Africa in Portuguese, the Portuguese in Africa provides new scholarly perspectives on the relations between Portugal and its former African colonies. The conference addresses connections and borrowings between Portugal and Lusophone Africa and is designed to generate a book co-edited by Isabel Ferreira Gould and Pedro Schacht Pereira. The initiative pursues two main lines of inquiry. First, it debates the roles played by the Portuguese-speaking African countries in the continuous elaboration of a new postcolonial Portuguese culture, as well as the roles played by Portugal in the formation and transformation of the cultures of the Lusophone African nations. Second, it examines the ways in which the ongoing critical and theoretical debate in Lusophone African studies can have a positive impact upon the broader discussions of African studies and postcolonial studies, that is, how a regional discipline can contribute to shaping and enriching concepts that are to be used by scholars working in diverse fields and disciplines.

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SESSIONS ON THE FOLLOWING THEMES

- Africa in Portuguese, the Portuguese in Africa: case studies and challenges for contemporary postcolonial theory.
- Roles played by Portuguese and Lusophone African literatures in the configuration and negotiation of discourse/s and mutual dependencies between literary institutions in Portugal and Lusophone Africa.
- Reciprocal portrayals of contemporary Portugal and Lusophone Africa, visual treatments of Portugal-Lusophone Africa relations, and constructions and reconstructions of the categories “Portuguese” and “African.”
- Desire, sexuality, and the politics of race in colonial and postcolonial cultures across the Portuguese and African regions.
- Treatments of multiculturalism in Portugal and Lusophone Africa, including patterns of citizenship and social belonging/displacement for Lusophone African immigrants in Portugal.

INVITED SPEAKERS, CHAIRS, AND DISCUSSANTS

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Ivy Wilson, University of Notre Dame

FRIDAY, April 18, 2008
4:15–5:45 pm

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING
“Oxalá Cresçam Pitangas” (Hope the Pitanga Cherries Grow) (Angola 2006)
Documentary by Ondjaki and Kiluanje Liberdade
Discussion with Ondjaki

5:45–6:45 pm

RECEPTION AND BOOK SIGNING SESSION
Ondjaki, Angolan writer

6:45–8:00 pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
“Nation Versus Empire”
Helder Macedo
Emeritus Professor of Portuguese
King’s College, University of London

SATURDAY, April 19, 2008
4:15–5:30 pm

INTERVIEW WITH HELDER MACEDO
Writer-in-Residence
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By Phillip Rothwell, Rutgers University