

Dr. Pedro Pombo awarded with the Fellowship of the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence

[Dr. Pedro Manuel Sobral Pombo](#), Assistant Professor at the Department of Portuguese & Lusophone Studies has been conferred with the [Fellowship of the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence. This is instituted by the Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies, University of Bayreuth, Germany.](#)



Under this fellowship, Dr. Pombo is likely to undertake research on “Afro-Indic Archipelagos: Materialities, visual cultures and art practices on African heritages in Indian Ocean islands”. The work will focus on the diversity of heritages of African presences in the Western Indian Ocean islands, assumed as sedimentations of Afro-Asian circulations and historicities. This research plans to investigate alternative archives of African inheritances through dialogues between materialities and visual cultures, art practices and discourses of cultural and heritage identity in the Western Indian Ocean islands. The studies on cartographies (spatialities and placemaking), archives (lexicons, heritages and conceivable museographies) and iconographies (materialities and art) are likely to recognize the multiple archival logics from where one can investigate African presences in their artistic and material conditions, landscape traces, discourses and representations.

Congratulations to Dr. Pombo.
