

# Model Favela: Imagination and Inequality in Brazil



## Alessandro Angelini Wednesday, April 3 • 7 p.m.

Germantown Campus  
High Technology and Science Center (HT) • Globe Hall

Alessandro Angelini is an assistant professor of anthropology at Johns Hopkins University. He studies how building practices and cultural production shape political subjectivity in urban squatter settlements. His research in Brazil tracks how these environments become objects of material practice, technocratic knowledge, and artistic expression. His first book, *Model Favela: Youth, Second Nature, and Rio de Janeiro*, based on four years of ethnographic research, investigates the social ordering of creativity as experienced and represented by working-class Afro-Brazilian youth. He holds a PhD in anthropology from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

Angelini will recount the rise into artistic prominence of Project Morrinho, a miniature urban play-world created by a youth collective in a favela, or squatter settlement, in Rio de Janeiro. He will explore what their iconoclastic role-playing game reveals about the status of imagination in an increasingly unequal, urbanized world.



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