



Call for Papers for IESE's II Conference

"Dynamics of Poverty and Patterns of Economic Accumulation in Mozambique"

Maputo, 22nd and 23rd of April, 2009

Poverty is a social, economic and political concept and concern, which is very often at the centre of the discourse of the government, civil society, scholars and research institutions, and international agencies. However, research and debate about poverty tends to be descriptive and focused on failure of individuals' capital (education, health, socio-cultural factors, etc.), market and government failure and levels of consumption. These approaches are usually oriented towards the mitigation of the most obvious consequences of poverty or the individual, market and governments failures that are assumed to be the cause of poverty.

IESE intends to contribute to challenging these approaches and developing the debate further by introducing new perspectives that are based upon the political economy analysis of poverty in relation with the patterns of economic and social accumulation and reproduction. In this connection, IESE is organising a Conference about the *"Dynamics of poverty and patterns of economic accumulation in Mozambique"*, to be held in Maputo, on the 22nd and 23rd of April 2009. The thematic areas of the conference are:

- Critical analysis of concepts of poverty and accumulation in historical and paradigmatic perspective;
- Patterns of economic growth and accumulation in Mozambique in relation with dynamics of investment, intersectoral structures, trade, social organization of production, employment and natural resources;
- Dynamics, role and effectiveness of external aid and its economic, social and political impact;
- Impacts of international dynamics on the patterns of poverty and accumulation in Mozambique;
- Mapping of poverty, inequality, vulnerability and livelihood strategies;
- Local experiences in "fighting poverty" (for example, participatory budgets);
- Discourses by social, economic and political agents, and formal and informal institutions and practices of interaction between agents in the context of poverty and development.

Interested researchers and scholars who wish to present papers at the conference are invited to send 1-2 page(s) summaries of their papers to conferencia.pobreza@iese.ac.mz. The summary should include the topic, the debate it is part of, the methodology and the basic sources of information. It should also include information about the author (institutional links and detailed contacts, such as e-mails, mobile and land line phone numbers, fax, postal address). The proposal may be individual or collective (up to 4 authors), and the same author can submit up to 2 different proposals. The proposals may be submitted in Portuguese or English. Those researchers and scholars who are interested but cannot be presented at the conference may send their proposals (with an indication that they will not be present); if their proposals are selected they will be published by IESE.

A jury will select the proposals approved to be submitted to the conference. The final versions of the presentations should obey the rules defined by IESE. The papers selected to be presented at the conference will be published by IESE. For additional information, please send your queries to conferencia.pobreza@iese.ac.mz.

Important final deadlines to be met by all:

- Submission of summaries (1-2 pages) of proposed papers to IESE: **20th December 2008.**
- Information from IESE to those candidates whose proposals were selected: **31st January 2009.**
- Submission of final version of selected papers to be presented at the Conference: **22nd March 2009.**

The Director of IESE
Maputo, October 10th, 2008.