

PRO 127
The Government of Difference in the Portuguese Empire
(15th-18th centuries)

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



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Venue: Council Hall, Adm. Building

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Ângela Barreto Xavier is Researcher of the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon (ICS_UL). She holds a PhD in History & Civilisation from the European University Institute (2003), a Master in Political and Cultural History from the New University of Lisbon (1995) and a History and Art History Degree from the New University of Lisbon (1990). Her research interests include the history of political ideas and the cultural history of early-modern empires, namely the problems related to political culture, visual culture, identity, and cultural geopolitics. She was Deputy Director of the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon between May 2014 and May 2016, the Head of ICS Library between 2011 and 2014, and she is member of the Scientific Council of ICS since 2006, Head of the ICS Ethics Board since 2018, Member of the Directive Board of PIUDHist – Change and Continuity in a Global World since 2018, Head of the Social Responsibility Board of ICS since 2016.

She has taught at Universidade Nova de Lisboa and Instituto Superior de Ciências do Trabalho e da Empresa, she has been Maître de Conférences Invitée na École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris) and Visiting Scholar at the History Department of Harvard University. She teaches actually at the PhD Programme PIUDHist, and is Guest Professor of Cunha Rivara Chair (University of Goa).

Ângela Barreto Xavier has published seven books as author or co-author: *El-rey aonde pôde e não aonde quer* (Lisbon: Colibri, 1998) and *A Invenção de Goa. Poder Imperial e Conversões Culturais nos séculos XVI e XVII* (Lisbon: Imprensa de Ciências Sociais, 2008), and *Antigo Regime of História de Portugal* (Lisboa: Círculo de Leitores, 1993, coordinated by António Manuel Hespanha), *Afonso VI* (with Pedro Cardim, Lisboa: Círculo de Leitores, 2006, 2nd ed. 2008), *Catholic Orientalism. Portuguese Empire. Indian Knowledge* (with Ines Zupanov, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2015) and *1498* (with Nuno Senos, Lisboa: Tinta-da-China, 2019, forthcoming). She has also co-edited five books and organized three special issues in peer-reviewed journals: *Festas que se fizeram pelo casamento do rei D. Afonso VI. 1666* (with Pedro Cardim and Fernando Bouza, Lisboa: Quetzal, 1996), *Portugaliae Monumenta Misericordiarum, vol. 4* (with José Pedro Paiva, Lisboa: Universidade Católica Portuguesa, 2004), *António Manuel Hespanha, Entre a História e o Direito* (with Cristina Nogueira da Silva and Pedro Cardim, Lisboa: Almedina, 2016); *O Governo dos Outros. Poder e Diferença no Império Português* (with Cristina Nogueira da Silva, Lisboa: Imprensa de Ciências Sociais, 2016); *Monarquias Ibéricas em Perspectiva Comparada (sécs. 16-18). Dinâmicas Imperiais e Circulação de Modelos Administrativos* (Lisboa: Imprensa de Ciências Sociais, 2018); and «Goa 1510-2010» (*Ler História*, nº 58, 2010), «Biografias dos Reis de Portugal» (*Ler História*, nº 56, 2009) and «Cultura Intelectual das Elites Coloniais» (*Cultura – História e Teoria das Ideias*, 2^a série, vol. XXV, 2007). She has also published, in several languages, more than forty articles in peer-reviewed journals, as well as book chapters.

Abstract:

The course *The Government of Difference in the Portuguese Empire (1455-1822)* wants to discuss how, between 1455 (the date of the papal bull *Romanus Pontifex*) and 1822 (date of the first Portuguese liberal constitution) the government of the different populations of the Portuguese empire was thought, debated, legally framed, narratively materialized, and socially appropriated. On one hand, it will identify the continuities during these three centuries; on the other, it will map the variety of solutions experienced linked to the different geographies, political, military, economic and socio-cultural contexts of the Portuguese Empire. For example, Goa was different from Baçaim, and both were quite different from Brazil and Angola.

During this course, it will become clear that there was a structural tension between inclusive (assimilationist) and exclusive policies, between the choice of violent and negotiated ways of dealing with the «others» and between legal framing and social practices. How were these tensions solved? And how was social cohesion constructed and kept? Understanding how these different perspectives – the available encyclopedias concerning the government of difference - were combined, linked, overlapped, feeding each other, allowing for coexistence between alternative or even contradictory political programs, is, therefore, a goal of this course. In addition to that, the criteria for the identification of difference – the colour, the body, the religion, the culture – and their uses in different situations will be discussed, too. The combination of different possibilities allowed by the available encyclopedias concerning the government of difference, fed new forms of government, as well as new social appropriations.

The course is simultaneously chronological and thematic. Certain dimensions of the government of difference will be associated with certain periods, and a special focus will be given to 15th century as the cradle of many policies developed subsequently.

Course Schedule:

Session 1 – 23 July, 2.30 - 4.30 pm
Session 2 – 25 July, 2.30 – 4.30 pm
Session 3 – 26 July, 2.30 - 4.30 pm
Session 4 – 29 July, 2.30 - 4.30 pm
Session 5 – 30 July, 2.30 - 4.30 pm
Session 6 – 1 August, 2.30 - 4.30 pm

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