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Dr. Alba Zaluar is a Doctor of Social Anthropology (1984), and lead Professor of Social Anthropology at Rio de Janeiro State University since 1995. Dr. Zaluar is the founder and coordinator of NUPEVI, the Nucleus of Research on Violence, based at Rio de Janeiro State University's Institute of Social Medicine and, since last year, the coordinator of a prestigious National Institute of Science and Technology "Urban Space and Public Security", financed by the Federal government and the State of Rio de Janeiro.

Over the last thirty years Dr. Zaluar has systematically researched the theme of criminality and urban violence, in all its aspects and dimensions, publishing over 60 Journal articles and various books such as: 'Perverse Integration', 'Education and Violence', and 'The Machine and the Revolt', especially covering questions relating to the diagnosis and interpretation of violence related to the illegal trafficking of weapons and drugs.

Dr. Zaluar has coordinated diverse projects relating to Public Security, the research institution NUPEVI conducts various quantitative and qualitative research projects on themes related to violence, the prevention of violence and understandings of poverty. In addition Dr. Zaluar coordinated a series of Victimisation Surveys in Rio de Janeiro between 2005 and 2007. In 2001 as assessor of Rio de Janeiro's Mayor, Dr. Zaluar developed a plan for integrated public security, involving Secretariats of Health and Education towards the construction of cultural and educative projects for youths at risk in areas suffering high levels of violence.