



## **International Conference**

### **50 Years of Decolonization: The Western Sahara Process**

#### **Program**

**FLUP, sala de reuniões**

**8th-9th November 2023**

#### **8th November 2023 – Sala de Reuniões 1**

##### **9h30 - Opening Session**

- FLUP - Diretora da Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto
- University of Tifariti – Jitari Andala
- CEAUP – Maciel Santos

##### **10h00 – Painel 1 - The Sahara at the time of African decolonization (part 1)**

**Moderator:** Mourad Aty (CEAUP)

- **El movimiento nacionalista saharauí desde los años sesenta. De la Organización de Vanguardia para la Liberación del Sahara (OVLS), al Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el Hamra y río de Oro (Frente Polisario)**  
Emboirik Ahmed Omar (Adviser - Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the SADR)

- **Phosphate Mining and anti-colonialism – labour and political action at ENMINSA (1973-74)**  
Maciel Santos (CEAUP)
- **The Importance of the Saharawi Diaspora and its evolution since the 1960's**  
Isabel Lourenço (CEAUP)

**10h45 - Debate**

**11h15 – Coffee Break**

**11h30 – Paineel 1 - The Sahara at the time of African decolonizations (part 2)**

**Moderator:** Maciel Santos (CEAUP)

- **La visita de Naciones Unidas al Sahara Occidental en mayo de 1975. Detonante del abandono español y de la ocupación marroquí.**  
Isaías Barreñada Bajo (Centro de Procedencia: Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Departamento de Relaciones Internacionales e Historia global)
- **“We have all the legitimacy of the world”: The Frente Polisario and the politics of legitimation in the Western Sahara conflict**  
Stephan Hensell (Universität Bremen, Institute for Intercultural and International Studies)
- **Rights to Self-determination as Mechanism of Decolonization: Eritrea, Namibia and Western Sahara**  
Redie Bereketeab (The Nordic Africa Institute)

**12h15 - Debate**

**12h45 – Lunch**

## **14h30 – Paine1 2 - The First War (1975-1991) (Part 1)**

**Moderator:** Emboriki Ahmadi (Adviser - Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the SADR)

- **L'intervention militaire Française dans la guerre du Sahara occidental  
Opération « Lamantin »**  
Didi Ahmed (Ing.Sidemhamed AHMED, Union des Ingénieurs Sahraouis)
- **Why Algeria is Still Supportive of the Western Sahara Cause? A  
Permanent Stance amidst a Changing World**  
Mourad Aty (Guelma University – Algeria/ CEAUP)
- **The question of Western Sahara in various editions of the Algerian Army  
Magazine "Aljaich"(1975-1991)**  
Mebarek Oulad Naimi, Abdeljalil Mellakh (University of Ghardaia, Algeria)

**15h15 - Debate**

## **15h45 – Paine1 2 - The First War (1975-1991) (Part 2)**

**Moderator:** Juan Carlos Gimeno (Autónoma de Madrid)

- **The OAU/AU Position on Western Sahara: A Review of the Pan African  
Organization's Stance from Inception to Present**  
Malainin Mohamed (Saharawi Embassy in Ethiopia)
- **CULTURICIDIO. La destrucción del archivo y obra del erudito saharauí  
Sidati Uld Salami**  
Bahia MH Awah (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)

**16h15 - Debate**

**16h45 – Coffee Break**

## **17h00 –Painel 2 - The First War (1975-1991) (Part 3)**

**Moderator:** Luz Marina Mateo (Universidad de La plata)

- **Retos y desafíos de la relación bilateral México-República Árabe Saharaui Democrática**  
Mtra. Arcelia Flores Castro (Facultad de Estudios Superior, Aragón de la UNAM)
- **Decolonization of Western Sahara: The role of Nigeria**  
Joel Kemie (Universidade do Minho)

**17h30 – Debate**

**18H00 - Closure of Day 1**

## 9th November 2023 – Sala de Reuniões 1

### 9h30 – Painei 3 – The years of waiting (1991-2020) (PART 1)

**Moderator:** Hassan O, Kaya (University of KwaZulu-Natal)

- **Spaces of Aid and the Communities of Solidarity: Sahrawi People on their Path to Self-Determination**  
Jelena Vićentić (independent researcher, Serbia) and Omeima Abdeslam (Sahrawi Human Rights Advocate)
- **The environmental impacts of plundering of the natural resources in Western Sahara**  
Ghali Zber (Center for Studies and Documentation)
- **Decolonization & Human Rights Violation**  
Khadja Mohamed Badati (Martin-Luther-Universität)

10h15 – Debate

### 10h45 – Painei 3 – The years of waiting (1991-2020) (part 2)

**Moderator:** Bahia MH Awah (Autónoma de Madrid)

- **Education in the context of oppression and exile – The case of Western Sahara**  
Helena Furtado (CEAUP)
- **Estrategias psicoeducativas para mejorar el bienestar psicológico de la infancia en Smara**  
Maria Jose Lera Rodriguez (Universidad de Sevilla)

- **Home in a Non-Place?**

Elena Wiese (Universitat Bayreuth)

**11h30 - Debate**

**12h -Lunch**

**14h00 – Paine 4 – The Second War (2020-...) (part 1)**

**Moderator:** Isabel Lourenço (CEAUP)

- **War in Western Sahara: A Case Study of UN Failure**

Bouela Lehib

- **Western Sahara War Archives, between the archives and GIS: how to map a war remotely**

Jorge Teixeira (CEAUP)

- **What will be, will be: Necropolitics and the (un)changing scenario in Westrn Sahara**

Rui Novais (CEFH -Universidade Católica Portuguesa)

**14h45 - Debate**

**15h15 – Paine 4 – The Second War (2020-...) (part 2)**

**Moderator:** Jitari Andal-la (UniversidadTifariti)

- **Colonialismo histórico insidioso. A propósito de la descolonización inconclusa del Sahara Occidental.**

Juan Carlos Gimeno Martín (Departamento de Antropología Social y Pensamiento Filosófico Español, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)

- **Poetry and Public Diplomacy: The Case of Western Sahara**  
Joana Allan (Northumbria University) e Moiti Mohammed
  
- **Unfinished Decolonisation of People of First Nation: Ontological Security Study of Western Sahara**  
Deepak Kumar Bhaskar (Department of Political Science Nagaland Central University, India)

**16h00 - Debate**

**16h30 Balance of the Conference. Information about publishing and future projects**

The Organizing Board

**16h45 – Coffee Break**

**17h00 – Presentation of the book *Learning About Western Sahara As a Motswana***  
by Cynthia Thanda (PanAfrikanist Online Publication)

**17h15 – Presentation of the documentary film *NO JUSTICE, JUST US***  
by Erik Valenčič

**18h15 - Closure of the Conference**