

Scientific Activity

Project: PTDC/HIS-HCT/118359/2010

Reshaping Africa: Portuguese engineering and territory management in the colonies of Angola and Mozambique (1870-1974) - Research team member

Project: Virtual Museum IHMT

Co-curator and coordinator of the Exhibition – Portugal no Mundo: 0 1º Congresso Nacional de Medicina Tropical, April, 2013



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Objectives

These projects aims at understanding how medical expertise on tropical medicine was crucial to the Portuguese agenda concerning management and exploitation of the overseas territories in Africa, particularly Angola, Mozambique, S.Tomé, Príncipe Island, Cape Vert and Guinea from about the beginning of the XXth century to the 1970s.

The research project was designed in order to produce results that will contribute to the ongoing debate on the dynamics of the process of “Europeanizing the World/Provincializing Europe”.



Methodology

The methodological approach we propose in these projects are, as far as the Portuguese case is concerned, fully innovative. Traditionally Portuguese colonial history has been studied from a political and economic perspective, approaching medicine as a very subsidiary theme. We pioneer the idea of studying actors, institutions and concepts, in network.



Expected Results

1. Communications in national and international meetings
2. Papers in international journals
3. Organization of seminars, conferences and exhibitions
4. Advanced training (PhD and post-doc students)

