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**The Brazil Institute and the Comparative Urban Studies Project  
invite you to a conference on:**

## **LESSONS IN GOVERNANCE FROM URBAN BRAZIL**

**Tuesday, June 17, 2008**

**3:00 – 5:00 pm**

**5th floor conference room**

**Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW (Ronald Reagan Building)**

*With presentations by:*

**TIM CAMPBELL**

Chairman of the Board, Urban Age Institute

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Cities around the world are facing explosive population growth, poverty and environmental degradation. Municipal governments are under tremendous pressure to provide basic infrastructure and services. This seminar will detail how planning and good governance can effectively address the harsh realities of urban life, including precarious housing, inadequate transportation, pollution, crime and corruption. Ivani Vassoler, a political scientist and former journalist, will draw from her recent publication, *Urban Brazil. Visions, Afflictions, and Governance Lessons*, to reflect upon the urban success story of the city of Curitiba in the state of Parana, Brazil. Vassoler will detail the decision-making process behind the policies that transformed Curitiba into a more livable metropolis. Urban governance experts, Tim Campbell and Eduardo Rojas will comment on Vassoler's presentation and speak more broadly about the challenges and opportunities of urbanization, offering models of reform and innovation for cities in Latin America and elsewhere in the world.

**RSVP acceptances only, [culp@wilsoncenter.org](mailto:culp@wilsoncenter.org) or by calling (202) 691-4289**

**Location:** Woodrow Wilson Center at the Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW ("Federal Triangle" stop on Blue/Orange Line), 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room. A map to the Center is available at [www.wilsoncenter.org/directions](http://www.wilsoncenter.org/directions).

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