

WORKSHOP

The “politics of rights”: comparative and entangled histories

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25 March 2026

14h-15h30m Colonial and Post-colonial dynamics and democratization processes

(3x20 + 30m debate)

1. Miguel Bandeira Jerónimo/José Pedro Monteiro (University of Coimbra), “Rights and Empire: The Politics of Belonging in the Portuguese Case (1950s-1980s)”
2. Ana Guardiã (University of Coimbra/ERC HumanEuroMed), “Social Rights and the Politics of Care: Campaigning for the East Timorese Plight in Democratic Portugal”
3. Grazia Sciacchitano (University of Florence/ERC HumanEuroMed), “From Political Solidarity to International Aid: Spain and the Chilean Transition to Democracy” (*online*)

15h45m-16h55m Authoritarian and post-authoritarian dynamics I

(2x20 + 30m debate)

4. Radka Šustrová (Charles University, Prague), “Workplace Conflict and the Right to Work: Obligation and Justice between Democracy and Authoritarianism”
5. Filipa Raimundo (ISCTE – Lisbon University Institute), “When Human Rights Are Absent: Explaining the Limited Role of Rights Discourse in the Portuguese Transition”

17h10m-18h20m Authoritarian and post-authoritarian dynamics II

(2x20 + 30m debate)

1. Pedro Ramos Pinto (University of Cambridge), “Authoritarian Rights? Southern European Citizenship between Dictatorship and Democracy” (*online*)
2. Michal Kopeček (Institute of Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Sciences), “Liberal and Illiberal Politics of Rights in East Central Europe: Historical Perspectives and Comparative Horizons”

Dinner 19h30m