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## “Psychology and Education in Brazil’s First Republic, 1889-1930”

Monday  
November 2, 2009  
4:00 - 5:30 pm  
Hagstrum Room  
university hall 201  
Evanston Campus  
reception to follow

This talk explores how psychology was established in Brazil’s First Republic in connection with educational needs and governmental projects. Seeing formal education as a solution to the problems of poverty and social inequalities, intellectuals at that time turned to psychology to improve the educational process. I will examine the prevailing relationship between psychology and education by considering the alternative approach of the noted intellectual, Manoel Bomfim.

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