

Fourth GERN (Post)colonial policing workshop

‘Reflections on Colonial and Postcolonial Policing in the (Former) Portuguese Empire’

Escola de Criminologia
Faculdade de Direito da Universidade do Porto
14-15 April 2011

Recent years have witnessed increasing academic attention towards the issue of colonial policing. This workshop, to be held in Porto in April 2011, is the fourth in a series of events convened with the organisational support of the Groupe Européen de Recherches sur les Normativités (GERN). Preceding workshops have focused on policing in the British, French, Belgian and Dutch Empires. Expanding on the objective to examine connectivity, continuity and change across these former European Empires, this event will concentrate upon the Portuguese experience. It seeks not only to foster greater awareness of existing research regarding Portuguese colonial policing but moreover to generate future projects and collaboration in this comparatively under-examined field.

The principal objective of this interdisciplinary workshop is to bring together both established and early-career scholars with research interests in the areas of police history, colonial history, crime, justice and security regarding the Portuguese Empire. It will focus upon the organisational forms, methods and structures of Portuguese colonial policing, consolidating knowledge of the Portuguese colonial state and reflecting upon its postcolonial legacy. In this context, particular attention is directed towards the complex interaction between metropolitan, colonial and indigenous policing strategies. We are also keen to identify policing links forged beyond these connections, including those established with other imperial powers, colonial neighbours, other foreign states and non-state actors. Drawing the colonial into the contemporary, we wish to examine those resonances of Portuguese colonial policing that are now echoed in more contemporary policing transfers across the Lusophone community, and within the governance of security more generally in the former colonies.

In the context of projected comparative analysis with the other European Empires, specific attention is drawn to the peculiarities of the Portuguese experience. In the context of the most enduring modern European Empire, what were the key phases in the evolution of its colonial policing structures? At one stage, both fascist regime and colonial power, what influence did the structures of ‘*O Estado Novo*’, and political policing in particular, exert over latter forms of Portuguese colonial policing? How did inter-related political transformations – democratization at home and decolonization overseas – impact upon the role of the colonial police? How was (post)colonial policing shaped by international security politics, most specifically during the colonial wars and the Cold War era? What were the experiences of these diverse forces across the various Portuguese colonial contexts?

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This is the fourth in a series of workshops supported by the Groupe Européen de Recherches sur les Normativités (GERN) that have examined aspects of colonial and postcolonial policing across the European Empires during the 19th and 20th centuries:

1. Policing the British Empire: Milton Keynes, September 2009
2. Policing the French Empire: Paris, November 2009
3. Policing the Dutch & Belgium Empires: Leiden, September 2010
4. Policing the Portuguese Empire: Porto, April 2011

Organising Group Members: Emmanuel Blanchard (CESDIP/GERN & Université Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, France); Georgina Sinclair & Chris Williams (ICCCR, The Open University, Milton Keynes, UK); Margo De Koster (CHDJ, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium); Amandine Lauro, (Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium); Marieke Bloembergen (KITLV, the Netherlands); Cyrille Fijnaut (Tilburg University, the Netherlands) and, Conor O'Reilly (Escola de Criminologia, Faculdade de Direito da Universidade do Porto, Portugal).

PROGRAM

DAY 1: 14 April

13h30-1400

Registration

14h00-14h15

Introduction/Welcome

Conor O'Reilly (Porto University)

Tour de Table

14h15-14h45

Policing the Empires: A Review of the GERN Workshops & Programme Objectives

Emmanuel Blanchard (University of Versailles-Saint-Quentin & CESDIP) & Georgina Sinclair (The Open University)

14h45-15h45

Session 1: Policing the Portuguese Empire: Home & Away

Chair: Georgina Sinclair (The Open University)

Policing the Empire (1851-1961): Institutions, Personnel and Law Enforcement Practices

Gonçalo Rocha Gonçalves (The Open University) & Rita Ávila Cachado (ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon & CIES-IUL, Lisbon)

The Military and the Colonial Policing of Mainland Portugal (1850-1920)

Diego Palacios Cerezas (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

Discussion

15h45-16h15 Coffee Break

16h15-17h45

Session 2: Portuguese Colonial Policing at the End of Empire

Chair: Marieke Bloembergen, KITLIV, Leiden, the Netherlands

Policing the Late Colonial State. Reflections on the Nature and Workings of the Portuguese Empire since 1945

António Costa Pinto & Miguel Bandeira Jerónimo (ICS, University of Lisbon)

Policing, Security and Military Operations in Portuguese Guinea during the Spínola Period

Luís Nuno Rodrigues (ISCTE, Lisbon University Institute)

Late Imperial Policing and Countering Insurgencies: Major Differences and Blurred Lines – Portugal in Comparison

Bruno Cardoso Reis (ICS, University of Lisbon)

Discussion

20h00: Dinner

DAY 2: 15 April

9h30-11h00

Session 3: Social Control in the Portuguese Colony: Ethno-Racial Policy & the Colonial Intelligence Apparatus

Chair: Emmanuel Blanchard (University of Versailles-Saint-Quentin & CESDIP)

Policing the Civilizing Mission: Race and Labour in the Portuguese Empire 1880-1930

Miguel Bandeira Jerónimo (ICS, University of Lisbon)

PIDE's Racial Strategy in Angola, 1959-1961

Fernando Manuel Tavares Martins Pimenta, (CEIS20, University of Coimbra)

Policing Islam in Mozambique: Knowledge, Intelligence, Data Collection and Governance during the War for Liberation

Sandra Araújo (CRIA / FCSH, New University of Lisbon)

Discussion

11h00-11h30 Coffee Break

11h30-13h00

Session 4: Ibero-American Policing – Contrasts & Continuities

Chair: To be confirmed.

Militarism in the São Paulo Police Force (1868-1924)

André Rosemberg (Universidade Estadual Paulista ‘Júlio de Mesquita Filho’)

Crossing the Atlantic: The Creation of Rio de Janeiro’s Police

Marcos Luiz Bretas (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro)

Missionaries of ‘Hispanidad’: The Spanish Civil Guard missions to Latin America, 1894-1936

Gerald Blaney, Jr. (London School of Economics)

Discussion

13h00-14h00: Lunch

14h00 -15h30

Session 5: Policing the Postcolonial State in Comparative Perspective

Chair: Graham Ellison (Queens University Belfast)

Urban Policing in Postcolonial Contexts. ‘Proximity’ in Portugal and Brazil

Susana Durão (ICS, University of Lisbon) & Maria Claudia Coelho (State University of Rio de Janeiro)

Police Reform in Post-War Mozambique: ‘believing the flowers when you’re eating the fruits’

Anicia Lalá (University of Bradford)

Resonances of History in the Development of the Polícia Nacional Timor-Leste

Bu Wilson (ARC Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security, Australia)

Discussion

15h30-16h00 Coffee Break

16h00-17h00

Session 6: Expert Panel Discussion – (Post)colonial Policing Comparisons & Future Research Pathways

Chair: Conor O’Reilly (Porto University)

António Costa Pinto (ICS, University of Lisbon)

Richard Hill (Victoria University of Wellington)

Mike Brogden (University of Lancaster)

Discussion

17h00

Closing remarks

Confirmed Participants

Amandine Lauro, University of Cambridge, UK & Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

André Rosemberg, Universidade Estadual Paulista ‘Júlio de Mesquita Filho’, Brazil

Anicia Lalá, University of Bradford, UK

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