



# THE OTHER SIDE OF VIOLENCE

## Marielle Franco and the Struggle for Brazilian Democracy

March 12, 2019

4:15pm | Demonstration in honor of Marielle, Memorial Church steps

5-7pm | Seminar, Basement Seminar Room, Robinson Hall

Harvard University

### SPEAKERS

## Geri Augusto

Gerard Visiting Associate Professor of International & Public Affairs and Africana Studies and Watson Institute Faculty Fellow at Brown University.

## Mariana Cavalcanti

Urban Anthropologist and Professor in the Institute of Social and Political Studies at the State University of Rio de Janeiro.

In 2016, Marielle Franco was elected to Rio de Janeiro's City Council as a member of the Socialism and Liberty Party. She was a woman of African descent from a favela community who earned a master's degree. A single mother in a committed relationship with another woman, she worked for the welfare of LGBTQ and poor populations, including families of deceased police members. A feminist, a bridge-builder and a radical defender of human rights, she represented hopes of political renewal for countless Brazilians. On March 14, 2018, Marielle and her driver Anderson Gomes were brutally assassinated. There is strong evidence that her murderers belong to urban militias which saw her as a threat. These are paramilitary gangs and death squads with links to elected officials, including allies and family members of Brazil's current president. Marielle Franco has become a symbol in the struggle for Brazilian democracy.

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