

PRO 123
New Historiographical Perspectives
on Portuguese Overseas Expansion

One Credit Course for Postgraduate Students
(Open to the general public)



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Institutional affiliations

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Editorial activities

Former member of the editorial board of the International Journal of Maritime History; Member of the editorial board of the Revista da Faculdade de Letras – História. (Review of Faculty of Arts – History).

Coordination of research projects

PI (principal investigator) of DynCoopNet (Dynamic Complexity of Cooperation-Based Self-Organizing Commercial Networks in the First Global Age). CRP of EUROCORES (European Collaborative Research Programme) - ESF (European Science Foundation); PI of HISPORTOS – Contribution to the study of the Northwest Portuguese Seaports in the Early Modern Age (POCTI/HAR/36417/2000), ended in December 2005; PI of REDINPORT (Reconstitution of Northwest Seaports Dynamics in the Early Modern Age)

It will be organized in five sessions:

Abstract

The programme is driven by debates undertaken by Portuguese recent historiography which offer new perspectives of analysis of the Portuguese Overseas Expansion. Sessions will discuss how, besides the crown and state, individuals and self-organized networks implemented overseas expansion, operating within and outside the system, while contributing to the building of an “informal empire”. Autochthone people, women, adventurers and common people will be considered as part of the process of empire building, which was also a globalisation process, and taken as essential to the outcome of Portuguese colonization in the 1500-1800 period.

Aims of the course

1. Present some of the latest perspectives on Portuguese overseas expansion and European colonization.
2. Emphasize the role of the commoners and show the central roles of agents traditionally marginalised in the historiographical discourse, using an analysis centred on the theories and methodologies of cooperation and taking self-organisation as a way of consistently building world systems.
3. Scrutinize ways and means of scholarly cooperation between UPorto and the host university in order to develop future research projects and reciprocal student mobility.

The course will include articulated sessions and complementary lectures and may include tuition of post-graduate students pursuing research on related topics.

Syllabi

1. Informal ways of empire building: from State to individuals and self-organized networks as empire builders.
2. Cooperation mechanisms in the building up of the Portuguese colonial empires in the First Global Age.
3. Women as go-betweens: Portuguese and autochthone women in Portuguese overseas expansion and colonisation.

From 22nd to 28th January, 2019

Venue: Seminar Hall (Block B)/Council Hall (Adm. Building)

Course Coordinator: Prof. Delfim Correia da Silva

Timetable:

Class 1 – 22/01, 2.00 - 5.00 pm (Seminar Hall)

Class 2 - 23/01, 2.00 – 5.00pm

Class 3 - 24/01, 2.00 - 5.00 pm (Council Hall)

Class 4 - 25/01, 2.00 - 5.00 pm (Council Hall)

Class 5 - 28/01, 2.00 - 4.00 pm (Council Hall)

Final Assessment - 28/01 - 4.00-5.00 pm (Council Hall)

Seats are limited to 25 for Postgraduate Students and 10 for General Public.

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