



MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS 2021

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HOSTING MARIE CURIE FELLOWS

HOST INSTITUTION

NOVA University Lisbon | School of Social Sciences and Humanities

RESEARCH GROUP AND URL

Comparative Political History

Thematic line “Colonialism, Anti-Colonialism, and Post-Colonialism: Rethinking Empires and their Aftermaths”
<https://ihc.fcsh.unl.pt/en/thematic-lines/colonialism/>

SUPERVISOR (NAME AND E-MAIL)

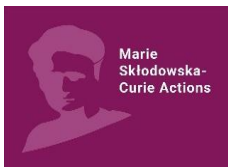
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SHORT CV OF THE SUPERVISOR

Aurora Almada e Santos is a researcher at the Instituto de História Contemporânea of the Universidade Nova de Lisboa. Her scientific area of activity is the International History and her domain of specialization is the international dimension of the struggle for self-determination and independence of Portuguese colonies. Having as major focus the role played by the international organizations, in her master and PhD she gave special attention to the activities developed by the United Nations regarding the Portuguese colonial issue. She intended to demonstrate that in the analysis of Portuguese decolonization it is necessary to take into account the UN pressure. Her academic activities includes the publishing of articles and book chapters, the participation in conferences in Portugal and abroad, the organization of publications and conferences, the review of articles, the collaboration in the executive board of a peer review journal, the contribution for working groups and the membership of professional associations.

5 SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- EGGERS, Nicole; PEARSON, Jessica Lynne; SANTOS, Aurora Almada (eds) – *The United Nations and Decolonization*. London: Routledge, 2020. ISBN 978-1-138-48702-4.
- “The United Nations and Portuguese Colonies, 1961-1962: Information Gathering and the Evolving Interpretation of Article 73(e)” in *The United Nations and Decolonization*, ed. Nicole Eggers, Jessica Lynne Pearson and Aurora Almada e Santos, London, Routledge, 2020, p. 171-205.
- ““Mandatories on behalf of the League”: Empires, Mandates and Slavery” in *League of Nations (1920-1946): Promises and Legacies*, ed. Pedro Aires Oliveira, Lisbon, BNP, 2020, p. 91-108.
- “Amílcar Cabral’s Diplomacy on Behalf of the PAIGC’s External Front” in *Amílcar Cabral’s Itineraries*, ed. Ana Maria Cabral, Filinto Elísio and Márcia Souto, Lisbon, Rosa de Porcelana, 2018, p. 23-119.
- *The United Nations and Portuguese Colonial Issue (1960-1974)*. Lisbon: Instituto de Defesa Nacional, 2017.



PROJECT TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION

“It is the Duty of All”: The Organization of African Unity and the Solidarity towards the Struggle for Independence of Portuguese Colonies (1963-1975)

From the start, the OAU proclaimed the duty of all African states to support the struggle of the colonized peoples for independence. My research project aims to question to which extent the attempts to implement such purpose transformed the OAU in a decisive player in Portuguese decolonization. To give an answer I will explore the hypothesis that both a positive and a negative assessment of the organization's role can be contested, pointing out to a mixed record.

SCIENTIFIC AREA WHERE THE PROJECT FITS BEST*

Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)