

Call for Papers

IV International Congress

"Resilience, Isolation, Deprivation and Poverty in Environments of Armed Prevention".

Ecomuseum of Corvo, Açores

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"[...] Affirming themselves heirs of those who have historically resisted isolation and abandonment, natural disasters and other cataclysms of nature, the cycles of material scarcity and the most varied setbacks, thus forging a singular and proud Portugueseness to which they dared to name it as Azoreanity; [...]"

Preamble to Law No. 2/2009 of 12 January, "Political and administrative statute of the Autonomous Region of the Azores" in www.azores.gov.pt

The History of the Azores is made of cycles of peace and war, and a permanent fight against isolation, Nature and forgetfulness. Solitary in the North Atlantic, the Azores geostrategic position has always placed the nine islands as the outermost territory, in

peacetime, or as an area of interest for control and logistical refueling in mid-oceans, if in a war context. Naturally difficult in the first case, communications and connections only worsen in the second case. The bottleneck of exports and imports; serious financial difficulties; the need for defense; hunger and lack of resources; the absence of medicine and the development of epidemics, or even the presence of foreign naval and air units in Azorean waters, marked the daily life of the population whose life became even more difficult, further aggravating social crises and lack of public order, aspects already marked by political volatility. Under normal conditions, emigration was one of the best solutions, the struggle for control of the Atlantic implied a paradigm shift and interaction between civil and military authorities, given the change imposed by factors of external and internal order, usually anomalous to the country and induced by war: economic blockages, lack of raw materials, food and transportation, rise of inflation, black market, lack of purchasing power, social unrest and hoarding, among other factors. Military mobilization further aggravates the decrease of local workforce and the municipal capabilities of each island, made worse by the need to sustain the presence of military contingents for defense, whether national or foreign, regardless of material, food, human and financial lacks. Given the insecure communications and weather conditions, history has shown that the archipelago can quickly be cut off from communication, therefore generating scarcity, insecurity, increased price and transportation costs, and demanding that Azoreans partner with institutions in their collective capability of sacrifice.

The organizing committee calls for proposals that deal with, but are not limited to the following themes:

- Maritime and terrestrial dimension, both national and regional throughout history;
- Portugal and the Azores in international politics;
- Political and ideological metamorphosis of local to national powers;
- The Atlantic and communications;
- Emigration, isolation and social misery;
- Support infrastructure: ports, airfields, hydro-ports and airports;
- Conditions of public health: the proliferation of diseases, pests and epidemics;

Submission of proposals between March 15, 2020 to May 31, 2020.

Please send your coordinates (name, institutional affiliation and email address), the title of communication, summary (maximum 700 words) and cv (1 page) to the following email:

azoreswar@gmail.com

Working languages: Portuguese and English (there will be no simultaneous interpretation).

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