Global Feminisms Project Pronunciation Guide

Brazil Interviewee Names

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Naming conventions. In Brazil, naming conventions became standardized in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, coinciding with laws that required married women to take their husband's surname, adding it at the end of their maiden name. In 1962, a new law permitted married women to choose whether to add their husbands' name.

The naming of children with one or two first names, then the mother's (patronymic) surname, and finally, the father's (patronymic) surname became a standard convention in the twentieth century. This convention continues to be widely followed when both parents acknowledge their child, whether or not the parents are formally married. The order of surnames is not mandated by law and in recent decades, feminist influence has led many parents to alter it.

When abbreviating, Brazilians sometimes drop one of their surnames. The final surname is used for bibliographical and archival cataloging.

Interviewee	Pronunciation
Luciana Adriana da Silva	loo-cē-Ä-nä ä-drē-Ä-nä dä SEL-vä
Iara Amora dos Santos	ē-Ä-rä ä-MŌ-rä doos SÄN-tōs
Laura Castro	LÄOO-rä CÄS-trō
Maria de Fatima Lima Santos	mä-RĒ-ä dä FÄ-tē-mä LĒ-mä SÄN-tōs
Matilda de Souza Francisco	mä-TĒL-dä dä SŌU-zä frän-CĒ-scō
Giordana Moreira	zhōr-DÄ-nä mō-RĀ-rä
Maria da Penha Maia Fernandes	mä-RĒ-ä dä PE-nyä MÄ-yä fer-NÄN-des
Angélica Souza Pinheiro	än-GE-lē-kä Sō-zä pē-NHĀ-rō
Maria Amélia de Almeida Teles	mä-RĒ-ä ä-ME-lyä dā äl-MĀ-dä TE-les
Nataraj Trinta	nä-tä-RÄJ TRĒN-tä
Elizabeth Viana	ā-lē-zä-BE-chē vē-Ä-nä
Shirley Villela	SHĒR-lā vi-LE-lä
Giovana Xavier	SHĒR-lā vi-LE-lä