VIEIRA, GLOBAL AUTHOR AND THINKER: PORTUGAL, THE OLD WORLD AND THE NEW WORLD



### FATHER ANTÓNIO VIEIRA AND THE GLOBAL MISSION OF PORTUGAL

Father António Vieira is one of the greatest figures in Portuguese literary and cultural history, and in some way still remains captive to the Pombaline assessment, which has increased in the anti-Vieira trend over the following centuries, which must be overcome.

In his time, he was admired by fellow countrymen and foreigners who crossed paths with him, not only for his linguistic genius (the "emperor of the Portuguese language", as Fernando Pessoa called him), but also for his precursor ideas, anticipating new times.

In this course, we intend to address a set of themes that highlight the greatness and "topicality" of this unique Jesuit: his discursive genius; the problem of "unjust captivity", which reveal him as one of the pioneers on the subject of human rights; the message of "the kingdom of Christ on earth", which shows how far he was from spiritualizing interpretations of the Christian message; or the mystical dimension of his action and ideals.

# GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- present Father António Vieira's work in some of its most striking aspects;
- reflect on the impact of his work both on the (literary and theological) culture of his time, and in relation to the challenges it still poses today.

#### SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- understand Vieira's multifaceted figure: theologian, orator, counselor, ambassador, missionary, etc.
- immerse in the genius of an author, of whom Saramago said: "The Portuguese language was never more beautiful than when this Jesuit wrote it";
- understand the extent to which we can regard the Jesuit missionary as one of the pioneers of human rights issues (similar to Locke or Bayle);
- understand why Vieira gave so much importance to the popular writings of Bandarra and to the issues surrounding prophetism, messianism and millenarianism in the Portuguese 16th century;
- understand what the expression "the kingdom of Christ consummated on earth" in Clavis prophetarum means and its relation to Jesuit spirituality (and mysticism);
- address the Vieiran "utopia".

#### ACCREDITED TRAINING

- Registration: CCPFC/ACC-111698/21
- Credits: 32 accredited hours, or 1.28 ECTS
- Teachers of groups 200, 210, 220 and 290 (basic education)
- Teachers of groups 290, 300, 400 and 410 (secondary education)

### MODALITY

- 2-hour course;
- 16 sessions of 2 hours each;
- mixed regime: in person and/or via Zoom;
- 12 participants in the complete course (minimum);
- course certificate after positive evaluation.

### **METHODOLOGY**

- theoretical sessions
- listening to selected texts from the complete works of Father António Vieira
- final assessment to obtain the accreditation certificate

### **ASSESSMENT**

Assessment will be based on the legal regime for continuing teacher education, which will include:

- attendance at conferences (not less than two thirds of the total duration of the training course)
- elaboration of a final individual work:
- Writing a critical comment (up to 5000 characters with spaces) on two topics presented, chosen by the trainee, a reflection that should consider the relevance of the themes for education, as well as their contribution to the scientific and professional personal development of the trainee
- In the end, the expected number of credits will be attributed, after obtaining a positive evaluation

### TRAINING INSTITUTION

IEAC-GO, in cooperation with the CIPSH Chair for Global Studies (Aberta University)

### PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

CLEPUL, IECCPMA, Praxis-UBI, EHESS (Paris), APEC

### COORDINATION

Porfírio Pinto

# **RECIPIENTS**

**Teachers** 

Researchers

**Tourist guides** 

**Journalists** 

General public

# REGISTRATIONS COMPLETE COURSE

- Normal: 200 €.
- With accreditation: 225 € (tuition fee + assessment + accreditation certificate);
- Per session: 20 €.
- Payment in two tranches is available.

# **SCHEDULE**

September 27 to December 13, 2021

### **HOURS**

• Monday, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (and 5 more sessions on another day of the week, between Tuesday and Saturday morning, to be agreed with the participants)

### FORMALIZED AT

formacao@ieacgo.pt ou www.ieacgo.pt

# PROGRAM:

# September

**27** A rhetorical-humanist theology (Porfírio Pinto)

# October

- 11 Vieira and preaching: the Sermon of the Sixtieth (Alcir Pécora)
- 18 Literary and thematic analysis of a sermon (Mário Garcia)
- 25 Vieira, slavery and unjust captivity (Pedro Calafate)
- **26 e 30** Inquisition and New Christians in Vieira's writings (Porfírio Pinto)
- 31 Linguistic-discursive aspects of Vieira's texts (Aida Lemos)

# November

- **2 e 6** Messianism and Prophetism: History of the Future and Clavis prophetarum (Porfírio Pinto)
- 8 Baroque Literature, Poetry and Theater in Vieira (Micaela Ramon)
- **9 e 13** Christian eschatology (Porfírio Pinto))
- **15** Vieira, Jesuit writer (Pierre-Antoine Fabre)
- **16 e 20** Evangelization and the reign of Christ consummated on Earth (Porfírio Pinto)
- 22 Athenagoric letter: an international controversy with a Mexican nun (Eduardo Franco)
- 23 e 27 Vieira, forerunner of Vatican II (Porfírio Pinto)
- 29 Vieira, mirror of Jesuit spirituality (Mário Garcia)

# December

- **6** Vieira, mystic of action (Eugénia Magalhães)
- **13** Fifth Empire: global utopia or a UN project *avant la lettre* (Eduardo Franco)

### **INSTRUCTORS:**

Aida Sampaio Lemos





José Eduardo Franco

at Aberta University, director of the CGS, and coordinator of lines of research at CLEPUL. He is also president of the general assembly of the IEAC-GO and co-director of the International Society of Jesuit Studies.

Eugénia Abrantes Magalhães

Director of IEAC-GO, researcher at the Praxis Center (UBI), the History Center (UL) and CLEPUL (UL).



# Porfírio Pinto

Doctor hired by Aberta University, researcher at CGS (UAb) and CLEPUL (UL).



# **INVITED SPEAKERS:**

# Alcir Pécora (Brésil),

Professor at the State University of Campinas (São Paulo), coordinator of the Institute of Advanced Studies (IdEA) at Unicamp and member of the Ambrosian Academy of Milan.



# Mário Garcia (Portugal)

Jesuit and professor at the Faculty of Philosophy of Braga



# Micaela Ramon Moreira (Portugal)

Assistant Professor at the University of Minho and researcher at the Center for Humanistic Studies of the University of Minho (CEHUM) and CLEPUL (UL).



# Pedro Calafate (Portugal)

Full Professor at the University of Lisbon (Department of Philosophy) and researcher at the Philosophy Center of the same university (CFUL).



# Pierre-Antoine Fabre (France)

Director of Studies at the School of Higher Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS – Paris) and co-director of the International Society for Jesuit

