General Information

Name of Research Unit: (HIST-LVT-Lisboa-442) Centro de História de Além-Mar

Coordinator: João Paulo Azevedo Oliveira Costa

Main Scientific Domain: História

Other Subdomains: n/a

Host Institutions

Leading Host Institution: Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas - Universidade Nova de Lisboa

Other Institutions Involved: Universidade dos Açores

Objectives & Achievements

Unit Description

CHAM is an interuniversity research unit located in the Faculty of Social and Human Sciences (FCSH), in Lisbon, with a second affiliation to the University of Azores. Despite keeping its headquarters in Lisbon, the researchers of the Azores are assembled in an autonomous group only for administrative purposes and their coordinator is a supplementary member of the Board.

In FCSH is settled the Secretariat and the Library, which has over 5000 volumes, accessible to all researchers. During the year 2008, the services of CHAM Secretariat – accounting and organization were performed by an hired employee and two flat. However, by the end of the year, the volume and complexity of the various activities promoted by CHAM, as well as updates of funding, allowed the hiring of a new administrative team and project management made of four full-time staff. CHAM’s Board is composed by 7 members, including the director, which is elected by the General Assembly and must choose the other 6 members of the Board. Being an interuniversity Centre, CHAM has another member, a coordinator, also called as supernumerary, being elected according to the Article 17º of CHAM’s statutes. Scientific activities are approved and supervised by the Scientific Commission, which includes PhD members and PhD collaborators.

In 31 December 2008, CHAM had 105 researchers, including 45 PhD integrated members, 16 PhD associated members and 16 PhD students, belonging to different universities, such as New University of Lisbon and the Universities of the Azores, Minho, Beira Interior, Madeira, Lusófona and the Instituto Politécnico de Tomar. CHAM also includes PhD researchers with post-doctoral scholarships and 44 research assistants.

Research activities are organised in different groups consecrated to 7 different thematic approaches, each one with a scientific coordinator. Many members are formally affiliated to more than a research group, due to the multidisciplinary nature of CHAM’s main theme. Thus, these groups aggregate coherent historiography dynamics, but research activities deal simultaneously with different theme lines and CHAM members can produce scientific research on themes different from their main topics of usual research.

Having members from many universities throughout the country, CHAM has regular activities out of Lisbon, especially in the Azores, Lagos and Tomar, and expects to soon develop similar regular activities in Madeira, Minho and Covilhã.

CHAM also develops a regular editorial activity (including two journals) and an intense networking activity with national and international institutions.

General Objectives

CHAM develops research related to the Portuguese presence around the world with a special focus on the period between the origins of overseas expansion and the independence of Brazil (1822), with a perspective that is, as far as possible, interdisciplinary and incorporating comparative history, paying particular attention to the history of the regions with which the Portuguese maintained contacts. Recently, CHAM is enlarging its scope to the history of the 19th century, due to the need to analyse the evolution of the Ancien Régime models and modern colonial systems.

CHAM promotes individual research and it renders support to Masters and Doctorate degrees in the area of the History of the Discoveries and the Portuguese Expansion, within the History Department of FCSH. CHAM provides assistance to national and international researchers at MA and PhD levels, post-doctoral fellows and faculty in developing their projects and sharing their results. Usually students in postgraduate courses on Portuguese Discoveries of FCSH are CHAM members, and they get institutional and financial support for their individual research activities. Commonly they are recruited for research work and integrated in research teams, which enables them to develop their research and to participate in conferences abroad.

CHAM hosts several research projects, and develops national and international scientific networks organized around these research initiatives, usually in cooperation with other national and international institutions.

CHAM organise regularly conferences in Portugal or abroad, within national and international academic communities and beyond, to present the results of our work to academic and non academic audiences.

CHAM also has a significant editorial programme, including two book collections (average 2 books a year) and two scientific journals (average 3 volumes a year).
Objectives & Achievements

CHAM promotes outreaching activities, within the scope of its research area. Open courses, conference cycles and seminars are the most common activities, but it has been developing an effort to create several on-line research tools for young students as well as for academic researchers; and to promote different non-academic activities, such as, specific training sessions for high-school teachers and photographic exhibitions.

These activities contribute to the development of the Portuguese historiography, and to the promotion of the research area of the Discoveries and Portuguese Expansion, as well as a better knowledge of the Portuguese History.

Main Achievements during the year of 2008

1) Consolidation of the new 7 research groups, created in June 2007.
2) Diversification of new interdisciplinary studies, interacting History of Portuguese and European Overseas Expansion with Biology, Geography, Education, Architecture, Literature, and especially Archaeology, with one archaeological survey in June/July, at Azemmour (Morocco); in July, at Syria and underwater archaeological surveys at Azores in May/June (Fial) and in August (Terceira)
3) Among CHAM’s researchers development of 12 post-doctoral projects, 16 PhD studies (8 of those with FCT PhD scholarships) and 5 MA projects. 2 PhD and 7 MA were concluded during 2008.
4) Increasing capacity to attract post-doctoral researchers, with 12 scholarship holders in 2008, including foreigners, and Portuguese who made their PhD abroad, and more 2 scholars expected to the year 2009.
5) Undertaking new research projects, financed by FCT, most of them in association with other academic institutions, such as: - Lower nobility and ‘local nobility’ in the making of the empire: the Atlantic archipelagoes (CHAM and the Institute of Tropical Scientific Investigation); - Portugal and South Morocco: contacts and clashes (15th-18th centuries) prepared by members of CHAM, University of Minho and El Jadida University (Morocco); - Portuguese Interactions with Persia during the Iberian Union (1580-1640) (CHAM); - In the Name of the Honour: The Commissioners for the Holy Office and for the Military Orders in Portugal, 1570-1773, a partnership between CHAM and CIDHEUS of the University of Évora
6) Organization, alone or in association with other research units and non-academic institutions, of 13 activities mainly focused on the academic community, but some also targeted to the general public. Thus CHAM organized a national colloquium on March 2008 entitled The Wine Islands. International Colloquiums on May, June and November 2008, respectively The World of “Vice-Reis” – Institutional Dimension and Symbolic Universes (Barcelona); Christianity and the Empire: Concepts and Historiography (Tornar); Portugal and the Magrebe. 4th International Seminar on Moroccan-Portuguese History (Lisbon) and Antonio Vieira, Rome and the Universalism of the Portuguese and Spanish Monarchies (Rome). Finally, 2 Workshops on April, The “Comentários” of don Garcia de Silva y Figueueroa: Editorial Problems and II Lagos Maritime History Workshop and 2 Colloquiums on November, The bishopric of Angra do Heroismo and the overseas evangelization (Angra do Heroismo) and Vieira, Baroque Portugal and Colonial Brasil (Providence)
7) Edition, on regular bases, of two scientific, both abstracted and indexed in the ERH - European Science Foundation, RedALyc, Latindex, ABC/Clio, America: History and Life and Historical Abstracts; - Anais de História de Além-Mar (once a year); - Bulletin of Portuguese Japanese Studies (twice a year): at RedALyc, 15,047 downloads were made during the year 2008
8) Intensification of international connexions, which made possible the co-ordination of two international conferences in Portugal – Tomar (18 to 20 June), Lisbon and Lagos (12 to 15 November) –, tree international conferences abroad – Barcelona (30 May), Providence (7 to 8 November) and Rome (28 to 29 November) –, and the integration on international scientific consortiums, such as, Asia Link Programme of the European Consortium for Asian Field of Study (ECAF)
9) Capacity to get financial support for research and editorial projects from different financial programs, such as FCT programmes; Regional Government of Azores programmes, as well as from different private institutions.

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Integrative/multidisciplinary activities during the year of 2008

It is important to stress out that, by definition, the Discoveries and the Overseas Expansion are very diversified research fields. A good example of this is the work done by CHAM researchers, whose research covers many different subjects, such as: War and Military Organisation, Trade, Missions and Ecclesiastical Organisation, Administration, Exploring and Mapping, Imperial Strategies and Discourses, Correspondence and Communication, Local History, Social Organisation and Elites, Interaction between European and Overseas Peoples, Chronicles and Navigation. This diversity and multidisciplinary approach of CHAM research is also quite evident in its, recently re-organized, research groups.

The global project “EVE - Virtual Encyclopaedia of Portuguese Expansion” is the best example of the interdisciplinary nature of CHAM. It is a multimedia, dynamic research tool, an integrated result of the application of the new technologies of information and communications to the History of the Portuguese presence in the world in articulation with other disciplines that combines contributions from several different subjects.

Amongst individual research of CHAM members, CHAM has PhD and MA students working on Portuguese Expansion in articulation with other disciplines such as Biology, Political Science and International Relations, History of Art, Literature, Urbanism, History of Science, Anthropology, Religion, Archaeology or Economy.

Concerning research projects with public funding that reflect the multidisciplinary feature of CHAM is the project “Bombay Before the British. The Portuguese Legacy at the Bombay Peninsula's Territory”, with a research team composed by historians and architects dealing particularly with Architecture, Urbanism, Geography, land ordinance and International Relations. On the same line of research is CHAM’s contribution for the “Asian Link Programme - The Europe-South Asia Maritime Heritage Project: Teaching Methodologies, Distance Learning, Media and Multimedia Course Materials Development” a project where the History of Art and the Architecture is emphasised. Other good example is “PIAS - Study, monitorization and cultural heritage valuation of the archaeological sites Angra A, Angra B, Angra E, Angra F and Angra D (Terceira), a project with a main component of
Activities

underwater archaeological survey, as well as, The project “Portugal and South Morocco: Contacts and Clashes” that also has an important archaeological and architecture survey and research. In 2008 began a new partnership under the Heritage Component of Environmental Impact Study of the “Construction of Horta Marine 1st phase – rehabilitation of the Marine Front of Horta (Faial island – Azores)”, funded by the Administração dos Portos do Triângulo e do Grupo Ocidental, SA.

In 2008 three researchers started working under the programme Ciência 2007 integrated on a global application of Faculty of Social and Human Sciences of the New University of Lisbon. CHAM got 3 employment posts, for 5 years under an individual contract regime. The researchers are developing their work in the areas of History of Art, History of Sciences and Social History. CHAM also got 10 integration into research grants (BII) financed by FCT, for students in the areas of History, History of Art and Archaeology.

Outreach activities during the year of 2008

During the year 2008, the most evident outreach activity developed by CHAM was “EVE - Virtual Encyclopaedia of Portuguese Expansion”, an electronic database, a free access on-line encyclopaedia that wants to fulfil a gap in the Portuguese historiography. This Outreach Activities project created a bilingual media instrument comprised by relevant contents related to the History of the Portuguese presence in the world, from the 15th to the 18th centuries, and provides access to knowledge produced on the subject of Portuguese Expansion.

The contents are mainly directed to the academic world, national and international, encompassing scholars to students, notwithstanding, it is also open to a non-academic public. But the most innovative aspects of this project relies on the production of auxiliary material, comprising chronological lists, thematic and author bibliographies, genealogies, maps and so on. Other original approach is the virtual tours throughout places where the Portuguese went. In this project we also lift some toponyms where occurred portuguese presence from the Atlantic until Eastern Asia. As a complement to this information we create a Geographic Information System (GIS), and for each geo-referenced location, and we made connection to Google Earth. EVE database enables to submit to each geographical area through a link, which in turn allows a display space of the places and make possible establish the distance between them and analyzes their spatial distribution. One of the chiefs’ aspects of this project is the internationalization of the knowledge produced in Portugal. EVE will promote internationally the interest on the Portuguese expansion process vis-à-vis other similar European dynamics.

Other outreach activities are:

The annual Cycles of CHAM Conferences related with the History of the Discoveries and the Portuguese Expansion, as well as the Portuguese presence around the world, which takes place at the FCSH (15 sessions took place in 2008) and in Azores (2 session took place in 2008).

The Meetings on Art and Empire, space of discussion, an assembly where the Portuguese and foreign researchers get together to discuss several themes related to the artistic production that somehow are related to the Portuguese colonial experience. During each academic year sessions take place at the FCSH or, where it justifies, at a museum or at a art gallery. Each session is lead by an invited researcher that introduces the topic with an active participation from the audience: 7 sessions took place in 2008 and included 2 foreign guests (Thomas DaCosta Kaufmann from Princeton University and Peter Mark from Wesleyan University).

In 2008 it was promoted the third series of Conferences “The Ibero-American Atlantic Ocean (16th-18th centuries)” as in the previous years, the interventions that make up this cycle fall into research project are highly diverse, but have in common the recognition of the importance of space as Atlantic territory of historiography research. Each conference is lead by an invited research and 8 conferences were held in Lisbon, 4 in Evora.

Lastly, since 2006 CHAM has been presenting the exhibition “An Indo-Portuguese view. India seen by the CHAM” that during the year 2008 set presence in 2 different galleries (Almedina Bookstore and Centro Cultural de Lagos) in 2 different Portuguese cities (Lisbon – March 2008 and Lagos – April to July 2008).

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**Additional Comments**

The number of CHAM members grew significantly in the last years, as their activities (such as conferences, research projects, voyages, support to visiting researchers, attendance to CHAM researchers, keeping the Library). Therefore the Board decided to enlarge CHAM’s staff to 4 people, in order to be able to answer to the demand of such numerous group. This means that a significant amount is spent in their sallaries, but it is understood as a crucial investment to the future growing and scientific development of CHAM.

CHAM has also applied to get places for advanced research. Through Ciência 2007 programme CHAM got 3 PhD researchers, who started their contract during 2008. In 2008, CHAM opened a call to 3 other places, which were given to CHAM in February 2009. As a result CHAM has now 6 PhD researchers (5 in full time) from this programme.

Having these researchers fully devoted to research work, CHAM is increasing its capacity for organizing conferences, to develop new research projects, and to increase also its international activities.

**Research Groups**

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(Nuno de Carvalho Conde Senos) |
| RG-HIST-LVT-Lisboa-442-1138    | Elites and the Portuguese Empire  
(José Manuel Damião Soares Rodrigues) |
| RG-HIST-LVT-Lisboa-442-1139    | The Portuguese and the Islamic World  
(Rui Manuel Taveira de Sousa Loureiro) |
| RG-HIST-LVT-Lisboa-442-1140    | Religion and the Portuguese Expansion  
(Joao Paulo Azevedo Oliveira Costa) |
| RG-HIST-LVT-Lisboa-442-1141    | Overseas Economies and Trade Networks  
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Group Description

Title of Research Group: (RG-HIST-LVT-Lisboa-442-1136)
The Arts and the Portuguese Colonial Experience

Principal Investigator: Nuno de Carvalho Conde Senos

Main Scientific Domain: História

Group Host Institution: Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas - Universidade Nova de Lisboa

Funding, source, dates

FCT Units - €13.450,00
Asia Link Programme of the European Consortium for Asian Field of Study - €9.000,00

Objectives & Achievements

Objectives

This research group is devoted to the study of the fine arts and architectural production that resulted from the contacts established by the Portuguese with different visual cultures in any non-European context in the early modern age.

To raise awareness to our research area within the national and international academic communities and beyond, and to have the results of the research work made public it will be promoted participation and organization of colloquia and symposia in Portugal and abroad; organization of in-class and on-line courses; the participation in and organization of specific training sessions for high-school teachers; promotion of informal discussion groups gathering specialists in the field and open to all; publication of books and articles in Portugal and abroad; the creation of several on-line, research tools such as art and architecture databases, specialized primary sources and bibliography databases (free-access), and specialized on-line courses (in English); and organization of exhibitions. Several colloquia and symposia in preparation will not only contribute to the development of the field and of its increasing visibility but also allow us to consolidate our relationship with non-academic institutions such as the Fundação Gulbenkian, the Fundação Luso-Americana para o Desenvolvimento, and the Fundação Oriente.

Main Achievements

Edited Books: 5
Books and Chapters in Portugal: 5
Catalogue entries: 19
On line publications: 6
Articles appearing in national magazines: 1
Participation on scientific meetings in Portugal: 22 CHAM members
Participation on scientific meetings abroad: 5 CHAM members
Organization of national meeting: 1
Research projects (on-going): 2
PhD under preparation: 3
MA under preparation: 1

CHAM believes that during 2008 it manage to raise awareness to this research area within the national and international academic community. The coordination and participation in colloquia and symposia in Portugal and abroad was very intense, but the most rewarding activity organised by this group was the series "Meetings on Art and Empire" - a space of informal discussion, an assembly where Portuguese and foreign researchers get together to discuss themes related to the artistic production related to the Portuguese colonial experience.

Another major achievement was the development of "The Europe-South Asia Maritime Heritage Project: Teaching Methodologies, Distance Learning and Multimedia Course Materials Development" a project co-financed by the European Commission under its "Asia-link Programme". The Asia-Link Programme is an initiative of the European Commission to promote regional and multilateral networking between higher education institutions in Europe and developing countries in Asia. The programme aims at promoting the creation of new partnerships and new sustainable links between European and Asian higher education institutions, and to reinforce existing partnerships. The Centre for French and Francophone Studies from the Jawaharlal Nehru University in India leads this project that will be conclude in 2009 but most of the work was done during this year, with the preparation of the tools and academic materials to incorporate in the final product of the project, done by this research group.
Group Productivity

Publications in peer review Journals

Non applicable in Social Sciences and Humanities.

Other publications International


Other publications National

- Pinto, Carla Alferes, “/\, Da «fortuna» e «prosperidade» na vida da Fundação Oriente”, in Museu do Oriente, Paris, Fondation BNP Paríbas, pp. 6-17.

Master and Ph.D. thesis completed

PhD Theses - Curvelo, Alexandra, Nuvens Douradas e Paisagens Habitadas. A Arte Nanban e a Difusão na China e Nova Espanha.
MA Theses - Diniz, Sofia Isabel Plácido dos Santos, A Arquitectura da Companhia de Jesus no Japão. A Criação de um espaço religioso cristão no Japão dos séculos XVI e XVII.

Organization of conferences

(Annual – 2008, Lisbon) – Meetings on Art and Empire.

Internationalization
**Group Productivity**

CHAM integrates de International Consortium, composed by 7 academic centres of the project “The Europe-South Asia Maritime Heritage Project: Teaching Methodologies, Distance Learning and Multimedia Course Materials Development” financed project by the European Commission under its “Asia-link Programme”.

Participation on 5 international meetings abroad:
- Denver (USA) - Mayer Center Symposium: The Arts of South America, 1492-1850, November 2008.

**Future Research**

**Objectives**

A major research project was presented for financing to FCT and it will be a priority in the near future entitled “All his worldly possessions, The State of the 5th Duke of Bragança, D. Teodósio I”.

Partnerships have been and will be established with several national (MNAA, FRESS, IRHU, MNAz) and international (New Holland Foundation; Palatium Network, EAHN) institutions. Inventorying architectural and artistic heritage is one of our major goals, which will be pursued mostly with national partners. The international partnerships will allow for our work to be better internationalized. In keeping with our effort to provide scholars with discussion fora and to make our work public we will keep on organizing the series of Meetings on Art and Empire. We will organize an exhibition and its catalogue with FRESS (O Cortejo das Girafas) and we will also collaborate in the organization of a number of activities running parallel to a major exhibition to be held in Lisbon in 2009 (Encompassing the Globe, MNAA).

**Funding, source, dates**

€10.000,00 - New Holland Foundation (project Atlas of Dutch Brazil)

€11.491,00 - FCT Units
Group Description

Title of Research Group: (RG-HIST-LVT-Lisboa-442-1138) Elites and the Portuguese Empire
Principal Investigator: José Manuel Damião Soares Rodrigues
Main Scientific Domain: História
Group Host Institution: Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas - Universidade Nova de Lisboa

Funding, source, dates

FCT Units - €13,450,00
Research Project The Nobility and the State of India in the 16th century (POCTI/36414/HAR/99 & POCI/HAR/55685/2004) - €655,60
Research Project In the Name of the Honour: The Commissioners for the Holy Office and for the Military Orders in Portugal, 1570-1577 (PTDC/HAH/64160/2006) - €4,283,70

Objectives & Achievements

Objectives

Over the past few years CHAM has pursued research related to the presence of the Portuguese nobility in Asia. The first results led to the publication of two books, both in the year 2000. FCT also financed two major projects regarding the “The Nobility and the State of India in the 16th century”, aiming to make available research instruments that can help the scientific community to understand the nobility and its role in the construction of empire, namely in the State of India.

In 2008, the main objective of this recently nominated research group was to enlarge the social and geographical scope of the research done so far. This research group is using the know how acquired in the latest years to focus on a socio-historical comparative approach and on empirical studies that will help to provide a collective profile of the several types and ranks of nobility and to study other types of elites. Therefore, there will be a strong emphasis on inter-societal comparisons in the context of the Portuguese social framework in order to compare the flow and the careers of historical actors and similar elite groups.

One of the main objectives of this research line for the coming years is the enlargement of the social scope of the present research. Thus we are planning to focus on empirical studies that will give us not only a collective profile of the several types and ranks of nobility in the context of the Portuguese empire but also to study merchants and the members of the Church.

The program of this research line is socio-historical and comparative by nature. Therefore, there will be a strong emphasis on inter-societal comparisons in the context of the Portuguese social framework in order to compare the flow and the careers of historical actors and similar elite groups or segments in different regions of the Portuguese empire.

According to this objective, within this research line the institutional and scientific networks that connect CHAM to Brazilian universities will continue to be of strategic importance, due to the research that is currently being done in these institutions regarding local nobilities in the context of the Portuguese expansion. Another important objective of this research line is the organization of annual workshops or seminars in order to discuss the results of the empirical studies. These scientific meetings will involve the presence of historians from national and foreign universities. One of the seminars that is being thought of is to be held in 2010 in Ponta Delgada and concerns the social and cultural elites that were crossing the Portuguese Atlantic in the final years of the 18th century and the first decades of the 19th century and helped to think and to promote a new concept of society.

Main Achievements

Books and Chapters: 7
Articles appearing in international magazines: 4
On line publications: 2
Participation on scientific meetings in Portugal: 3 CHAM members
Participation on scientific meetings abroad: 3 CHAM members
Research projects (on-going): 2
PhD under preparation: 2

In the context of this research group, one of its major achievements was the reinforcement of existing partnerships with international scholars and higher education institutions mainly from Brazil and Spain in order to promote a much broader debate on historiographical issues concerning the role of elites in the making of the Portuguese empire and to prepare future projects on this same subject.
Objectives & Achievements

Also noteworthy is that in 2008 was concluded the research project “The Nobility and the State of India in the 16th century” (POCTI/36414/HAR/99 & POCI/HAR/55685/2004) (final report approved [A]: the scientific aims were fully provided. The results show high scientific quality, particularly at the level of publications in journals as interventionals deal. The project contributed to the training of young researchers and the international team involved).

Group Productivity

Publications in peer review Journals

Non applicable in Social Sciences and Humanities.

Other publications International

  Disponível em: http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Portuguese_Brazilian_Studies/ejph/current.html.

Other publications National


Internationalization

Participation on 2 International meetings abroad:
- Alcázar de San Juan (Spain) – International Congress Noblesse Hispana, Noblesse Cristiana: La orden de San Juan, 1 - 4 October 2008.
- Ouro Preto (Brazil) – International Seminar Managing Empires: Portugal and Brazil in the 18th and 19th centuries, 17 September 2008.

Workshops and lectures abroad:
- Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) – Workshop “Local authorities in the Portuguese Monarchy”, 8, 10 and 12 September 2008.
- Universidade Federal Rural do Rio de Janeiro, Seropédica, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) – Lecture “Local elites in Portugal at the end of the Ancien Régime: a state of the art”.
- Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) – Workshop “Local authorities in the Portuguese Monarchy”, 8, 10 and 12 September 2008.
Group Productivity
- Seropédica, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) – Lecture "Local elites in Portugal at the end of the Ancien Régime: a state of the art".

Future Research

Objectives

Being as this is a research group with a strong emphasis on inter-societal comparisons, the interaction already in place with other research groups and projects within and outside CHAM will continue. Therefore, the organization of workshops or seminars with the presence of historians from national and foreign universities in order to discuss the results of empirical studies and the theoretical framework of the research is one of the main objectives of the group.

In 2009, several members of the research group will participate in the conference The Portuguese empire in the Ancien Régime: structural features and the role of lower nobility. Lectures and Debates [Império português de Antigo Regime: características estruturantes e papel da pequena nobreza. Conferências e Debates], in the context of the project “Lower nobility and ‘local nobility’ in the making of the empire: the Atlantic archipelagoes” [Pequena nobreza e ‘nobreza da terra’ na construção do império: os arquipélagos atlânticos], funded by the Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (FCT), PTDC/HAH/66107/2006, 2009-2011.

In October 2009, CHAM will held a three-day meeting in Ponta Delgada under the name “From autonomies to modern autonomy and independence: the political Atlantic from the 15th to the 21st century” in which the role of local and national elites will be discussed in the context of political dynamics. This kind of scientific meetings will continue in 2010.

Also at the end of 2009, José Damião Rodrigues’ research project on the Azorean nobility M2.1.2/I/010/2006, Nobreza insular e dinâmicas imperiais (século XVI) – NIDI, no âmbito da Medida 2.1.2 – “Projectos de investigação científica e tecnológica em domínios específicos”, do Eixo 2.1 – “Projectos de Investigação Científica” do Programa de Apoio a Projectos de Investigação Científica e Tecnológica com Interesse para o Desenvolvimento Sustentável dos Açores (INCITA), funded by the Direcção Regional da Ciência e Tecnologia (DRCT), Azores, will provide new data to integrate with the research that is being done on Morocco and with the database on the nobility in India.

Finally, some PhD thesis from researchers integrating this group are expected to be completed in 2009.

Funding, source, dates

FCT Units - €11.491,00
Direcção Regional da Ciência e Tecnologia (DRCT), Azores – total ammount: € 15.500,00
2009: € 3.200,00 (one History graduate/eight months) + missions
Group Description

Title of Research Group: (RG-HIST-LVT-Lisboa-442-1139)
The Portuguese and the Islamic World

Principal Investigator: Rui Manuel Taveira de Sousa Loureiro

Main Scientific Domain: História

Group Host Institution: Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas - Universidade Nova de Lisboa

Funding, source, dates

FCT Units: €13.450,00


Objectives & Achievements

Objectives

This research group reflects the vast interest that this field has recently acquired within the academic sphere. It also responds to the integration of new researchers into CHAM devoted to Islamic Studies and bringing with them different and interdisciplinary perspectives: History, Archaeology, History of Art and Anthropology.

The scope and range of this research line is mainly connected with the political, economic, social and cultural relationship between the Portuguese and the Islamic worlds. It regards the impact of the contacts the Portuguese established in North Africa and in the Middle East during the 16th-18th centuries as well as the effects and influences of those regions and countries on Portuguese knowledge and experience of otherness. This experience of otherness was decisive in the way the Portuguese related to the Islamic World and the images and perceptions regarding it. The major goals of this research group are as follows:

a) To promote academic research work within national and international scientific networks.

b) To support national and international researchers at MA and PhD levels, post-doctoral fellows and faculty in developing their projects and sharing their results.

c) To promote, organise and participate in several scientific and academic events in Portugal and abroad, in association with other research units.

d) To provide support for CHAM members and other researchers to present papers in national and international meetings, and to prepare papers for publication in peer-reviewed journals; to develop contacts between Portuguese scholars and those of other countries; to continue to attract and support the increasing number of national and international students and scholars who seek us; to continue to attract Portuguese researchers who have studied abroad and wish to return to Portugal.

Main Achievements

Edited Books: 1

Books and Chapters: 5

Articles appearing in national magazines: 2

Articles appearing in international magazines: 2 CHAM members

Participation on scientific meetings in Portugal: 16 CHAM members

Organization of national meetings: 2 (participation of 14 CHAM members)

Research projects (on-going): 2

MA under preparation: 1

In the year 2008, under the Project “Portuguese Interactions with Persia during the Iberian Union (1580-1640). The «Comentários» by D. Garcia de Silva y Figueroa”, some major achievements were accomplished, such as the scientific meeting “The «Comentários» of D. García de Silva y Figueroa: Editorial Problems”. Another main achievement was the participation at the 3rd International Conference on Moroccan-Portuguese History in Marrakech, after two well succeeded experiences previously in 2005 in Casablanca and El Jadida and 2006 in Lagos. This contact between different Portuguese and Moroccan academic institutions lead to the submission to the FCT financing programme of research projects of “Portugal and South Morocco: contacts and clashes (15th-18th century)” a project prepared by members of CHAM, Universidade do Minho, Faculté des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines from Université Chouaib Doukkali (El Jadida) and Centre des Études et Recherches du Patrimoine Maroco-Lusitanien. The execution of this project started in...
Objectives & Achievements

2008, with two scholarship holders and a great deal of work was done during this year. Also must emphasize the achievement of an archaeological mission in Morocco, to record the architectural and archaeological structures in the ancient Portuguese city of Azamor; the organization in Lisbon and Lagos of the International History Seminar: Portugal and the Magreb. 4th International Conferences on Moroccan-Portuguese History; support for the publication of a book, written by Jorge Correia, inventory and transcription of printed and handwritten documentation.

It is also important to emphasise that during the year 2008 several discussions were held, regarding the hypothesis of starting a new scientific journal devoted to the field of Islamic Studies.

Group Productivity

Publications in peer review Journals

Non applicable in Social Sciences and Humanities.

Other publications International

- Caramelo, Francisco, “Ideas y creencias sobre la muerte en el mundo tardorromano y bizantino”, in Juan Luis Montero Fenollós and Shaker Al-Shbib (eds.), La necrópolis Bizantina de Tall as-Sin (Deir ez-Zor, Siria), Madrid, CSIC, 2008, pp. 303-312.
- See articles about Morocco cited and recorded on the research field "The Arts and the Portuguese Colonial Experience".

Other publications National


Organization of conferences


(November - 2008, Lisbon/Lagos) - International History Seminar: Portugal and the Magreb. 4th International Conferences on Moroccan-Portuguese History.

Internationalization

Participation on 4 International meeting abroad:

- Ferrol (Spain) - Seminar of Historia Antigua, 10 and 11 November 2008.
- Cincinnati (USA) - 62º Annual Meeting of the Society of Architectural Historians, April 2008.
- Istambul (Turkey) - International Turkish Sea Power History Symposium, 20-22 October 2008.
- See Morocco on quoted and accounted participations in the research field "The Arts and the Portuguese Colonial Experience"
Future Research

Objectives

The research group will continue to develop projects and objectives established for 2008. Currently, there are two FCT funded research projects under way, one about “Portugal and Morocco”, the other about “Relations with Persia”. Within each of the projects, CHAM will organize one major international conference: September 2009, second international workshop about Don García de Silva y Figueroa, Spanish ambassador to Persia, to be held in Lisbon; November 2009, fifth international conference on Portuguese-Moroccan History, to be held at El-Jadida, Morocco.

In the context of the Silva y Figueroa project, the research group will continue to prepare the critical edition of his “Comentários”, a manuscript kept at the Biblioteca Nacional, in Madrid. The critical edition will include four volumes (two volumes with the original text, one volume with notes and indexes, and one volume gathering the papers presented at the second workshop). This edition will be ready for publishing in 2010. Also within the same framework, members of CHAM will present papers in several national and international conferences, and will publish articles related to the subject under research.

The group related with Morocco Project provides to the year 2009 the following tasks: implementation of a second season of fieldwork in Azamor, for architectural survey and archaeological research. Publication of a thematic volume about Portugal and Morocco relations, bringing together some of the first and second papers of the ‘International Conferences on Moroccan-Portuguese History’. Following the transcription of the old manuscripts from the National Archive of the Tower of the Tombo related with the south of Morocco and completion of the inventory and organization of the database of published documentation on the subject. Preparation of the session ‘The ‘European’ city in the Maghreb: society and space clashes in the Early Modern period’, coordinated by 2 members of the project within the 10th International Conference on Urban History, to be held in Ghent in 2010.

During 2009, the research group will launch an international scholarly journal, titled Almenara, and dedicated to publishing materials (articles, research projects, book reviews, and research news) about the relations between Portugal and the Islamic world in the early modern period. The journal will be published by CHAM yearly, in paper and also on-line. It is felt, within the research group, that there is publishing space for such a publication. Articles and other materials will be published in Portuguese, English and French languages. The journal will be coordinated by an international council, including foremost specialists in Portuguese-Islamic interactions in the early modern period.

Regarding academic and scientific links, the research group is in contact with:

• The Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris, in view of organizing joint ventures in 2010;
• The University of Tehran, in order to plan a mission to Iran in late 2009, to plan a joint conference on Persian Gulf history and to visit the Portuguese fortress of Hormuz;
• Direction du Patrimoine Culturel e Direction Régionale de la Culture da la Région Doukkala-Abda, both governmental institutions in Morocco, in order to continue the tasks of fieldwork joint there.
• Université Hassan II (Ain Chock, Casablanca), Université Mohamed V (Agadal, Rabat), Université Chouaib Doukkali (El Jadida) to continue to organize annual conferences of the Luso-Moroccan history.

The research group is also planning the organization of regular free courses on Islamic themes. The first two courses, aimed at university public, on “Sufism and its History” and on “Islamic Art”, will take place in 2010.

A major research project was presented for financing to FCT and it will be a priority in the near future entitled “Territory and Frontier in the Middle Euphrates in the Middle Assyrian Period (XIII Century BC)”.

Lastly, the research group is planning a series of publications. The first series of publications will include the itineraries of several 16th and 17th century Portuguese voyagers that travelled from India to Europe by the land route (António Tenreiro, Mestre Afonso, Nicolau de Orta Reb elo, Frei Gaspar de São Bernardino, D. Álvaro da Costa, Pedro Teixeira e Manuel Godinho). It is expected that the first itinerary will be published during 2010.

Funding, source, dates

FCT Units - €11491,00
**Group Description**

**Title of Research Group:** (RG-HIST-LVT-Lisboa-442-1140) Religion and the Portuguese Expansion

**Principal Investigator:** Joao Paulo Azevedo Oliveira Costa

**Main Scientific Domain:** História

**Group Host Institution:** Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas - Universidade Nova de Lisboa

**Funding, source, dates**

- FCT Units - €21,536.00
- Research Project "Portuguese Jesuits in East Asia in the 16th-17th centuries" (POCTI/HAR/55684/2004) - €1,165.20

**Objectives & Achievements**

**Objectives**

This group is devoted to Religious studies. The main scope is the perception of the interaction between Christianity and the religion of overseas people as well as the analysis of the ecclesiastical organisation. This research group is divided in three specific themes:

a) Evangelisation: This research area is dedicated to the more traditional studies in this field: the actions of the missionaries and their relationship with the populations, with special attention to the study of local religions, in order to understand the interactions and the new religious thought that emerged from evangelisation.

b) Overseas Dioceses: This thematic approach will develop a systematic analysis of the diocesan internal organisation in the Portuguese Empire. This topic is not concerned with the Portuguese evangelisation of the non-European people, but with the ecclesiastical structures, therefore the cooperation between CHAM and other research and academic institutions is fundamental, such as, the Centre for Religious Studies of the Portuguese Catholic University.

c) Religious Orders and the Overseas Expansion: This research sub-group aims at studying the deeds of the knights of the Military Orders in the Empire, as well as to study how the Expansion influenced the history of the Orders in Portugal. The general features of the history of the Military Orders from the 15th century onwards are well known. However, there is no systematic study about Military Orders and Empire. CHAM will contribute to a better knowledge of these themes, cooperating with other cultural and academic institutions.

**Main Achievements**

- Books and Chapters: 8
- Articles appearing in national magazines: 1
- Participation on scientific meetings in Portugal: 11 CHAM members
- Participation on scientific meetings abroad: 3 CHAM members
- Organization of International meetings: 1 (participation of 7 CHAM members)
- Organization of national meetings: 1 (participation of 6 CHAM members)
- Research projects (on-going): 2
- PhD under preparation: 7

One of the major achievements in 2008 for this group of research was the coordination of two different conferences. One was devoted the Christian phenomena in Japan and it was held at Tomar, with the participation of several CHAM members and some international lecturers in the International Seminar "The Christianity and the Empire: Concepts and Historiography" and the other one was a colloquium on "The bishopric of Angra do Heroísmo and the overseas evangelization" and it was held at Angra do Heroísmo in Azores.

Also noteworthy is that in 2008 was concluded the research project "Portuguese Jesuits in East Asia in the 16th-17th centuries" (POCTI/HAR/55684/2004)(final report approved [A]: the scientific aims were fully provided. The results show high scientific quality, particularly at the level of publications in journals as interventionals deal. The project contributed to the training of young researchers and the international team involved).

**Group Productivity**

**Publications in peer review Journals**
Group Productivity

Non applicable in Social Sciences and Humanities.

Other publications International


Other publications National

- Pina, Isabel, Os Jesuítas em Nanquim (1599-1633), Lisboa, Centro Científico e Cultural de Macau, 2008.

Organization of conferences

(June - 2008 - Tomar) - International Seminar: The Christianity and the Empire: Concepts and Historiography.

(November - 2008 - Angra do Heroísmo) - Seminar: The bishopric of Angra do Heroismo and the overseas evangelization.

Internationalization

Participation on 2 International meetings abroad:

Future Research

Objectives

In 2009, this line of research will develop mainly two research projects:
- A data base for the History of overseas diocesan history. This is a project that was prepared by the end of 2008, and it was submitted to the FCT’s call for projects, which was opened in January 2009. This is a project that will be developed during the next years. Its beginning is not dependent of the FCT specific funding, so first missions will take place during 2009.
- Buddhism and Portuguese Expansion. This project is developed in cooperation with the École Française d’Extrême Orient. During 2009, a BII scholarshippowner will work in this project, and two other researchers will apply for EFEO scholarships to make field research in Bangkok and in Kyoto. In 2009 it will be prepared an international conference to be held in Paris in October 2010, about the same subject in cooperation with the EFEO and the Gulbenkian Centre.

During 2009, PhD students will continue their works, and it is expected that one of them will finish her dissertation on the native clergy inside the Jesuit Chinese Mission (1580-1689).

The research team expects to publish the proceedings of the international conference, which was held in Tomar in June 2008. The research team expects also to prepare a book on “Issues of the Religious History of Expansion”. This is an editorial project involving all senior members of this research line, with the scope of producing a theoretical reflection about themes concerning the religious dimension of Portuguese Expansion.

Members of the research line will participate in several conferences in Portugal and abroad.

Funding, source, dates
Future Research

FCT Units - €11,491,00
Group Description

Title of Research Group: (RG-HIST-LVT-Lisboa-442-1141)
Overseas Economies and Trade Networks

Principal Investigator: Maria Margarida de Mendonca Vaz do Rego Machado

Main Scientific Domain: História

Group Host Institution: Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas - Universidade Nova de Lisboa

Funding, source, dates

FCT Units - €13.450,00

Objectives & Achievements

Objectives

The group of research "Overseas Economies and Trade Networks" is a direct result of the admission of new members who study mostly Colonial Economies in articulation with Social History, therefore this recently formed group of research will pay particular attention to the economic dynamic of Portuguese Expansion.

The increasing of trade volume, from the first voyages of discoveries of the 15th century to the complex and intense worldwide ocean circuits of the next centuries, as well as the development of new economies, particularly in the Atlantic world are subjects that still need new approaches and detailed researches. Colonial productions, merchandises circulation, traders, companies, transportation or competition are some of the most relevant topics to be studied by this group of CHAM researchers. Centres of export competitiveness, production's structures, overseas exportations, colonial productions, merchandises circulation, merchants, traders, companies, transportation, shipping and navigation, ports, ports of call and commercial centres are some of the relevant topics to be studied by this group of CHAM researchers.

Individual research projects deal with different areas, from China Sea to Azores and Andalusia, as well as with different periods, from the 15th century to the 19th. It is expected that during the next years new researchers will add new topics, and that those who are working now will share their experiences in order to look for global conclusions.

Main Achievements

Books and Chapters: 10
Articles appearing in national magazines: 2
Articles appearing in international magazines: 3
Participation on scientific meetings in Portugal: 10 CHAM members
Participation on scientific meetings abroad: 9 CHAM members
Organization of national meetings: 1 (participation of 8 CHAM members)
Organization of international meetings: 1 (participation of 3 CHAM members)
Research projects (on-going): 2

Besides the participation on scientific meetings in Portugal and abroad, the main achievement of this research group since 2007 is the following of two research projects based in Azores: "A Terra e o Homem nos Açores nos séculos XV-XVI" (M2.1.2/I/005/2006-RAC2) and "Escravos e Libertos nos Açores, séculos XV-XIX" (M2.1.2/I/014/2006-RAC2).

Group Productivity

Publications in peer review Journals

Non applicable in Social Sciences and Humanities.

Other publications International


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**Group Productivity**


**Other publications National**


**Organization of conferences**

(March - 2008 - Madalena/Azores) - Seminar: The Wine Islands.

**Internationalization**

Participation on 9 international meeting abroad:

- Provence (France) - Volumes, circuits et acteurs de la traite dans l'Atlantique (XVe-XVIIe siècles), 26 August 2008.
- Sarbone (France) - L'Association pour l'étude de la colonisation européenne (1750-1850), 16 February 2008.
- Turku (Finland) - Atlantic History seminar, 27 May 2008.
- Nájera (Spain) - Encuentros Internacionales del Medievo, 22-25 July 2008.
- Ferrol (Spain) - International Conference: X Reunión de laFundación Española de Historia Moderna, June 2008.
- Bari (Italy) - International Seminar about Storiografia economica portoghese di età moderna e contemporanea, 4 June 2008.
Future Research

Objectives

In the present state of art of this subject, the main goal is the production of new articles and papers that will enrich the common knowledge. But also:

a) To promote academic research work within national and international scientific networks.

b) To host national and international researchers at MA and PhD levels, post-doctoral fellows and faculty in developing their projects and sharing their results.

c) To promote, organise and participate in several scientific and academic events in Portugal and abroad, in association with other research units.

d) To provide support for CHAM members and other researchers to present papers in national and international meetings, and to prepare papers for publication in peer-reviewed journals; to develop contacts between Portuguese scholars and those of other countries; to continue to attract and support the increasing number of national and international students and scholars who seek us; to continue to attract Portuguese researchers who have studied abroad and wish to return to Portugal.

e) To continue and developed some ongoing projects about centres of export competitiveness, production's structures, overseas exportations, colonial productions, merchandises circulation, merchants, traders, companies, transportation, shipping and navigation, ports, ports of call and commercial centres.

Funding, source, dates

FCT Units - €11,491,00
Group Description

Title of Research Group: Cultural Exchanges and Globalization

Principal Investigator: João Nelson Veríssimo

Main Scientific Domain: História

Group Host Institution: Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas - Universidade Nova de Lisboa

Objectives & Achievements

Objectives

This research group aims to continue the work that was carried out by the previous group named “The Impact of the Discoveries and the Portuguese Expansion on Europe and the World”. Therefore the main goal of this research group is to contribute to the perception of Portuguese Expansion as a global dynamic that motivated the phenomenon: “World on the move”, with multidirectional motion of men, goods, plants, animals, techniques, ideas and knowledge. The goals of this research group are as follows:

a) To develop national and international scientific networks organized around research projects.
b) To provide support to national and international researchers at MA and PhD levels, post-doctoral fellows and faculty in developing their projects and sharing their results.
c) To raise awareness to the research area within the national and international academic communities and beyond and to have the results of our work made public. Therefore this research group will promote, organise and participate in several colloquia and symposia in Portugal, in association with other research units.
d) To provide support for CHAM members and other researchers to present papers in national and international meetings, and to prepare papers for publication in peer-reviewed journals; to develop contacts between Portuguese scholars and those of other countries; to continue to attract and support the increasing number of national and international students and scholars who seek us; to continue to attract Portuguese researchers who have studied abroad and wish to return to Portugal.

Main Achievements

Edited Books: 1
Books and Chapters: 19
Articles appearing in national magazines: 3
Articles appearing in international magazines: 3
Participation on scientific meetings in Portugal: 14 CHAM members
Participation on scientific meetings abroad: 21 CHAM members
Research projects (on-going): 1
PhD under preparation: 1

In 2008 the research group “Cultural Exchanges and Globalization, reflected and disclosed the cultural exchanges, in the context of globalization facilitated by the Portuguese expansion, through participation in conferences, publications and dissertations.

Group Productivity

Publications in peer review Journals

Non applicable in Social Sciences and Humanities.

Other publications International

Group Productivity


Other publications National


- Loureiro, Rui, Lagos e os Descobrimentos até 1460, Lagos, Câmara Municipal de Lagos, 2008.


Group Productivity


Master and Ph.D. thesis completed

MA Theses
Coelho, Inês Pinto, A cerâmica oriental na Carreira da Índia no contexto da carga de uma nau - a presumível Nossa Senhora dos Mártires.

Internationalization

Participation on 18 international meetings abroad:
- Florence (Italy) - Conference: "Orb and Sceptre: Global and Imperial Histories", 14-16 May 2008.
- Ghent (Belgium) - Colloquium Cosmography, 28-30 May 2008.
- Egmond an Zee (Netherlands) - Workshop on marine mammals in the arts and social sciences, March 2008.
- São Paulo (Brazil) - International Meeting: 4th Centenary of the birth of the Father António Vieira, 18-20 August 2008.
- São Paulo (Brazil) - XXXI Brazilian Congress of Comunication Sciences, 2-6 September 2008.
- Chicago (USA) - Annual Conference: The Renaissance Society of America, 3-5 April 2008.
- New Orleans (USA) - Seminar at the Tulane University, Medieval and Early Modern Studies Group, 28 March 2008.
- Istambul (Turkey) - International Turkish Sea Power History Symposium, 20-22 Outubro 2008.

Future Research

Objectives

A research project was presented for financing to FCT entitled "Digital Access for Early Modern Portuguese Cultural Heritage and Treasures in Italy (1400-1650)". This project aims to promote the first systematic and comprehensive research to inventory, catalogue and digitalize extant historical documents held in Florence, Modena, Venice and Rome relating to Portugal. The digitalized documents will be made available for global consultation for the Memory of Portugal through a digital library to be hosted in the Biblioteca Nacional Digital of the Biblioteca Nacional de Portugal, as well as through web pages in all Italian Institutions involved. The following types of documents will be included: manuscript and rare printed texts, portraits, paintings and drawings, maps, architectural plans, products from overseas civilizations created during the period of Portuguese expansion. These documents are mostly unknown to most scholars, both inside and outside of Portugal. This project will also benefit from the partnership between CHAM, the Biblioteca Nacional de Portugal (BNP). It counts on the technological support and expertise of the Instituto de Engenharia de Sistemas e Computadores, Investigação e Desenvolvimento (INESC-ID) of the Instituto Superior Técnico (IST). In Italy the project has already received the official support of the Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze (BNCF) and the Instituto e Museo di Storia della Scienza (IMSS).

In 2009, the group of “Cultural Exchanges and Globalization” intents to produce new texts that will enrich the knowledge related with cultural exchange and globalization; promote dissemination of new knowledge through conferences and exposure to non-specialists interested in the area; promote academic research in this area; captivate national and foreign researchers to Masters, PhD’s and post-doctoral theses in this field; promote, organize and participate national and international academic events; make associations or institutes exchanges with counterparts in research and dissemination of knowledge; support research in this area and its dissemination, including through participation of researchers in national and international events. It also aim to launch in 2009, a completion of a scientific meeting to discuss this thematic and a book publishing.
Future Research

Funding, source, dates

FCT Units - €11.491,00
Group Description

Title of Research Group: (RG-HIST-LVT-Lisboa-442-1231) Political and Social Frameworks of the Portuguese Empire
Principal Investigator: Avelino de Freitas de Meneses
Main Scientific Domain: História
Group Host Institution: Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas - Universidade Nova de Lisboa

Funding, source, dates

FCT Units - €13,450,00
Research Project Sources for the History of the Portuguese Estado da Índia in the 17th-18th centuries. The "Colecção Junta da Real Fazenda do Estado da Índia" (POCTI/HAR/60027/2004) - €3,633,15
Research Project BBB - Bombay Before the British. The Portuguese Legacy at the Bombay Peninsula's Territory (POCTI/HAR/47225/2002) - €7,894,00
Research Project EVE - E-Cyclopaedia of Portuguese Expansion, 15th-18th centuries (POS-C 702/4.2/C/REG) - €30,248,81
Archaeological survey "Heritage Component of Environmental Impact Study of the "Construction of Horta Marine 1st phase – rehabilitation of the Marine Front of Horta (Faial island – Azores)" - €20,000,00

Objectives & Achievements

Objectives

The early-modern period witnessed the development of a series of large-scale political organizations. From the late 15th century on, several west-European rulers undertook the task of creating large political units, and such a task was accomplished through the aggregation of territories located both in Europe and outside the Old World, the majority of them of a very heterogeneous nature. The outcome of this process was the Portuguese overseas empire, the Spanish Monarchy, the French Monarchy, the English empire and the Dutch overseas rule.

The aim of this research group is therefore to examine the way these large-scale political units were implemented, as well as to study their development throughout the early-modern period. A special attention will be paid to the Portuguese Monarchy and its processes of aggregation of overseas territories throughout the early-modern period, a task that demands the study of the political-institutional framework that was developed in order to make effective the rule in territories physically distant from the political centre.

This research group involves an in-depth study of the contemporary concepts of rule – reign, republic, monarchy and empire – in order to assess their political implications, namely the aims of such vast organizations, the hierarchy within the political order, and the ascription of political and civil rights to the inhabitants of each territory. Aiming at providing a more comprehensive understanding of this issue, the research group will necessarily involve a comparative approach between the concepts of extensive rule developed by Portugal and other European countries. Other topics that will be under analysis are as follows: the several patterns of aggregation of territories; the circulation of persons, goods and cultural artifacts as a means of strengthening the ties between the several parts of such large and heterogeneous political units; the overseas political experience and its impact in European political and administrative apparatus.

The discussion of these topics will involve the examination of several case-studies both from European and non-European contexts. In fact, one of the aims of this course is to stress that there is a fundamental link between the efforts of the Crown to make its rule more effective in Portugal, and the measures that were taken aiming at keeping under control the numerous overseas territories.

Main Achievements

Edited Books: 3
Books and Chapters: 39
Articles appearing in national magazines: 2
Articles appearing in international magazines: 3
Participation on scientific meetings in Portugal: 15 CHAM members
Participation on scientific meetings abroad: 21 CHAM members
Organization of national meetings: 1 (participation of 2 CHAM members)
Organization of international meetings: 3 (participation of 6 CHAM members)
Research projects (on-going): 2
PhD under preparation: 6
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MA under preparation: 1

In 2008 one of the main achievements of this research group was the 2nd edition of "The Conference Cycle The Ibero-American Atlantic Ocean (16th-18th centuries)", an inter-universities collaboration made between 4 academic institutions (CHAM, CIDEHUS - Univ. de Évora, ICS - Univ. de Lisboa and the Department História, Filosofia e Ciências Sociais – University of Azores and from where the several lectures come from. Each lecture that integrates this cycle is part of different research projects that have in common the fact of having the Atlantic space as the historiographic research subject. By reuniting the most renowned international researchers, this Conference Cycle aims to diversify the angles of opinion on this particular subject matter, integrating both conceptual and methodological approaches, as a presentation of the results of empirical research. This way it is intended to contribute to a better known knowledge of the Atlantic Ocean history and mostly his Iberian-American dimension.

In 2008 also were concluded the following research projects: "Sources for the History of the Portuguese Estado da Índia in the 17th-18th centuries. The "Colecção Junta da Real Fazenda do Estado da Índia" (final report approved [B]: the aims were partially achieved, however it reveals important scientific activity and achieve capacity of the team) and "Bombay Before the British. The Portuguese Legacy at the Bombay Peninsula’s Territory" (final report approved [A]: the scientific aims were fully provided. The results show high scientific quality, particularly at the level of publications in journals as interventionals deal. The project contributed to the training of young researchers and the international team involved).

Other major achievement was the participation of CHAM researchers in international conferences, with a total of 17 lectures in academic activities abroad.

Group Productivity

Publications in peer review Journals

Non applicable in Social Sciences and Humanities.

Other publications International


- Cardim, Pedro, "Felipe III, la Jornada de Portugal y las Cortes de 1619", in José Martínez Millán & María Antonietta Viscegli a (orgs.), La corte de Felipe II y el gobierno de la Monarquía Católica (1598-1621), Madrid, Fundación Mapfre, 2008, vol. IV, pp. 900-946.


- Thomaz, Luís Filipe, País dos Belos – Achegas para a compreensão de Timor-Leste [colectânea de artigos sobre Timor publicados entre 1973 e 2002], Macau, Instituto Português do Oriente / Fundação Oriente, 2008 (498 pp.).

Other publications National

Group Productivity


- Thomaz, Luís Filipe, “Reflexões sobre as pazes de Calecut em 1503”, in Problematizar a História (Homenagem a Maria do Rosário Themudo Barata de Azevedo Cruz), Centro de Estudos Históricos, Faculdade de Letras da Universidade de Lisboa, 2008, pp. 93-142.


Master and Ph.D. thesis completed

PhD Theses

MA Theses
Bettencourt, José António, A nau «Nossa Senhora da Luz» (1615) no contexto da Carreira da Índia e da escala dos Açores: uma abordagem histórica e arqueológica.

Carvalho, Patrícia, Estaleiros de construção naval na Índia Portuguesa.

Nobre, Pedro, A entrega de Bombaim à Grã-Bretanha e as suas consequências políticas e sociais no Estado da Índia (1661-1668).

Soromenho, Luzia, Os Franceses no Brasil no início do século XVIII (1700-1715).

Organization of conferences


Internationalization

Participation on 19 international meetings abroad:

- Delhi (India) - International Seminar «Cities in Medieval India», 6-7 March 2008.

- Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Spain) - International Seminar of Estudios Africanos en el Mundo Ibérico, 7-9 May 2008.


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Future Research

Objectives

During the present year of 2009 the research group «Political and social frameworks of the Portuguese empire» is carrying out a substantial amount of work, most of them consisting of several international scientific meetings. One of them was the seminar Reinos e Impérios Ibéricos. Visões comparadas, and it was a joint organisation between CHAM-UNL and the University Pablo de Olavide, in Seville, and it was divided into two sessions, one held in Seville (9-13 February) and the other one in Lisbon (16-17 February).

The second event was a joint organization between CHAM-UNL and the CIDEHUS-University of Évora. Entitled "Elites e Poder Político na Monarquia Católica", this event took place in Évora on March 20, and it gathered together an ensemble of scholars from Portuguese and Spanish universities whose research is dedicated to the imperial configurations during the early-modern period.

Another major event within this research area took place in Lisbon on April 24. Entitled "Portugal e o Mundo Ultramarino Português no âmbito da Monarquia Católica (1581-1640)", Investigações em curso, this event gathered together a series of postdoctoral fellows who presented their researches to an ensemble of senior scholars specialized in the political frameworks of imperial organisations. The aim of such a gathering was to diffuse the contents of their researches, as well as to improve their theoretical and methodological frameworks.

Between 18 and 20 June several researchers from this group organised – together with the Instituto Camões and the University of Hamburg – an international meeting entitled "Portugal, Hamburg und die deutschsprachige Welt während der europäischen Expansion nach Übersee". The participants in this event were scholars – many of them from CHAM-UNL – who have relevant research on the relationship between Portugal and the German-speaking world at the time of the European Expansion.

In the meantime, the 4th series of conferences "The Iberian-American Atlantic Ocean (16th-18th centuries)". Recent historiographic perspectives is being held since January and it will continue until the end of the year. This series of conferences brings to Lisbon, Évora and Ponta Delgada many foreign historians who have relevant scholarly work on the history of the Portuguese and Spanish expansion in the Atlantic during the early-modern age.

Among the several upcoming events it is worth stressing the international conference "Das autonomias à autonomia e independência", to be held from 27 to 31 October 2009 in Lisbon and Ponta Delgada, and also "Portugueses na Monarquia Espanhola". Dinâmicas de integração e de conflito, a joint organisation between CHAM-UNL, Red Columnaria, CIDEHUS-University of Évora, GHE5-Technical University of Lisbon and University of Rome III.

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