

Dialogue

Conflict and the Challenges for Development in Brazil, the PALOPs and South Africa



**WHAT CAN WE
LEARN FROM LUSOPHONE
AFRICA AND BRAZIL?**

***Thursday 23 August 2018, 2-6pm
Centre for Social Science Research Seminar Room
Leslie Social Science 4.29, UCT Upper Campus***

Too little attention is paid to Lusophone African countries, including Mozambique and Angola. Recent political developments – including the presidential succession from José Eduardo dos Santos to João Lourenço in Angola in 2017 and the death of opposition leader Afonso Dhlakama in Mozambique in 2018 – might seem to augur more far-reaching changes. In recent years Brazil has massively expanded its diplomatic and academic interest in Africa, including especially to Lusophone countries. This workshop, with visiting academics from the Federal University of Pernambuco (UFPE) in Brazil and local specialists on the ‘PALOPs’, provides an opportunity to reflect on what we can learn, especially about conflict and development, from Lusophone African countries, and more generally to consider the value of comparative research between Brazil, Lusophone Africa and South Africa.

PROGRAMME

14.00 Introduction

- **Prof. Jeremy Seekings** (IDCPPA/CSSR, UCT)
- **Dr. Colin Darch** (DGRU/CAS, UCT)
- **Dr. Solange Rocha** (UCT and UFPE)

14:15 First Panel: Critical Perspective on “Development” in the Global South

Chair: **Dr. António Tomás** (African Centre for Cities, UCT)

1. State Interventions in Development Projects and their Impact on Poverty in Brazil – **Prof. Ana Cristina Vieira** (UFPE)
2. Contradictions in Development: Brazil-Mozambique and Cape Verde – **Prof. Marco Mondaini** (UFPE) and **Ana Caroline** (UFPE)

15.45 Coffee Break

16.15 Second Panel: Violence and Conflict as Generators of Unequal Development

Chair: Prof. **Paolo Israel** (University of the Western Cape)

1. A Success Story Gone Wrong? The Mozambican Conflict and the Peace Process in Historical Perspective – **Dr. Colin Darch** (UCT)
2. Territorial Conflicts – **Prof. Isabel Casimiro** (Centro do Estudos Africanos, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane)

17.45 Conclusion

About the speakers:

Isabel Casimiro (Centre for African Studies, Eduardo Mondlane University, Maputo, Mozambique) has been a researcher at the Centre of African Studies, Eduardo Mondlane University, Maputo – Mozambique since 1980, teaching graduate and post-graduate courses, and serving as coordinator of the Department of Development Studies and Gender at the Centre of African Studies.

Colin Darch (UCT) is a retired librarian, and is presently an HRA in both the DGRU and the Centre for African Studies at UCT. He is also an honorary research fellow of the HSRC. He has a Ph.D. from the School of Social and Economic Analysis, University of Bradford. He has published two books in Brazil (*O Continente Demasiado Grande*, Recife, 2016 and, with David Hedges, *Samora Machel: Retórica Política e Independência em Moçambique*, Salvador, 2018). His *Historical Dictionary of Mozambique* is in press, and he is the founder and webmaster of Mozambique History Net.

Paolo Israel (University of the Western Cape) carried out extensive research in northern Mozambique, focusing on the intersections between popular culture and politics. His doctoral thesis focussed on the historicity of Makonde mapiko masquerades. Paolo has also worked on witch-hunts and occult rumours; storytelling and oral performance. Paolo joined the University of the Western Cape first as a post-doctoral fellow at the Centre for Humanities Research, then as a staff member of the History Department.

Marco Mondaini (Institute of African Studies, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco [UFPE], Recife, Brasil) is an historian. He did post-doctoral research in Italy at both the Università degli Studi in Florence, and has also worked at the Instituto Gramsci in Rome. Marco is presently a professor in the postgraduate programme of social work at UFPE/PPGSS.

Ana Caroline Neves (UFPE) is a Brazilian social worker presently studying for a masters in the postgraduate programme of social work at UFPE/PPGSS. She is funded by Brazil's CNPq, and she is also a researcher in the Nucleus For Study and Research in Social Policy and Social Rights (UFPE/NEPPS).

Solange Rocha (UCT, UFPE) is an Associate Researcher at the Department of Sociology at the University of Cape Town, UCT and she also forms part of the Centre for Studies and Research in Social Policy (NEPPS) at the Federal University of Pernambuco. Solange has been doing research and consultancy work in Brazil, South Africa and Mozambique with articles and book published, as well as working with Gender Action Learning. She is also involved in communications and documentation processes, notably the production of videos, digital stories and photography.

Jeremy Seekings (UCT) is a Professor of Political Studies and Sociology and the Interim Director of the Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa (IDCPPA). After working primarily on South Africa, he has been reviving an active research interest in other parts of Africa. He has run a project on "Legislating and Implementing Welfare Policy Reforms", which has generated extensive work on topics including interactions between international agencies, donors and national governments, between politicians and bureaucrats, and the roles of election and party competition.

Dr António Tomás (UCT) is a senior lecturer in the African Centre for Cities. He completed his PhD at Columbia University in 2012. He is completing *In the Skin of the City: Luanda and the dialectics of Spatial Transformation*. He is also translating an English edition of *O Fazedor de Utopias: uma Biografia de Amílcar Cabral* (*The Maker of Utopias: A Biography of Amílcar Cabral*), published in

Portugal in 2007, and in Cape Verde in 2018. A collection of his journalistic writings has been published under the title: Poligrafia: das páginas dos Jornais Angolanos (Luanda, Casa das Ideias, 2010).

Ana Cristina Vieira (UFPE) is a Brazilian social worker with a Ph.D. from the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC/SP). She presently holds a chair in the postgraduate programme of social work at UFPE/PPGSS and was coordinator of the programme from 2010 to 2015. She is an accredited researcher of Brazil's CNPq. Between November 2013 and March 2014 she was a visiting researcher in the Department of Sociology at UCT. Her research interests include social policy – especially health and social work – the right to health, democratisation, and social participation.