

Opening Remarks:

Admiral (Retired) Liseo Zamprônio, *Brazilian Navy*

Admiral Liseo Zamprônio joined the Brazilian Navy in February 1974 and graduated from the Brazilian Navy Academy in 1977. He was promoted to the highest Brazilian Navy rank of Almirante de Esquadra (4-Star Admiral) on 25 November 2015 and retired in July 2019. Admiral Zamprônio graduated at the highest levels of the main Brazilian Defense and Navy Schools. He assumed many leadership positions in his more than 45 years of service including: Military Attaché in South Africa; Director of Civilian Personnel of the Navy; Director of the Naval Systems Analysis Center; Commander of the Brazilian Naval Air Force; Commander of the Southeast Naval Patrol Group; Commander of the Eighth Naval District; Commander-in-Chief of the Fleet; and General Secretary of the Navy. His previous deployment was in Brasília, as the Brazilian Navy Chief of Staff. In May 2019, Admiral Liseo was assigned by the President of Brazil as Military Adviser of the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations in New York for two years, effective 13 August 2019.

Speakers:

Jerry Dávila, *Lemann Chair in Brazilian History Executive Director*, **Illinois Global Institute of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Jerry Dávila holds the Jorge Paulo Lemann Chair in Brazilian History at the University of Illinois. He currently serves as Executive Director of the Illinois Global Institute, established in 2019 to advance UIUC's work with international area studies centers and global themes. His research focuses on the influence of racial thought in public policy in Brazil, as well as the state and social movements in the twentieth century. Dr. Dávila is the author of several books including *Hotel Trópico: Brazil and the Challenge of African Decolonization* (Duke, 2010), recipient of the Latin Studies Association Brazil Section Book Prize, and of *Diploma of Whiteness: Race and Social Policy in Brazil, 1917-1945* (Duke, 2003). He has written for publications including the *New York Times* and the *Cairo Review* about the experiences of military rule and redemocratization in Brazil, Argentina, and Chile, the subject of his *Dictatorship in South America* (Wiley, 2013). He is also a co-author of *A History of World Societies* (Macmillan, 2018). In 2000, Dr. Dávila taught as a Fulbright Lecturer at the University of São Paulo, and in 2005, he held the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Studies at the Catholic University in Rio de Janeiro. He has also received the National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship and the Fulbright-Hays Research Fellowship. He is former President of the Conference on Latin American History, the affiliate of the American Historical Association dedicated to the study of Latin America. Dr. Dávila holds a B.A. with honors in History from Dartmouth College (1991), an M.A. in History from Brown University (1993), and a Ph.D. in History from Brown University (1998).