



# ESCOLA DA COMUNIDADE

TRANSFORMING DIFFICULTIES INTO OPPORTUNITIES.

The Centre for Research on International Education (CRIE), Faculty of Education, in association with The Centre for Corporate Governance and Sustainability, Beedie School of Business, invite you to a presentation by

## Rachel de Oliveira Braun

### **Pedagogical director**

Escola da Comunidade (School of the Community) at Colegio Visconde de Porto Seguro, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

January 11, 2017

4:30 — 6:00pm

### **Halpern Centre**

Burnaby Campus

Light refreshments will be served.  
Please, **RSVP by January 9**

For more information and to RSVP,  
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Colegio Visconde de Porto Seguro is a school in Sao Paulo, Brazil, with an enrolment of 8,000 students, including 1,600 from the second largest favela (shanty), Paraisópolis, home to about 100,000 very poor people. Through funding of the school by a Brazilian / German Foundation, the students from Paraisópolis receive full scholarships and share the same facilities and teachers as the fee paying students, who come from an upper middle class background. This sharing is both unique and innovative, and a challenging experience. The regular school curriculum is complemented by extra curricular activities such as orchestra, choir, rugby, and German language courses. Special education is also provided for community adults who cannot read or write, and handcraft courses to help the families increase their incomes. These activities importantly build close ties to the school. The graduated students from senior high school are getting more and more acceptance by both private and public universities in the country, and sometimes in the USA and Germany. Research is now being conducted to investigate whether and how the instructional model used at the school could be applied to other schools in similar contexts.

**Rachel de Oliveira Braun**, the creative force behind Escola da Comunidade, who has a background in Biological Sciences and Pedagogy, will share her experiences in this presentation.