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Please join the Woodrow Wilson Center's Brazil Institute welcomes you to a discussion on

"Why Brazilians Like Dilma Despite The Bad News?"

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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6th Floor Flom Auditorium

Featuring: **David Fleischer**, Professor Emeritus, University of Brasilia
Diego Bonomo, Senior Director for Policy, Brazil-US Business Council
Christopher Garman, Director and Latin America Practice Head, Eurasia Group
Kellie Meiman, Managing Director, McLarty Associates

Moderator: **Paulo Sotero**, Director, Brazil Institute

The first year of President Dilma Rousseff's administration was marked by the worsening of the international economic outlook, a sharp deceleration of domestic economic growth and the multiplication of corruption scandals that cost the jobs of six of her ministers. And yet, according to a poll released just before Christmas, 56% of the Brazilian population rate Rousseff's government "good" and "excellent", and 59% expect her to continue to govern well in the years ahead.

Seen initially as an untested politician who had never run for office and was elected only on the strength of her fabulously popular predecessor, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Rousseff ended 2011 with a record personal approval rating of 72%. On January 11, the Brazil Institute will bring together a group of experts to reflect on Brazil's first female president's performance and what lays ahead in the domestic and international fronts.

Location: Woodrow Wilson Center at the Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW ("Federal Triangle" stop on Blue/Orange Line), 6th Floor Flom Auditorium. A map to the Center is available at www.wilsoncenter.org/directions. **Note: Please allow additional time to pass through security.**