



葡語國家研究院

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

2020-2021 Third International Annual Symposium

Jointly Organized by
City University of Macau (China) and
Joaquim Chissano University (Mozambique)

Call for Papers

People's Republic of China and the African Portuguese-speaking Countries: Republic of Guinea Bissau, Republic of Mozambique and Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe - From sporadic bilateral exchanges to a comprehensive multilateral platform of mutual development cooperation.

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Background:

The African Portuguese-speaking Countries, namely Angola, Cabo Verde¹, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique and São Tomé and Príncipe (STP), have been overlooked in development studies research literature. Bearing in mind their common historical background and the same official language - Portuguese, we envisage to development a better understanding of their realities. Therefore, this symposium looks at characteristics, challenges and opportunities in their development process.

The Third International Annual Symposium will be focused on the three lowest HDI scores in 2019² (excepting Angola) São Tomé and Príncipe (137), Guinea Bissau (178), and Mozambique (180). The symposium will gather scholars from these countries to debate development key issues, having MSAR as a comprehensive multilateral platform of mutual development cooperation, especially in the context of the Belt and Road Initiative and the Greater Bay Area. The main output of the symposium will be the publication of a third 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 African Portuguese-speaking countries to discuss their research and to exchange ideas. Researchers are invited to submit both empirical and theoretical papers that are broadly consistent with the general topic. Case studies are particularly encouraged. Since City University of Macau has already organized a symposium dedicated to Timor-Leste in the last quarter of 2018 and to the Portuguese-speaking Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) in the last quarter of 2019, priority in the selection of the papers will be given to those focusing on Guinea Bissau, Mozambique and 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 since their independence;
- Their international relations, regional relevance and integration;
- Their political systems and economic structures;
- Their social achievements;
- Their geopolitics and geo-economics;

¹ Retrieved on June 11, 2020, from: <https://www.polgeonow.com/2014/01/icymi-cape-verdes-name-change.html>

² Retrieved on June 11, 2020, from: <http://hdr.undp.org/en/content/2019-human-development-index-ranking>



- Their challenges and development opportunities;
- Comparative analysis between the two or three countries; and
- The relationship of these states with PRChina.

Provisional Timetable:	
16 June 2020	Symposium announcement and international call for papers, including website call publication;
25 October 2020	Deadline to submit abstracts;
28 October 2019	Scientific Steering Committee meeting and selection of abstracts;
November 2020	Selected abstracts communicated to authors;
24 January 2021	Deadline for paper draft version submission to be discussed during the symposium;
28 January 2021	International Symposium;
28 January 2021	Official book launch (2019 Symposium);
January 2021	Board of (peer) reviewers comments, and suggestions;
March 2021	Papers final submission;
May-June 2021	Book edition;
September 2021	Book publication.

Venue:

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

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

Open Ceremony

Keynote speech

Book launch

Panel 1 - The Portuguese speaking Africa: Guinea Bissau

Panel 2 – The Portuguese speaking Africa: Mozambique

Panel 3 – The Portuguese speaking Africa: São Tomé and Príncipe

Official Dinner (TBC)

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Next Steps:

Please submit your abstracts (up to 300 words [APA style]) by **25 October 2020**, to the secretariat (by email). Only original documents in English and PDF format will be accepted. Documents should include title of the paper, the research question, author(s) and affiliations, brief bio of the authors (up to 100 words), email of the corresponding author, and five keywords.

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