

## MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS 2022

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HOSTING MARIE CURIE FELLOWS

#### HOST INSTITUTION

UNL – NOVA FCSH

#### RESEARCH GROUP AND URL

IPRI - EU as a Global actor

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#### SHORT CV OF THE SUPERVISOR

Alexandra M. Dias is Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Studies of Universidade NOVA de Lisboa (NOVA/FCSH) and a researcher at the Portuguese Institute of International Relations (IPRI-NOVA). She has integrated and been the Principal Investigator of research projects on Conflict, Peace and Security in Africa with fieldwork in the Horn of Africa.

Dias is a founding member of the MWMN.

#### 5 SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ..M. (2021) “ The Trajectory of the Liberation Insurgencies from Portuguese Colonialism and their Contribution to Pan-Africanism and Solidarism within an Emerging African Regional Society”. In Gerits, F. & Grilli, M. *Visions of African Unity: New perspectives on the history of Pan-Africanism, OAU/AU and African regional unification projects*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021, pp.183-211.
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- .. M. & Yared, D. Y. (2021) “Anatomies of protest and the trajectories of the actors at play: Ethiopia 2013-2020” in Sanches, Edalina. *Popular Protest, Political Opportunities and Change in Africa*. London: Routledge.
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- ..M. (Ed.), (2013) *State and Societal Challenges in the Horn of Africa: Conflict and processes of state formation, reconfiguration and disintegration*, Lisbon, Center of African Studies (CEA), ISCTE-IUL, University Institute of Lisbon, <http://hdl.handle.net/10071/5061>

#### PROJECT TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION

African agency and the changing international order

Contrary to what was the conventional wisdom during the Cold War. Indeed, African actors throughout several eras of international relations have asserted their agency vis-à-vis external actors engagement and aims. Various unexpected turns of events confirm that African leaderships have managed to influence external powers’ agendas to their own advantage and the dynamics of international relations in Africa’s

international society and between states have exerted influence on the evolution of relations between outside powers. The demise of the external patrons in the aftermath of the Cold War and the growing engagement of China and other emerging powers as Turkey, India, Brasil among others presented an opportunity to African leadership to find alternatives to engage with external actors to the so-called traditional donors. This projet aims to understanding the fast moving and volatile global international society beyond the dichotomy of the West versus the rest and/or the Global South versus the West in light of a selection of case studies focusing on African states foreign policy orientations both at the bilateral and multilateral level with emerging powers and the traditional donors.

#### SCIENTIFIC AREA WHERE THE PROJECT FITS BEST\*

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