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Land, space, place and memory: reflections on the establishment of the Mosaico Gurupi in Brazil's eastern Amazon region

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SUMMARY

In this talk he will address the articulations in the development of the Mosaico Gurupi, a conservation area established through Brazil's Ministry of the Environment (MMA), benefiting indigenous and recently settled communities of the eastern Amazon region located in Pará and Maranhão states. This area embraces six indigenous reserves in addition to the Biological Reserve Gurupi, home to five indigenous groups. Mosaico Gurupi is unique among mosaics established by MMA in that it focuses primarily on the indigenous communities of this region, enhancing their security and cultural revitalization.



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