

Reparations Between U.S. & Brazil: A Dialogue with Diva Moreira

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Diva Moreira is one of the griots of the Black radical tradition in Brazil. She started her intellectual and political work fighting against the military dictatorship (1964-1985), organizing underground meetings for democracy as a member of the Communist Party. The military invaded her house, her husband was imprisoned for three years, and the government prohibited her from speaking publicly. Yet, she resisted political persecution until the democratization of the country.

After the dictatorship, she dedicated herself to Black, feminist, and working-class movements. Diva Moreira was one of the first public voices against the Hospício de Barbacena (Barbacena Mental Hospital), which locked and killed almost 60 thousand people in Brazil, mainly Black folks. She founded the Movimento de Organização da Mulher (MOM, Women's Organization Movement), which focused on the struggle for daycare in working places and reproductive rights, as well as the Afro-Brazilian political group Casa Dandara (Dandara House), that contributed to the creation of the Estatuto da Criança e Adolescente (ECA, law of protection of children and teenagers in Brazil), transnational dialogues between Black activists of Brazil, United States, France, Germany, and Canada, and the struggle against religious racism.

