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Discussion on Brazil 2026 Elections

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Olga Curado Olga Curado is a Brazilian journalist, writer, communications consultant, and coach with extensive experience in political communication and media training. She served for fourteen years as journalism director at Rede Globo and previously worked for leading Brazilian newspapers, including O Estado de S. Paulo, O Globo, and Jornal do Brasil. Since 2000, she has advised political leaders, government officials, and corporate executives in Brazil and abroad. Curado has trained presidential candidates, including Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, whom she prepared for televised debates during Brazil's 2026 elections. She has also pursued training in Gestalt therapy in Italy, holds a fourth-degree black belt in Aikido, and is the author of books on communication, Aikido, poetry, and fiction.



James N. Green is the Carlos Manuel de Céspedes Professor Emeritus of Modern Latin American History and Portuguese and Brazilian Studies at Brown University. A historian specializing in Brazilian politics, democracy, social movements, and human rights, he is the author or co-editor of eleven books, including *We Cannot Remain Silent: Opposition to the Brazilian Military Dictatorship in the United States* and *Exile within Exiles: Herbert Daniel, Gay Brazilian Revolutionary*. He previously directed Brown University's Brazil Initiative and served as president of the Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA). He is currently National Co-Coordinator of the US Network for Democracy in Brazil and President of the Board of Directors of the Washington Brazil Office. In 2025, he received Brazil's Order of Rio Branco in recognition of his contributions to the country.



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