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## IESE'S VI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CONFLICT, VIOLENCE AND DEVELOPMENT

15 and 16 of September 2020, Maputo

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS  
IS EXTENDED TO MAY 15th**

### CALL FOR COMMUNICATION AND PANELS

The Institute of Social and Economic Studies (IESE), [www.iese.ac.mz](http://www.iese.ac.mz), will hold its 6th International Conference in Maputo, from 15 to 16 September 2020. The general theme of this conference is "**Conflict, Violence and Development**".

The most orthodox literature tends to assume a unidirectional and causal relationship between conflict and development, in the sense that the former harms the latter. This view is reflected both in academic work and, above all, in political discourse, in which, for example, inadequate economic performance is causally justified by the existence of conflict. In this view, conflict is synonymous with violence and therefore negative and would be the result of exclusion, intolerance, lack of cohesion and national unity, ethnic diversity or of any other type.

However, conflicts and tensions are part of transformative dynamics in so far as processes of social, economic and political development, transformation and transition are part of, result from and may help solve old conflicts and tensions embedded in social structures and historical contexts, while may also create new ones. Therefore, conflicts, tensions and crises are an organic part of society, and the form they take depends on the historical and social conditions and particularities in which social struggles for transformation and development occur.

How and why do tensions and conflicts arise related to the dynamics of social, economic and political transformation and transition, and what are the focuses around which they develop? To what extent do they contribute to accelerating, changing direction or resisting these social processes of change and development? How are new conflicts, tensions and crises associated with historical patterns, old tensions built in the economic and social fabric and in the political system, and the "solutions" then adopted? To what extent do new social movements and forms of citizenship, more or less formal and organized, local or national and international, emerge from these processes and what nature and capacity for action do they acquire? Are there differences and similarities between urban and rural areas in relation to the social, economic and political dynamics of the processes of change, conflict and tension? How do states and governments respond and to what extent are they influenced by various conflicting interests?

When and for what reasons do tensions and conflicts become isolated acts of violence or more prolonged situations of war and instability? How do conflicts and tensions evolve over time and turn to violence? What is the role of political parties, social movements, the media and conflict resolution mechanisms?

To analyse these (and other related) issues, with a particular focus on African and Mozambican experiences, **we invite scholars, researchers, post-graduate students and other specialists to submit proposals for panels and/or communications, until May 15th, 2020**, to the following email address: [comunicacoes\\_conf6-iese@iese.ac.mz](mailto:comunicacoes_conf6-iese@iese.ac.mz). Proposals can be submitted in Portuguese and/or English (the languages to be adopted at the conference).

Each communication proposal must include a summary, of no more than 300 words, as well as the exact identification of the proposer(s), namely: name, contact (email and phone) and institutional affiliation.

Panel proposals should include a summary of the logic and framework of the panel and summaries of each of the communications that form part of it (each of these abstracts should not exceed 300 words), as well as the names, contacts and institutional affiliation of the coordinators of the panel and of each panelist. Panels should not contain more than three communications. The same group can propose up to two panels (total of six communications at most), thus forming a module on a common theme (in this case, the logic summary should address the module as a thematic unit).

The Scientific Committee of the Conference will communicate, until May 31, 2020, by email, the communications and panels (or modules) approved. The same information will be posted, on the same day, on IESE's website, [www.iese.ac.mz](http://www.iese.ac.mz).

IESE recommends that all proponents seek their own sources of funding for participation in the conference.

Further details will be communicated after the approval of the communication proposals.