

This talk analyzes current manifestations of anti-black racism in Brazil's Bolsonaro in light of a long, enduring and foundational violence that characterizes the Brazilian polity. Bolsonaro's misogynist, racist and homophobic rhetorics notwithstanding, I argue that in order to understand the current configurations of power in Brazil we must consider two related phenomena: a) the too-familiar genocidal practices that makes Brazil a multi-racial nation; b) the vitality of democracy despite of (or precisely because of) anti-black terror. How might we imagine a blackpolis within this context?