

About the speaker:

Anderson França was born and lived in Vila Aliança, a suburb of Rio de Janeiro. He is a writer and was nominated for the Jabuti Prize, Brazil's most important literary prize, in 2017 for his first **novel "Rio em Shamas," published by the Companhia das Letras / Penguin**. He is also a screen writer for TV Globo/GloboSat, as well as for films, where he has collaborated with Carolina Jabor, João Jardim and Lázaro Ramos. Beyond this, França is an activist for human rights and has initiated a number of social projects in the University of Correria in the Complexo da Maré, including a community project for entrepreneurship, which has seen 4 thousand students in Rio's peripheries graduate and open their own businesses and start-ups, essentially for black women and the LGBT. He was a political consultant for Marina Silva, the ex-senator and ex-minister for the environment. França is currently in exile in Portugal, having become a target for political persecution in his own country.