



VII IESE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Mozambique, 50 years of independence: Policies, crises, and social transformation

Dates: September 23 and 24, 2025

Location: Indy Village (Girassol Indy Congress Hotel & Spa, Rua Makombe Nongué-Nongué, R.1.373), Maputo (Open to the Public)

Day 1: September 23, 2025		
Hours	Activities	
08:00 – 08:30	Participant arrival and registration	
	Opening sessiona	
08:30 – 08:45	Conference opening remarks Euclides Gonçalves (Director of the Institute for Social and Economic Studies - IESE)	Room: B
08:45 – 09:00	Remarks by the partners of the Institute for Social and Economic Studies (IESE) Representative of the Swedish Embassy	
09:00 – 10:00	Keynote speech: Achille Mbembe Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WiSER), University of the Witwatersrand	
10:00 – 10h15	Break	

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10h15 – 11h45	Module A: Independence, Economy, and Public Policy	Module B: State, Society, and Conflicts	Module C: Methodologies and Epistemologies in Postcolonial Contexts
	Panel A1: Socioeconomic Inequalities and Poverty Moderator:	Panel B1: Contemporary Islam in Africa Moderator: Yussuf Adam (Independent Researcher)	Round Table C1: Situated Knowledge: Meanings, Engagements, and Anthropological Perspectives on Gender, Sexualities, and Health in Mozambique
	Pro-poor urban sanitation and people's sanitary imaginaries in Maputo City, Mozambique Adriano Mateus Biza (DAA, Eduardo Mondlane University)	Contours of reform and rebellion: Intellectual discourses on the fluidity of reformist currents in contemporary Nigeria – the case of Boko Haram Musa Ibrahim (Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology)	Moderator: Esmeralda Mariano - DAA, Eduardo Mondlane University
	Multidimensional poverty propagation mechanism: a spatial econometric analysis of the northern and central regions of Mozambique, from 2007 to 2017. André Luís Squarize Chagas (University de São Paulo) and Belchior José Manuel (UCM, Zambeze University)	The Islamic Reforms in Kenya: A study in perspective Ahmed Parkar (Pwani University)	Carmeliza Rosário (University of Bergen and Kaleidoscopio - Research in Public Policy and Culture) Sandra Manuel (DAA, Eduardo Mondlane University)
	Can Lack of Economic Diversification Lead to Increased Inequality and Conflict in Mozambique? Nepeti Nicanor and Nkeshimana Cedrick (Eduardo Mondlane University Foundation)	Ajami literature and the construction of national unity in Mozambique: integrating exclusion or excluding integration? Chapane Mutiua (CEA, Eduardo Mondlane University)	Kátia Taela (Independent researcher)
	Social Inequality in Mozambique Moisés Siúta (Institute for Social and Economic Studies - IESE) and Felix Mambo (International Growth Centre - IGC)	The representation of Total and terrorism in Cabo Delgado Aslak Orre (Chr. Michelsen Institute) and Helge Ronning (University of Oslo)	

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11:45 – 12h00	Break		
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12h00 – 13h30	Module A - Independence, Economy, and Public Policy	Module B: State, Society, and Conflicts	Module C: Methodologies and Epistemologies in Postcolonial Contexts
	Panel A2: From Liberation Movements to Political Parties: The Legacy of Solidarity in Southern Africa Moderator: Carlos Fernandes (CEA, Eduardo Mondlane University)	Panel B2: Jihad in Africa Moderator: Aslak Orre (CMI)	Panel C2: Knowledge in Struggle: Paths to Epistemological and Methodological Decolonisation Moderator: Kátia Taela (Independent researcher)
	It is not yet uhuru: Liberatory collaboration for whose freedom. Nomzamo Portia Ntombela (Rhodes University)	Interrogating JNIM's political project for Mali Adam Sandor (University of Bayreuth)	Decolonising Research Methods in Africa? Speaker: Thenjiwe Emily Major (University of Botswana)
	MPLA: From a fragmented liberation movement to unstable hegemony Justin Pearce (Stellenbosch University)	Islamic State Central Africa Province: an enclosed killing machine and its search for a “pure” existence Dino Mahtani (London School of Economics and Political Science - LSE)	Development as Resistance: Building a Solidarity Economy Amidst the Postcolonial Crisis Hafiz Jamu (Qadria Baghdad Brotherhood, Mozambique Island), Tanja Kleibl (Technical University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt), Ronia Sengfelder (Technical University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt)
	Spontaneity in the political history of Mozambique: from Mueda to the pots Paolo Israel (University of the Western Cape)	The rationalisation of jihad and its malcontents: the case of the Lake Chad Basin Vincent Foucher (CNRS/Sciences Po Bordeaux)	Decolonisation of knowledge about slavery in northern Mozambique through narratives Wilson Nicaquela (Lúrio University)
	Dealing with the pragmatism of solidarity: Frelimo and Zanu relationship Clinarete Munguambe (Institute for Social and Economic Studies - IESE)	Al-Shabaab's intelligence network in northern Mozambique Salvador Forquilha (Institute for Social and Economic Studies - IESE) and João Pereira (DCPAP, Eduardo Mondlane University)	
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14h30 - 16h00	Roundtable A3: Inclusive national dialogue Moderator: Elisa Samuel Boerekamp (Centre for Legal and Judicial Training - CFJJ) Benildo Nhalevilo (Civil Society Forum for Children's Rights – ROSC) Cheryl Hendricks (Institute for Justice and Reconciliation) Edson Macuácuá (Technical Commission for Inclusive National Dialogue - COTE)	Panel B3: Environment, climate, and adaptation to natural disasters Moderator: Koeti Serodio (Embassy of Ireland) The role of local communities in building resilience to disasters: the case of the 2000 floods in Mozambique Bacar Anza Bacar (Rikkyo University) The impact of natural disasters on education in Mozambique, from 2012 to 2023: Rethinking the school calendar Raúl Chambote (Wildlife Conservation Society) Climate change: policies and implications for the social protection system in Mozambique José Brito and Moisés Siúta (Institute for Social and Economic Studies - IESE) Climate change and community resilience: what possibilities for NGOs integration? Hamilton Matsimbe (Federal University of Espirito Santo) and Jossias Humbane (FLCS, Eduardo Mondlane University)	Panel C3: The Ethics Co-laboratory: Research under the Microscope Moderators: Tanja Kleibl (Technical University of Applied Sciences Wuerzburg-Schweinfurt), Baltazar Muianga (Eduardo Mondlane University) Negotiating Community Conflicts: The “Galinheiro” Case in Nacala Porto Imedy Condelaque (Catholic University of Mozambique) Between different roles: Islam, NGOs, and academia—a postcolonial female self-enquiry Fauzia Jamu (Lúrio University) Methodological dilemmas in research on autism and social inclusion in schools Edna Zimba (Eduardo Mondlane University) Access to Reliable Data in Research on Corruption in Public Administration Henrique Mbenhane (Independent Researcher)
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	Round Table A4: Democracy and the Business Environment Moderator: Gilmar da Conceição (Licungo University)	Panel B4: Governance and Conflicts Moderator: Paolo Israel (University of the Western Cape)	Panel A8: Governance and Public Policy Moderator: Bernardino António (Institute for Social and Economic Studies - IESE)
	Flávio Quembo (Independent Researcher)		From participatory democracy and welfare society to sustainable governance in Mozambique Pedrito Cambrão (Zambeze University)
	Sara Fakir (Ideia Lab)	Peacebuilding, power sharing, and political (in)stability: Crossed perspectives on post-independence - Trajectories of Mozambique and Burundi Manuel Barroso and Stef Vandeginste (Institute of Development Policy, University of Antwerp)	The legacy of Portuguese colonialism in post-colonial governance in Mozambique Nelson Moda (FAEF, Eduardo Mondlane University)
	Onório Boane (Deputy Chair of the CTA Board)	On Mozambique's Political and Social Trajectories, 1975-2025: some "Canforian" reflections Colin Darch (University of Cape Town)	Frontier governance: corporate power, development, and resource extraction Nikkie Wiegink (Utrecht University)
		Reforming without changing: Why do the prevailing single-party structures in neighbourhoods continue to shape politics in Mozambique? Lazaro Mabunda (Public Integrity Centre - CIP)	Political waves and public policies in Mozambique: Democratisation and disbelief in the metanarratives of dominant political parties Duarte Amaral (FAFILOS, Eduardo Mondlane University)

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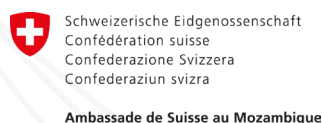
08:00-08:30	Arrival and registration of participants		
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	Panel A6: Social protection and security policies Moderator:	Round Table B5: Justice and social protection Moderator:	Panel C4: Between Silenced Voices and Transformative Actions: Gender, Youth, and Social Memory Moderator: Withney Sabino (MANAS Feminist Platform)
	Reflections on the Challenges in Implementing the Inclusion of Children with Disabilities in the Mozambican General Education Subsystem: Analysis in the Context of the 2030 Agenda Dércio Macondzo (FLCS, Eduardo Mondlane University)	Judite Macuácuá (Assembly of the Republic) Heitarina Guilamba (Gurúè Judicial Court)	Gender-based violence Isabel Casimiro (CEA, Eduardo Mondlane University)
	The economic crisis and the perspective of young motorcycle taxi drivers in the city of Lichinga on a better future Mello Gilberto Carlos, Aide Francisco Baraca, and Joaquim Miranda Maloa (Centre for Research and Social Promotion, Niassa)	Joaquim Nhampoca (Independent researcher)	The economic contribution of non-profit institutions to youth employment in Mozambique Mónica Frederico, Hélio Maúngue and Carlos Fernandes (CEA, Eduardo Mondlane University)
	When do domestic savings matter for social protection: an analysis based on the Mozambican context Moisés Siúta (Institute for Social and Economic Studies - IESE)		Can feminism be cultivated in the machamba? Dynamics and possibilities of a “peasant feminism” in Mozambique. Hélio Maúngue (CEA, Eduardo Mondlane University)
			“Dusty Voices” – recovery and preservation of sound archives from CEA-Eduardo Mondlane University (1976–1990) Carlos Fernandes (CEA, Eduardo Mondlane University)
10h00 – 10h15	Break		
10:15 – 11:45	Plenary session: What happened to African socialism? An analysis of experiences in Southern Africa Owen Sichone – (Dag Hammarskjöld Institute for Peace and Conflict, Copperbelt University)		ROOM: B

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	Panel A7: Macroeconomic Policies and Development Moderator: Constantino Marrengula (Civil Society Learning and Capacity Building Centre - CESC)	Panel B6: Internet, Digital Activism, and Democracy Moderator: Fidélia Chemane (Civil Society Learning and Training Centre - CESC)	Panel C5: Education, Academic Research, and Social Transformation Moderator: Yasser Arafat Dadá - Rural Environment Observatory - OMR)
	Analysis of the Macroeconomic Determinants of Inflation and Economic Growth in the Post-Independence Period in Mozambique Gilmar da Conceição (Licungo University, Quelimane)	When the Internet and politics come together: reports of youth activism in Mozambique Dércio Tsandzana (ECA, Eduardo Mondlane University)	Community Co-management and Environmental Education in Artisanal Fishing in Mozambique: Decolonising Knowledge and Policies for Postcolonial Social Transformation Tomás Tito João (FAEF, Eduardo Mondlane University)
	Anticipating the Bonanza: The Politics of Natural Resources, Elite Accumulation and Conflict in Mozambique José Jaime Macuane, Lars Buur and Padil Salimo (FLCS, Eduardo Mondlane University)	Strategically exploiting digital social networks against authoritarianism: the case of Venâncio Mondlane in the 2024-2025 post-election crisis Armando Nhantumbo (Rhodes University)	Between Planning and Exclusion: The (In)ability of Public Policies to Address Inequalities in Mozambique (1992-2024) Alide Força Amade (FLCS, Eduardo Mondlane University)
	Public Policies and the Relational Capacity of the State in Mozambique Roberto J. Tibana (Independent Researcher)	The governance of poverty in Mozambique: from a mechanism of domination to the seed of revolution? An analysis of the popular uprisings of 2024/5 Rúben Noa Ucucho (FLCS, Eduardo Mondlane University)	50 years of Identity: Social Transformation and Theoretical Reconfiguration Hélder Nhamaze (DAA, Eduardo Mondlane University)
	Decomposing budget credibility Felix Mambo Centro - International Growth Centre (IGC) and Ricardo Santos - United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER)	Ethnographic listening and haptic reflections on a popular revolt (Mozambique, 2023–2025) Janne Rantala (University College Cork)	50 years of archaeology in post-independence Mozambique: paths and missteps Mussa Raja (Eduardo Mondlane University), Altino Munguambe (University of Algarve, Portugal), and Hilário Madiquida (Socio-Cultural Research Institute, Mozambique)
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	Panel A8: Informal Economies, Urban Ecology, and Social Exclusion Moderator: Sandrângela Fortes (Institute for Social and Economic Studies - IESE)	Panel B7: Between voting and protest: dynamics of Mozambican democracy Moderator: Sérgio Chichava (Institute for Social and Economic Studies - IESE)	Panel C6: Natural Resources, Governance, and Economic Justice Moderator: Carlos Serra (Faculty of Law, Eduardo Mondlane University)
14h30 – 16h00	Organic waste management practices in the city of Maputo: The case of Zero Waste Moz (2019–2024) Edite da Graça Alfredo Chumba and Hélder Pires Amâncio (Dom Bosco Higher Institute)	Coverage of the voter registration in Mozambique: A sociodemographic perspective Carlos Arnaldo, Samuel Quive, Adérito Machava and Elias Bascoroe (CEA, Eduardo Mondlane University)	“Dream brokers” and the moral economy of frontier investments Yann le Polain de Waroux and Angela Kronenburg García (Earth And Life Institute - Uclouvain)
	Vertical accountability in municipal government websites in post-COVID-19 Mozambique: lessons learned and persistent challenges António Bai Siteo Júnior (Kaleidoscopio - Research in Public Policy and Culture)	2024 General Elections in Mozambique: Protests, repression, and the challenges of the 50 years after Independence Laércio Azevedo (FAEF, Eduardo Mondlane University)	Social Responsibility Bill and Sovereign wealth Fund for the communities of Pande-Guvuro Ibraimo Cassimo Mohamade Jamal - Association for Support and Legal Assistance to Communities (CAAJJC)
	Nationalism and cosmopolitanism in Africa: A biography of Eduardo Chivambo Mondlane Lívio Samsone - (Federal University of Bahia - UFBA)	“There were irregularities in the elections, but they did not affect the results”: The trajectory of electoral fraud in Zambezia province Manuel de Araújo and José Ivo Correia (Centre for Mozambican and International Studies - CEMO)	Land conflicts in Mozambique: An analysis of the main contributing factors in the municipality of Maxixe, 1992 to the present day Crimildo Muhache (Save University)
	Where to work? Youth, labour exclusion, and the unfinished legacy of independence in Mozambique Wilson Armando (Independent Researcher)		
16h00 – 17h00	Closing session		

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