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Playing together in the Samba Batucada

Batucada refers to the collective practice of percussion that constitute the "samba groove". The presentation approach the main features of Batucada rhythm, showing how the musical structure and the embodied experience articulate each other in that performance, leading to the synchronization of rhythm players. Within a processual perspective, the rhythmic features are bonded to the practice, to the way people engage themselves in a Bateria (batucada's ensemble), the strategies of learning and to the "music making", including a social dimension. The musical structure and its movements reflect the forms each one interact to the collective practice, the musical behaviors and acoustic-motional patterns. This multidimensional framework is what enables people to play together in a Batucada, through a participatory integration.