

International
Conference

BURNING LANDSCAPES:

A political and environmental history
of the large wildfires in Portugal

24 April
2025

Chestnut trees (Relva Velha, Arganil, October 2017)

Presentation of the results of the **FIREUSES — Burning Landscapes** project, a transdisciplinary and collective research into the history of rural fires in Portugal in the 20th century.

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[AM]

9h15 | Opening session

Luís Trindade, President of the Board of the Institute of Contemporary History

Miguel Carmo, Principal Investigator of the FIREUSES project (IHC — NOVA FCSH / IN2PAST)

9h30 | Opening lecture

Chair: Frederico Ágoas (CICS.NOVA — NOVA FCSH)

Mudar o paradigma da gestão de incêndios, **Francisco Moreira** (Biopolis, INBIO — UP)

10h15 | FIREUSES project results I

Chair: Bárbara Direito (CIUHCT — NOVA FCT)

Controlar o fogo: o desenvolvimento da ciência florestal e o governo dos baldios, **Inês Gomes** (IHC — NOVA FCSH / IN2PAST) & **Frederico Ágoas** (CICS.NOVA — NOVA FCSH)

O Fogo, a Política e as Políticas do Fogo: o Estado Novo e a emergência dos incêndios florestais como problema nacional (1938-1974), **José Ferreira** (IHC — NOVA FCSH / IN2PAST)

Pirotórias: o que a Literatura Portuguesa nos conta sobre os incêndios rurais, **Ana Isabel Queiroz** (IHC — NOVA FCSH / IN2PAST)

11h00 | Coffee break

11h15 | FIREUSES project results II

Chair: Bárbara Direito (CIUHCT — NOVA FCT)

As paisagens de fogo de Monchique. A longa transição entre a agricultura do fogo e o incêndio florestal, séculos XIX e XX, **Miguel Carmo** (IHC — NOVA FCSH / IN2PAST)

Do fogo controlado aos incêndios florestais: história e memória das serras da Lapa e da Nave (1950-1980), **Marta Nunes Silva** (IHC — NOVA FCSH / IN2PAST)

Memórias do fogo por todo o lado e retratos de uma economia incendiária na Serra de Monchique, **Joana Sousa** (CES — University of Coimbra)

Comments by Marta Macedo (IHC — NOVA FCSH / IN2PAST) and debate

Programme

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[PM]

12h45 | Lunch break

14h30 | Rural fires from a global and interdisciplinary perspective

Chair: Joana Sousa (CES — University of Coimbra)

Fire as an aggregator: between ruins and resurgences in Brazil and Portugal, **Kátia Favilla & Susana Matos Viegas** (ICS — University of Lisbon)

Arsonists and Ashes: A Historical Anthropology of Fires in North Africa, **Myriam Amri** (Harvard University)

From peasant fire management to the emergence of the great fires in Galicia, **Luorenzo Fernández Prieto & David Fontán Bestilleiro** (CISPAC — University of Santiago de Compostela)

Is there evidence of a fire paradox in Portugal?, **Paulo M. Fernandes** (CITAB — UTAD)

Comments by Ricardo Roque (ICS — University of Lisbon) and debate

16h30 | Coffee break

17h00 | Closing lecture

Chair: José Miguel Ferreira (IHC — NOVA FCSH / IN2PAST)

Governing Fire: attempts to control an unruly element in African landscape, **Simon Pooley** (Birkbeck, University of London)

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