

FROM LIBERDADE TO LITTLE TOKYO

Resisting Racism and Erasure, Building Cross-Racial Solidarity

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Participatory exhibition at JICA Yokohama will have a set of photographs, oral history video, counter-cartographies, interactive elements and online tour (free access).

Discussants:

- _Patrícia de Oliveira (Movimento dos Aflitos) | Henrique Yagui Takahashi (PhD Candidate in Latin American Cultural and Literary Studies)
- _SJ Nikkei Resisters | Hidden Histories
- _JTown Action and Solidarity

Time Dec. 4th 1:00pm Eastern Time

Zoom link: <https://emory.zoom.us/j/91951167565>

Duration: 1.5 hours

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"From Liberdade to Little Tokyo: Resisting Racism and Erasure, Building Cross-Racial Solidarity in Sao Paulo" on December 4th from 1pm-2:30pm ET.

Please see the information and flyer below for more details!

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- **Zen Sekizawa, Mario Correa, & Henry Aoki, J-Town Action and Solidarity**
- **Susan Hayase & Tom Izu, San Jose Nikkei Resisters | Hidden Histories**

Hosted by Prof. Monica Okamoto and Emory University

*This event will take place entirely in English without translation. We are also hosting 2 other events, one in Japan (Japanese and English) and one in São Paulo (Portuguese). Please reach out if you would like information about those.

Additional information:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/Cz53TszSHbn/?igshid=MTc4MmM1Yml2Ng==>

<https://projectliberdade.wordpress.com/>