

2nd ESVDC WEBINAR

CAREER GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING AND MIGRATION CHALLENGES: The point of view of international scholars

Voices from BRAZIL

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Immigration History in Brazil

16th to 19th century – Portuguese colonization

16th to 19th century – Slavery in Brazil

Working search

20th century – German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, and Spanish

21st century – Argentines, Bolivians, Chinese, Haitians, Japanese, and Portuguese

Political issues

21st century – Venezuelans

Current Data from Immigration in Brazil

Approximately 2 million permanent immigrants live in Brazil
(1% of the total population)

Largest foreign populations in Brazil (2020)

Bolivia	– 550.000
Portugal	– 280.000
Venezuela	– 265.000
Haiti	– 100.00
Japan	– 90.000
United States	– 90.000
Argentina	– 70.000
China	– 70.000
Italia	– 70.000

Brazilian Reality (ILO, 2021)

Economically Active Population (EAP)

15% – College education

40% – Employed

12% – Unemployed

40% – Works in unregulated jobs

51% – Low qualified workers

20.4% – General unemployment rate without high school diploma

Main issues from Brazil

Social Inequality

Hunger

Unemployment

Violence

Insufficient education

Low-quality jobs with no-sufficient income

Immigration is not yet a serious issue in Brazil

International Labour Organization (ILO, 2021).
World employment and social outlook: Trends
2021. ILO.



Main Issues in Brazil

Immigrants and refugees find an unfavorable socioeconomic situation in Brazil, which offers few opportunities for decent work and jobs

The reality of difficulties for most of the population in Brazil

IN GENERAL, BECOMING A VULNERABLE GROUP

Those who have groups from their countries already settled in Brazil have better support and living conditions

RECENT EXAMPLE

Group of Ukrainians who migrated because of the war and settled in an old Ukrainian community in Southern Brazil

Immigration Issues

What are the main immigration issues faced in Brazil?

PREJUDICE

Labels attached to the status of being an immigrant

QUALIFICATION

Lack of accreditation of pre-migration qualifications

BARRIER OF LANGUAGE

Language challenges

CULTURAL BARRIERS IN THE HOST COUNTRY

Immigration Issues

What are the main immigration issues faced in Brazil?

EMOTIONAL BARRIERS

Emotional barriers such as feeling isolated, lonely, and nostalgic

LACK OF SOCIAL CAPITAL

WORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Labor insertion in precarious, unregulated, and low-skill jobs

Difficulty in legalizing documentation

68% do not use their professional skills in their current jobs

A mismatch between professional training and the working activity performed in Brazil

Immigration Issues

What are the main immigration issues faced in Brazil?

WORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Difference between

Those who immigrate by choice, with a support network and guaranteed work (**BETTER OUTCOMES**)

and

Those who are forced to immigrate for socioeconomic reasons, war, ethnic or political persecution, violence, or in search of a better life and work opportunities, among others, without a support network and guaranteed work (**POORER OUTCOMES**)

Policies and Debates

What are the main policies/debates about immigration within the Brazilian social context?

Immigrants are considered equal to Brazilians before the law

Immigrants cannot be deported unless they do not have legal documents from their original countries

Immigrants have the right to health, education, and social assistance

Brazilian laws are friendly to immigrants, but the Brazilian government offers little support to them

Stakeholders

Who are the stakeholders who deal with these questions?

Little support from the Brazilian government
Assistance Center for Immigrants (under implementation)

The existing support is carried out by:

Catholic Church

NGOs

Associations of resident immigrants

An informal social network of resident immigrants

CGC – Current Contributions

To what extent does CGC contribute to these questions?

Under implementation

Guidance and information about the labor market in Brazil for immigrants

Support for immigrant labor market inclusion

Referrals of immigrants for working opportunities and professional training courses

Restricted offer of workshops and career guidance programs

CGC – Potentialities

How could CGC play a more important role in addressing migration challenges?

Intercultural CGC

Diatopical hermeneutics

Discursive validation

Communitarian strategies

Critical consciousness

MAIN ATTITUDES

Situated knowledge and intercultural view and action

Interventions that extend to the social

Logic of co-construction through diatopical hermeneutics

Counselor acting as an intermediary

MAIN GOAL - THE CO-CONSTRUCTION OF A PLACE IN THE WORLD

Conclusions

Immigrant Support

Immigration requires intercultural views and strategies in order to generate welcome and social justice. Otherwise, it can produce a forced and violent adaptation, as well as recurring situations of xenophobia and discrimination

It should always be an action coordinated by the public power and carried out by the whole society

CGC can potentially play a key role in this process

**THANK YOU
VERY MUCH**

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