

# Lilia Moritz Schwarcz: A Biography of Brazil's Renowned Historian



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Lilia Moritz Schwarcz is one of Brazil's most renowned historians. Her work has focused on the history of slavery, race, and gender in Brazil, and she has been a vocal critic of the country's current political climate.

## **Early Life and Education**

Lilia Moritz Schwarcz was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1957. Her father, Roberto Moritz Schwarcz, was a German-Jewish intellectual who had fled to Brazil in the 1930s. Her mother, Maria Cecília Schwarcz, was a Brazilian pianist and art collector. Lilia grew up in a privileged environment and attended the best schools in Rio de Janeiro.

After graduating from high school, Lilia enrolled in the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), where she studied history. She graduated in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in history. Lilia then went on to study at the

University of São Paulo (USP), where she earned a master's degree in history in 1982 and a doctorate in history in 1987.

## **Academic Career**

Lilia Moritz Schwarcz began her academic career as a professor at USP in 1987. She quickly rose through the ranks and became a full professor in 1995. In addition to her teaching duties, Lilia has also held numerous visiting positions at universities around the world, including Yale University, Harvard University, and the University of Oxford.

Lilia's research has focused on the history of slavery, race, and gender in Brazil. She has published numerous books and articles on these topics, and her work has been widely praised for its originality and insight. Lilia's work has helped to shed light on the dark history of slavery in Brazil, and she has been a vocal advocate for racial and gender equality.

In addition to her academic work, Lilia has also been a vocal critic of the current political climate in Brazil. She has spoken out against the rise of authoritarianism and the erosion of democracy in the country. Lilia's outspokenness has made her a target of criticism from the right-wing government of Jair Bolsonaro.

## **Awards and Honors**

Lilia Moritz Schwarcz has received numerous awards and honors for her work. These include:

- Prêmio Jabuti (2004, 2008, 2012)
- Prêmio Casa Grande & Senzala (2005)

- Prêmio Nacional de História (2013)
- Prêmio Internacional Alfonso Reyes (2017)

Lilia is also a member of the Brazilian Academy of Letters and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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