

State of Research on Transformations in Angola

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This series of Webinars is part of a programme funded by the Norwegian Embassy in Angola, called **“Enhancing the research environment in Angola through capacity development 2019-2024”**.

The programme foresees cooperation on the basis of agreements signed or negotiated currently with three partners at UCAN (*Universidade Católica de Angola*): CEIC (*Centro de Estudos e Investigação Científica*), LAB (*Laboratório de Ciências Sociais e Humanidades*) and CEA (*Centro de Estudos Africanos*), with CISE (*Centro de Investigação Social e Económica – UAN Universidade Agostinho Neto*) and with CEsP / ISP Jean Piaget/Benguela.

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PROGRAMME OF WEBINARS:

Thursday 11 March at 14:00 – 16:30 CET:

Angola from economic boom to a post-petroleum economy

Venue for Angolan presenters: UCAN

Moderator: Ricardo Soares de Oliveira, Oxford University

1) The oil economy in terminal crisis? Thinking transition to post-oil Angola

Presenters:

Carlos Rosado de Carvalho, Expansão / UCAN (confirmed)

Benjamin Augé, IFRI / Sub-Sahara Center (confirmed)

Discussant:

Rebecca Engebretsen, OECD (ex-Norwegian «Oil for Development» Programme)
(confirmed)

2) The deepening social crisis (including as consequence of pandemic)

Presenters:

Sergio Calundungo, Norwegian Church Aid (confirmed)

Carlos Pacatolo, Afrobarometer (confirmed)

Discussant:

Aurea Mouzinho, Open Society (confirmed)

Thursday 25 March at 14:00 – 16:30 CET:

Angola from dos Santos to Lourenço:

Venue for Angolan presenters: UCAN

Proposed co-moderators: Ricardo Soares de Oliveira; Cesaltina Abreu or Catarina Gomes, LAB

1) Is Angola departing from presidential absolutism?

Presenters:

Jon Schubert, Brunel University, London (confirmed)

Filomeno Viera Lopes, UCAN (confirmed)

Discussant:

Didier Peclard, Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva (confirmed)

2) Emergence of a more pluralist civil, academic and media society?

Presenters:

Lucia de Silveira, AJPD (confirmed)

Susana Mendes (deputy head of Journalist Union) (confirmed)

Discussant:

Justin Pearce, Sussex (confirmed)

Thursday 15 April at 14:00 – 16:30 CET:

Angola in a changing world

Proposed venue for Angolan presenters: Centro de Investigação Social e Económica (CISE) - Universidade Ahostinho Neto (UAN) tbc

Proposed co-moderators: Ricardo Soares de Oliveira; Naiole Cohen

1) Angola and the main global powers (China, Russia, US, EU)

Invited presenters:

Mathias de Alencastro, CEBRAP / Brazil (confirmed)

Assis Malaquias, California State University / Maritime Academy (confirmed)

Discussant:

Claudia Gastrow (confirmed)

2) Angola as a sub-regional power

Invited presenters:

João Cahole, Angolan Head of ICGLR (tbc)

Fernandes Wanda, CISE and SOAS University of London (tbc)

Discussant:

Paula Roque, Oxford University (confirmed)

Thursday 29 April at 14:00 – 16:30 CET:

Towards a more transparent society?

Proposed venue for Angolan presenters: tbc

Proposed co-moderators: Ricardo Soares de Oliveira; second co-moderator tbc

1) Luanda Leaks and beyond: How deep does the fight against the corruption culture really go?

Invited presenters:

Luzia Sebastião, Former judge of the Constitutional Court (tbc)

Discussant:

2) Will political de-centralisation ever take place in Angola?

Invited presenters:

Hitler Samussuku, Movimento Jovens pelas Autarquias (MJPA) (confirmed)

Paulo Faria, Ambuila: Pesquisa e Produção Científica (confirmed)

Discussant:

Reginaldo Silva, Independent journalist (tbc)

Thursday 6 May at 14:00 – 16:00 CET:

Summing up the seminars: Is a real transformation of power relations underway in Angola?

Presentation:

Ricardo Soares de Oliveira, Professor, University of Oxford (confirmed)

Discussants:

Aslak Orre, CMI

Ana Duarte, Lusíada Benguela (tbc)

All seminars will be virtual (webinars).

All academic staff in the programme, Angolan and Norwegian, are expected to participate. Additional resource persons will be invited to all seminars. Invitations will also be extended to junior academics at the participating institutions, with the option of coming to physical venues with good internet connectivity.

Each of the seminars will have two thematic sections each, with two prepared presentations (10 minutes accompanied by Power Points or brief papers).

Presentations may be in Portuguese or English, with brief summaries in the other language given after each presentation.

Ricardo Soares de Oliveira will co-chair the panels with the co-moderators mentioned under each date. He and Vegard Bye will publish an article partly based on the inputs from the panels.

At a later date (to be defined):

Como conseguir um Parlamento com poder de acordo com a Constituição?

Chefes de grupos parlamentares de UNITA, CASA-CE, MPLA

This session will have restricted access (Chatham House rules)

O ESTADO DA PESQUISA SOBRE AS TRANSFORMAÇÕES EM ANGOLA

Uma série de seminários organizados pelo Programa de Pesquisa Angolano-Noruguês.

Quinta-feira, 11 de Março, das 14:00 às 16: 30

Angola: do boom económico à economia pós-petróleo

Local: EEU – UCAN

Moderador: Ricardo Soares de Oliveira

1) A economia petrolífera em crise terminal? Pensando a transição para uma Angola pós-petroleo.

Apresentadores:

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Benjamin Augé, IFRI / Sub-Sahara Center

Debatedora:

Rebecca Engebretsen, OCDE (ex-Norwegian «Oil for Development» Programme)

2) O aprofundar da crise social e as consequências da pandemia

Apresentadores:

Sergio Calundungo, Norwegian Church Aid

Carlos Pacatolo, Afrobarometer

Debatedora:

Aurea Mouzinho (Open Society)

Quinta-feira, 25 de Março, das 14:00 às 16: 30: Angola. De Dos Santos a Lourenço

Local: EEU UCAN

Moderadores: Ricardo Soares de Oliveira; LAB

1) Estará Angola a afastar-se do presidencialismo absoluto?

Apresentadores:

Jon Schubert, Brunel University, London

Filomeno Viera Lopes, UCAN

Debatedor:

Didier Peclard, Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva

2) A emergência de uma sociedade, uma academia e de uma mídia mais plural?

Apresentadores:

Lucia de Silveira, AJPD

Susana Mendes

Debatedor:

Justin Pearce, Sussex

Quinta-feira, 15 de Abril, das 14:00 às 16:30

Angola num mundo em mudança

Local: Centro de Investigação Social e Económica (CISE) -Universidade Ahostinho Neto (UAN)

Moderadores: Ricardo Soares de Oliveira e Naiole Cohen

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