazil's strategic interests, historical ties, and potential collaborations in the Indian Ocean, emphasizing the importance of fostering partnerships among Southern nations.



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