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Institute for Research on Portuguese-Speaking Countries
Instituto para a Investigação sobre os Países de Língua Portuguesa

2019-2020 Second International Annual Symposium

Call for Papers

The Portuguese-speaking Small Island States and China: From sporadic bilateral exchanges to a comprehensive multilateral platform of mutual development cooperation

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This Second International Annual Symposium is part of the double celebration activities: 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and the 20th anniversary of Macau's retrocession to Chinese sovereignty.

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Background:

The Portuguese-speaking Small Island Developing States (PSIDS), namely Cape Verde, São Tomé and Príncipe and Timor-Leste, have been overlooked in development studies research literature. However, they all share three unique characteristics: firstly, they are Small Island Developing States (SIDS), and therefore vulnerable, remote and with access to limited resources; secondly, they have Portuguese as their official language, due to their colonial past; and, thirdly, they obtained independence in 1975 from Portugal. The organizers also wish to extend this international symposium to Guinea-Bissau, bearing in mind the strong historic bonds with Cabo Verde.

The focus of this second international annual symposium will be assessing the achievements and challenges faced by the PSIDS after close to fifty years of independence, as well as the dynamics of their relationship with China. The main output of the symposium will be the publication of a second book, as result of conference proceedings, for a collection of eight books that will be devoted to assessing the relationship between the Portuguese-speaking countries and China.

This international symposium provides an opportunity for all those interested in PSIDS to discuss their research and to exchange ideas. Researchers are invited to submit both empirical and theoretical papers that are broadly consistent with the workshop's special topic. Case studies are particularly encouraged. Since the City University of Macau already organized a symposium dedicated to Timor-Leste in the last quarter of 2018, priority in the selection of the papers will be given to those focusing on Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau and on São Tomé and Príncipe.

The international symposium is open to all involved in these research areas, including both young and experienced researchers, post-doctoral researchers, Ph.D. students, and professionals from business, government and nongovernmental institutions. Papers from all the following fields, in their broad meaning, may be submitted:

- Social, political and economic development processes of the PSIDS since their independence;
- The PSIDS: definition, commonalities, and specificities;
- The PSIDS: their relevance;
- Their political systems fifty years on;
- Their economic structures fifty years on;



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- Their social achievements fifty years after;
- Their international relations and their regional integration fifty years after;
- Their challenges and opportunities moving forward;
- Comparative analysis between the three countries; and
- The relationship of these countries with China.

Provisional Timetable:

17 September 2019 – Symposium announcement and international call for papers, including website call publication;

21 October 2019 – Deadline for the presentation of abstracts;

23-24 October 2019 – Scientific Steering Committee meeting and selection of abstracts;

Last week of October 2019 – Selected abstracts communicated to authors;

10 November 2019 – Deadline for the submission of the draft version of the papers to be discussed during the symposium;

12 November 2019 (TBC) – International Symposium;

12 November 2019 (TBC) – Official book launch (2018 Symposium);

December 2019 – Board of reviewers comments and suggestions;

January 2020 – Papers second submission;

March-April 2020 – Book edition;

July 2020 – Book publication.

Venue:

City University of Macau, Taipa Campus (MSAR, of People's Republic of China)

Symposium Schedule and Thematic Panels (one-day event):

Open Ceremony

Keynote speech

Book launch

Panel 1 - The Portuguese-speaking Countries and the Greater Bay Area

Panel 2 – Guinea-Bissau, São Tomé e Príncipe and Cabo Verde

Panel 3 – Timor-Leste regional role and ASEAN

Official Dinner (TBC)

Scientific Steering Committee:

Professor Shu Guang Zhang, City University Macau, China

Professor Kuai Peng IP, City University Macau, China

Professor Astrigilda Pires Silveira, University of Cabo Verde

Professor Luís Nuno Rodrigues, University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal

Professor Jiang Shixue, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China

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The City University of Macau, with the support of Macau Government will announce in due time, a package of subsidies to support international participation. In addition, a balanced gender participation is encouraged and therefore the City University has established three criteria to award participation subsidies: (1) Balanced international participation; (2) Gender equity; and (3) Support to PhD students and young scholars.

Next steps:

Please submit your abstracts (not more than 300 words [APA style]) by **21 October 2019**, to the secretariat email. Only documents in English and PDF format will be accepted. Documents should include title of the paper, author(s) and affiliations, brief bio of the authors (note more than 100 words), email of the corresponding author, and five keywords.

Secretariat Contact:

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(We reply all queries within 48hrs)

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Online date 17 September 2019