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THE WESTERN SAHEL IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBAL CHANGES: POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DYNAMICS

19-20 NOVEMBRO 2026

Local:

Dia 19 – FLUP, Laboratório de Humanidades (Humanities' Lab – junto ao Anfiteatro Nobre)

Dia 20 – FLUP, Sala de Reuniões 2

19 novembro – 1º dia	
10h00-10h30	**Sessão de abertura** • Diretora da FLUP • Pelo Conselho Científico da Conferência, Prof. Mourad Aty • Pelo Conselho Científico da Conferência, Prof. Maciel Santos – coordenador do CEAUP

Painel 1 **Regional Dynamics**			
10h30-10h50	Aaron Tesfaye	CEAUP	After Paris: Who Holds the Sahel Now?
10h50-11h10	Chen Jinkang	Institute of African Studies, Zhejiang Normal University, China	Institutional Construction and Operational Challenges of the Alliance of Sahel States
11h10-11h30	Abdessamad Embarek	Professor at the University of Nouakchott - President of the Al Atlas Center for Development and Strategic Studies	Political governance in the Sahel States: institutional crisis and geopolitical reconfiguration
11h30-11h50	**Discussão**		
11h50	**Almoço**		
Painel 2 **Resources and Geopolitical Clashes**			
14h00-14h20	Maciel Santos	CEAUP	Mining in West Africa today: geopolitics of the on-going foreign direct investment
14h20-14h40	Fardi Hammad	Vice-Rector of Tindouf University for Academic Affairs	Tindouf as a strategic hub of Trans-Saharan trade: opportunities and challenges for regional integration in West Africa
14h40-15h00	Rui da Cruz	CEAUP	Profit Over Sovereignty? : Subimperialism and French Support for Morocco in Occupied Western Sahara
15h00-15h20	**Discussão**		
15h20-15h30	**Intervalo**		
Painel 3 **Political Islam**			
15h30-15h50	Abderrhamane Taleb	CEAUP	Popular Islam in the Sahel Countries: Between a Culture of Peace and Its Instrumentalization by Emerging Powers
15h50-16h10	Alexander Zhukov	CEAUP	Changing landscape of the Jihadist groups' public communication in Sub-Saharan Africa: cases from the Sahel, Somalia, and Mozambique.
16h10-16h30	**Discussão**		
16h30	**Fim do 1º dia**		

20 novembro – 2º dia			
Painel 4 **Regional conflicts**			
10h00-10h20	Bah El Mad	SADR Ambassador to South Africa	Western Sahara, Western Sahel and AU
10h20-10h40	Mulay Emhamed Brahim	Dean of Tifariti University	Higher Education in the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic: A Tool for State-Building and National Liberation
10h40-11h00	Yahya Ahmedou	Université de Nouakchott	Le défi démographique au Sahel : la gestion de la diversité ethnique à l'épreuve des droits de l'homme. Le cas de la Mauritanie
11h00-11h20	Mourad Aty	CEAUP	U.S. Air Base 201: Strategic Imperatives, Local Frictions, and Geopolitical Shifts
11h20-11h40	**Discussão**		
11h40-12h00	**Discussão final e encerramento**		

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