

Enhancement Course
Brazil-Japan

**Public Management
and Education in a Perspective
of Multicultural Training
of the National Program
of Public Administration**

**STUDY
GUIDE**

**UNIT 1 - FORMATION OF THE STATE (BRAZIL AND
JAPAN)**

ENHANCEMENT COURSE

“Public Management and Education in a Perspective of Multicultural Training of the National Program of Public Administration”

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Topics:

- **Ethnic Composition of the Brazilian People: plurality of culture and nature** – Professors Márcia Ferreira e Michèle Sato/UFMT
- **Where do we come from and what are we? – multiculturalism in the perspective of anthropology** – Professor Tetsuya Inamura/UAI

Workload: 30 hours

Period: 3rd week

1. Presentation:

The topic **ETHNIC COMPOSITION OF THE BRAZILIAN PEOPLE: PLURALITY OF CULTURE AND NATURE**, from a Brazilian perspective, will be worked on by Professors Márcia Ferreira and Michèle Sato. In the first half of the text the different “Brazils” will be presented, as well as their peoples, conceptions of “Brazilianess” and of diversities. Then, we will focus on a very broad issue that crosses and extends beyond the territorial limits of countries and affects humanity as a whole: the climatic issue.

In this sense, the text guides reflections on the “ethnic composition of the Brazilian people”, which refers to several discussions and debates on the subject in Brazil since the nineteenth century, when the country became independent, until today.

Hence, when we think of issues directly related to this conception of identity that transcends territorial boundaries, ecological problems stand out, since “they cannot be reduced to the national frontiers – their territoriality is planetary” (ORTIZ, 2013, pp. 622). With this, we propose a reflection on climate change and climate justice.

Professor Tetsuya Inamura will present reflections from the Japanese perspective, with the theme: **WHERE ARE WE AND WHO ARE WE? - THE REFLECTION ON MULTICULTURALISM IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF ANTHROPOLOGY.**

The text presents the discussion of multiculturalism under the anthropological viewpoint, with questions about the origin of mankind itself and its relationships, proposing to reflect on fundamental questions such as “where did people come from?” “What are we? What is our existence?”, using that as a basis to seek answers to questions such as “what is multicultural?” “Why are humans culturally diverse?”, “Why is this important?”. Thus, from the perspective of anthropology, Professor Tetsuya explains about human evolution, and how *Homo sapiens* spread and adapted themselves to the world, but also about the origin and development of the “empathic capacity” that contributed to the construction of groups and countries.

Such elements are established as fundamental discoveries for the evolution of humanity and the formation of the Japanese and the multicultural situation in Japan in modern times, with the aid of significant records on the scientific knowledge of DNA, intertwined with the historical knowledge of the evolution and migration of human beings of ancient times, which may affect the idea of “multiculturality” in humanities and social sciences.

2. Activities

The proposed activities will be developed by the means of **Discussion Forums**.

According to Pallof and Pratt (2004), **Discussion Forums** are privileged spaces for the exercise of dialogical, open and plural relations regarding proposed themes,

exchange of experiences and feedbacks among teachers, mediators (tutors) and students.

Therefore, it is important to emphasize that the forums will be spaces for reflection with the objective of collective construction of knowledge, differing from other learning strategies, based on questions and answers.

In addition to presenting your contribution to the Forum, it is interesting to read the contributions posted by your course colleagues, present your point of view (comment on the Forum) and wherever possible, to found your opinion.

The material written by the teachers (video and text) is a starting point for the discussions. Therefore, when you feel it is appropriate, you can present contributions from other sources of knowledge/authors. Be aware!! It is always important to identify the author and the source used.

Take part in the reflections and issues presented by professors in the following discussion spaces:

FORUM 1: Reflections proposed by Professors Márcia Ferreira e Michèle Sato (Brazil)

- Topic: Ethnic Composition of the Brazilian People: plurality of culture and nature

Can you think of any vulnerable social group where you live? Are there homeless people? Immigrants? Ethnic minority groups? Do they have equal opportunities? What are the difficulties? Will they suffer the consequences of climate change more? Is it possible to help them? How?

FORUM 2: Reflections proposed by Professor Tetsuya Inamura (Japan) - Topic: **Where do we come from? – The reflection on multiculturalism in the perspective of anthropology.**

Understanding key points about human evolution, “empathic capacity”, the spreading of humanity and the formation of the Japanese people, let's compare,



reflect and discuss the background and how to resolve issues such as friction and conflict between different groups, such as the relationship between the majority and the native peoples in both Japan and Brazil.

3. Reference

PALLOF, Rena; PRATT, Keith. **O Aluno Virtual:** um guia para trabalhar com estudantes online. Porto Alegre: Artmed, 2004.



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