

CURRICULUM VITAE

ZOLTÁN BIEDERMANN, PhD

QUALIFICATIONS

PhD in History & the History of Portuguese Expansion: January 21, 2006
École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris
Universidade Nova, Lisbon (*doctorat en co-tutelle*)

Supervisors:

Professors Luís Filipe Thomaz (Lisbon), Jean-Claude Waquet (Paris) &
Dejanirah Couto (Paris)

Thesis: “Portuguese Imperial Policies in Ceylon between Maritime Control and Territorial
Conquest, 1506-1598”

(Written in Portuguese, long abstract in French)

Summa cum laude

MA in Social Anthropology, Early Modern History & European Ethnography: 1998
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany

Supervisors:

Professors Thomas O. Höllmann & László Vajda

Thesis: “Soqatra in Early Sources – History and Ethnography”

(Written in German, now published)

Final mark of MA including thesis: 1,36 on a scale from 1 to 6

BA in History & Archaeology: 1994, Universidade do Porto, Portugal

Final mark 16/20 (Best B.A. in History in 1994)

FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS

PCGE (Postgraduate Certificate of Education) in Higher Education, 2010, Birkbeck, University
of London

Qualification attributed by the Federation of French Universities, qualifying the holder to teach
in Higher Education in France, Paris, 2006

LANGUAGES

Hungarian, German (native speaker)
Portuguese, English, French (reading, writing and speaking proficiency)
Spanish (reading and speaking proficiency, writing fluency)
Catalan, Italian, Dutch (reading fluency)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & PRIZES

- 2007 – 2008: Post-doctoral Research Fellowship by the Portuguese National Foundation for Science and Technology (Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia - FCT)
- 2006 – 2007: Ahmanson-Getty Fellowship at the Center for Seventeenth & Eighteenth Century Studies / William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2006: Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation short grant for research in Spanish archives
- 2000 – 2003: PhD Fellowship by the Portuguese National Foundation for Science and Technology (Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia - FCT)
- 1997: Volkswagen Grant for the summer course “Ethnographic collections in the eighteenth century” at the University of Göttingen
- 1995: ZIS grant for a Summer course (Italian language) at Rome
- 1993 – 1997: BA/MA Fellowship by the National Academic Foundation of Germany (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)
- 1994: Prize for best BA in History/Archaeology granted by the Engenheiro António de Almeida Foundation, Porto
- 1993: Prize for junior fieldwork on Sephardic Jewish Communities in Morocco granted by the Franco-German ZIS Foundation for International Cooperation
- 1992: Grant for junior fieldwork on Sephardic Jewish Communities in Morocco by the Franco-German ZIS Foundation for International Cooperation
- 1992: Summer course (Spanish language, literature and art), grant by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Madrid

PRESENT APPOINTMENT

Lecturer in Iberian Studies, Department of Iberian and Latin American Studies, Birkbeck College, University of London (from 1 January 2009)

FURTHER AFFILIATION & DUTIES

Researcher (*Investigador associado*) at the Centre for Overseas History, New University of Lisbon (from January 2009, with previous appointments – this is a formal link I maintain with my previous research centre for the running of joint projects)

Co-editor, from 2006, of the *Maritime Asia Series* at Harrassowitz Verlag, Wiesbaden, a continuation of the *South China and Maritime Asia Series*. With Roderich Ptak, Thomas Höllmann & Jorge Flores. 3 volumes published in 2007-2008.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES

- 'Local, regional and global factors in Portugal's imperial stance in Sri Lanka', *Empire, Identity and Early Modernity: New Insights from Sri Lanka*, Panel at the 125th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Boston, Hynes Centre, 5-9 January 2011 (invitation, College and external funding)

- 'Le littoral de l'Arabie méridionale dans les cartes portugaises du XVI^e siècle', *Les ports des mers de l'Arabie et de la Perse du VII^e au XVI^e siècle – Représentations idéalisées et réalités matérielles (textes – images – archéologie)*, *Journées d'étude du programme APIM (Atlas des ports et itinéraires maritimes de l'Islam médiéval) dans le cadre de l'ANR MEDIAN*, Paris, BnF, 7-8 October 2010 (invitation, fully funded)

- 'Negotiating India: Portuguese travel and diplomacy in Hindustan, 1498-1550', *Europe and India in the Early Modern Period*, Dublin, Trinity College, 3-4 June 2010 (invitation, fully funded)

- 'L'espace d'une conquête future: la topographie de Ceylan entre savoirs locaux et coloniaux, 1530-1550', *L'imagination du territoire: Culture Intellectuelle des élites coloniales*, Paris, EHESS, 27 November 2009 (invitation, fully funded)

- 'An Empire of Diplomats: Portuguese Strategies in Asia in the Sixteenth Century', *Portuguese Studies Conference*, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 22 November 2009 (invitation, fully funded)

- 'Colombo versus Cannanore: cosmopolitanism, urbanism and Early Modernity reconsidered', *Early Modernity in Sri Lanka*, pre-conference panel at the 38th Annual South Asia conference, organized by the American Institute for Sri Lanka Studies, Madison, Wisconsin, 21 October 2009 (invitation, fully funded)

- 'The "Malwana Convention" revisited. Some notes on the transition to Iberian rule', *Perspectives on Sri Lanka's Historiography*, organized by the American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies, Colombo, 10-11 September 2009 (invitation, fully funded)

- 'A conquista de Ceilão: problemas de espaço e poder no período filipino', *Portugal e o Império na Monarquia Católica*, New University of Lisbon, Lisbon, 24th of April 2009 (invitation, fully funded)

- 'Sri Lanka and the Portuguese: methodological issues', *Sri Lanka in the Early Modern Period*, London School of Economics, London, 10th-11th January 2009 (invitation, fully funded)

- ‘Os outros Vieiras: Fernão de Queiroz e a profecia jesuítica no Oriente, 1630-1690’, *António Vieira, Roma e l’universalesimo delle monarchie portoghese e spagnola*, Università degli Studi Roma III, Rome, 28th-29th November 2008 (invitation, fully funded)
- ‘Manipulating Identities: Princely Conversions in Sri Lanka during the Portuguese Period, 1540-1615’, *Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction*, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, 22nd-23rd February 2008
- ‘Mapping the Backyard of an Empire: Portuguese Cartographies of the Persian Littoral during the Safavid Period’, *Safavid Persia, the Persian Gulf and the Portuguese*, Freer & Sackler Galleries, Washington, DC, 7th-9th September 2007 (invitation, fully funded)
- ‘Ormuz et sa région dans les cartes occidentales du XVI^e siècle : Traditions, innovations, échanges’, *Les portugais à Hormuz*, Fondation Calouste Gulbenkian, Paris, 15th-17th of March 2007 (invitation, fully funded, honorarium)
- ‘From Kings to Captains: Portuguese and Habsburg Attitudes toward Imperial Authority in Sri Lanka and the Responses of the Rulers of Kotte (1506-1656)’, *Imperial Models in the Early Modern Age – The Management of Difference in Early Modern Empires*, William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, Los Angeles, 8th-9th of February 2007 (invitation, fully funded)
- ‘Krieg und Frieden im Garten Eden: die Portugiesen in Sri Lanka (1506-1658)’, *Novos Mundos – Neue Welten*, German Historical Museum, Berlin, 23rd-25th of November 2006 (invitation, fully funded)
- ‘The Deeper Roots of a Conflict: Political Transformations in Sri Lanka during the “Portuguese Period” (1500-1650)’, *Annual South Asia Conference*, Madison, Wisconsin, 20th-22nd of October 2006
- ‘Cartographie historique du golfe Persique : présentation des travaux de l’Atlas’, *Les routes de l’histoire. Passeurs de civilisations, porteurs de diversités culturelles – 35^{ème} Congrès mondial*, International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations, ISCS & EPHE, Paris, 5-8th of July 2006 (invitation, fully funded)
- ‘Representations of the Sri Lankan Space in Portuguese Texts and Maps of the Sixteenth Century’, *Sri Lanka – Portugal, 500 Years*, org. by Jorge Flores for the Centre Culturel Calouste Gulbenkian, Paris, 16th to 18th of December, 2005 (invitation, fully funded, honorarium)
- ‘As redes sociais de Fernão Mendes Pinto em Portugal’, *Fernão Mendes Pinto e a Peregrinação*, org. by Jorge Alves for the Fundação Oriente, Lisbon, Arrábida, 20th to 22nd of October, 2005 (invitation, fully funded)
- ‘From Outsiders to Insiders: New Light on the Early Luso-Lankan relations in the 16th Century’, *Workshop on the History of the Portuguese Period of Sri Lanka*, org. by Chandra Richard de Silva for the American Institute of Sri Lankan Studies, Colombo, 18th of June 2005 (invitation, fully funded)
- ‘Urban Growth in a Time of Changing Policies: Colombo and the Portuguese, 1518-1656’, *International Seminar on Portuguese Factories, Fortresses and Settlements in India with Special Reference to Cannanore*, org. by K. S. Mathew for the Kannur Institute for Research on Social History, Kattampaly, Kannur (South India), 20th to 24th of February 2005 (invitation, fully funded)

- 'Portuguese Diplomats and Diplomacy in Asia in the 16th Century', *Colonialism and diplomatic relations in Asia, 1500-2000*, org. by Jurrien van Goor and the Department of History of the University of Utrecht (Netherlands), Utrecht, 2nd to 3rd September 2004 (invitation, fully funded)
- 'Portuguese Sources for the History of Asia in the 16th Century: Some Aspects', *ICANAS 37 – International Congress for Asian and North African Studies*, org. by the Russian Academy of Science, Moscow, 16th to 21st August 2004
- 'New Data on the Religious History of Socotra', *ICANAS 37 – International Congress for Asian and North African Studies*, org. by the Russian Academy of Science, Moscow, 16th to 21st August 2004
- 'The New Atlas of Historical Maps of the Persian Gulf: Methodological Aspects', *First International Congress on the Historical Cartography of the Persian Gulf*, org. by the University of Tehran and the École Pratique des Hautes Études, Tehran, 21st to 22nd April 2004 (invitation, fully funded)
- 'A Vanishing Maritime Influence: Iran and Socotra in a Time of Portuguese and Ottoman Expansion', *The Silk Route of the Seas: From the Persian Gulf to the China Seas*, org. by the Austrian Academy of Science, Vienna, 20th to 21st February 2004 (invitation, fully funded)
- 'Smart, Strong and Stubborn: Elephants from Ceylon in the 16th and 17 Centuries', *Produção e comércio de mercadorias raras*, org. by the Oriente Foundation Lisbon, Arrábida, 7th to 8th November 2003 (invitation, fully funded)
- 'Making War for Money – Luso-Lankan relations in the early 16th century', *XIth International Seminar on Indo-Portuguese History*, org. by the University of Goa, Goa, 21st to 25th September 2003 (invitation, fully funded)
- 'A China de João de Barros e o imaginário imperial joanino', *D. João III e o Império*, org. by the Center for Overseas History and the Portuguese Catholic University, Lisbon, 4th to 8th June 2002 (invitation, fully funded)
- 'Índios e Indianos na obra de João de Barros e Pero de Magalhães Gândavo', *Xth International Seminar on Indo-Portuguese History*, org. by the Hydrographical Institute of the Brazilian Navy, Salvador da Bahia, 5th-9th December 2000

OTHER LECTURES AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (selection)

- 'Krieg und Frieden im Garten Eden: die Portugiesen in Sri Lanka', talk given at the occasion of the opening of the exhibition "Ivories from Ceylon" at the Museum Rietberg, Zurich, 28th November 2010 (invitation, fully funded)
- 'Territorialisation de l'Empire portugais en Asie: de quoi parlons-nous?', guest lecture at the Hispanic seminar, EHESS, Paris, 13 January 2010 (invitation, fully funded)
- 'Urbanism, cosmopolitanism and the troublesome temporalities of Portuguese Asia', presentation at the ILAS Research Seminar, Birkbeck, 26th May 2009

- ‘Royauté bouddhique et empire au XVIe siècle: le Sri Lanka face au Portugais’, Lecture at the *Séminaire interdisciplinaire Les Portugais et le monde asiatique : religions, cultures et politiques, XVIe XIXe siècles*, Centre Culturel Calouste Gulbenkian, Paris, 9th January 2009 (invitation, fully funded)
- Moderation of a roundtable discussion at the workshop *Projecto de edição dos Comentários de don García de Silva y Figueroa*, New University of Lisbon, Lisbon, 8th April 2008
- ‘An Empire of Diplomats: The Portuguese Network in Asia, 1500-1650’, History Lecture of the Medieval and Early Modern Studies Group, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, 28th February 2008 (invitation, fully funded)
- ‘João de Barros, the Decades of Asia and the wider context of Renaissance Cosmography’, Research Seminar, Department of Portuguese Studies, Oxford, 12th February 2008 (invitation, fully funded)
- ‘How an Ocean Shaped an Empire: The Indian Ocean and the Portuguese Networks in Asia during the Early Modern Period’, The Annual Maritime History Lecture Sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Arts and Letters, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia, 12th April 2007 (invitation, fully funded)
- ‘A fundação do Estado da Índia em 1505’, held at the *Jornadas Henriquinas* (“Science for Teachers Programme”), Lagos, Portugal, 10th November 2005 (invitation, fully funded)
- ‘Entre o sagrado e o profano: o negócio dos elefantes de Ceilão, séculos XVI-XVII’, held at the Seminar on *The Circulation of Commodities in the Early Modern Age*, New University of Lisbon, 24th March 2004
- ‘Nouveaux travaux en histoire de l’expansion portugaise: thèses et publications’, held at the course on *Méthodes en Histoire du Monde Portugais*, École Pratique des Hautes Études, 15th March 2003

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

TITLES UNDER PREPARATION

- *Mutual Conquests: Portugal, the Habsburgs and the Making of Early Colonial Ceylon, 1500-1600*, under preparation for 2011.

[Revised and adapted English version of the PhD thesis]

- *A aprendizagem de Ceilão. A presença portuguesa no Sri Lanka entre estratégia talassocrática e conquista territorial, 1506-1598*, Lisbon: Centro de História de Além-Mar, under revision for 2011

[Revised version of the Portuguese original of the PhD thesis]

FORTHCOMING WORK

- 'Um outro Vieira? Pedro de Basto, Fernão de Queiroz e a profecia jesuítica na Índia portuguesa', in Gaetano Sabatini, José Javier Ruíz Ibáñez & Pedro Cardim, *Antonio Vieira, Roma e l'universalismo delle monarchie portoghese e spagnola*, Roma: Università degli Studi Roma Tre (submitted in September 2010, 25 pages)

[A preliminary study of prophetic activities in Portuguese India, based on the life and visions of the Jesuit Pedro de Basto, as narrated and interpreted by the Jesuit Fernão de Queiroz, 1630's to 1690's]

- 'Ruptura imperial ou realização de um velho plano português? O conturbado início da conquista de Ceilão em 1594', in Santiago Hernández Martínez, ed., *Governo, administração e representação do poder no Portugal e seus territórios ultramarinos no período dos Áustrias (1580-1640)*, Lisbon: Tinta da China & Centro de História de Além-Mar (submitted in March 2010, forthcoming, 20 pages)

[A micro-analysis of the political process that led to the Habsburg administration's decision to initiate the official conquest of Ceylon]

- 'La conquista de Ceilán, un proyecto ibérico de expansión en Asia', in Carlos Martínez Shaw & José Antonio Martínez Torres, eds., *España y Portugal en el Mundo (1580-1668)*, Madrid: Ed. Polifemo (submitted in January 2010, forthcoming, 20 pages)

[A critical study of the path that led to the Portuguese-Spanish project of conquering Ceylon over the sixteenth century]

- 'Urban Mapping in the Portuguese East Indies' (with Francisco Roque de Oliveira), in David Woodward et al., *The History of Cartography*, Chicago University Press, vol. IV, *Cartography in the European Enlightenment* (submitted in April 2009, accepted)

[Two-page summary of Portuguese large-scale mapping in the eighteenth century]

- 'Mapping the Backyard of an Empire: Portuguese Cartographies of the Persian Littoral, 1500-1600', in Rudi Matthee & Jorge Flores, eds., *Safavid Persia, the Persian Gulf and the Portuguese*, proceedings of the conference held in Washington, DC in September 2007, Ghent: Peeters, (submitted in March 2008, forthcoming)

[A traditional survey of Portuguese maps depicting the Persian littoral, with a brief discussion of their role in the development of imperial ambitions in Portugal and Persia]

- ‘Geographical and Topographical Mapping in the Portuguese East Indies’ (with Francisco Roque de Oliveira), in David Woodward et al., *The History of Cartography*, Chicago University Press, vol. IV, *Cartography in the European Enlightenment*, submitted in August 2009, forthcoming
[Two-page article on Portuguese small-scale mapping in eighteenth century Asia]
- “‘Grave é o perigo no aceitar da disciplina’”. Algumas reflexões em torno da obra de João de Barros e de Pero de Magalhães Gândavo’, in M. Guedes (ed.), *A Bahia e a Carreira da Índia. Actas do X Seminário de História Indo-Portuguesa, Salvador da Bahia, Dezembro de 2000* (submitted and accepted in 2001)
[Comparative essay on the anthropological concepts of Barros, the Portuguese court humanist, and Gândavo, an early “historian” of Brazil]

PUBLISHED WORK

Books

- *Atlas historique du golfe Persique (XVI^e-XVIII^e siècles) / Historical Atlas of the Persian Gulf (Sixteenth to Eighteenth Centuries)*, ed. by Dejanirah Couto, Jean-Louis Bacqué-Grammont & Mahmoud Taleghani, coordinated by Zoltán Biedermann, with contributions by Patrick Gautier Dalché & Elio Brancaforte (*Terrarum Orbis*, 6), Turnhout: Brepols Publishers, 2006, 478 p.
[A selection of one hundred European maps of the Gulf, analysed in the context of European expansion in the region and the evolution of early modern mapmaking]
- *Soqotra: Geschichte einer ehemals christlichen Insel im Indischen Ozean* (*Maritime Asia* 17), Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2006, vi + 232 p.
[History of the island of Soqotra in Yemen, with a focus on the contacts between Soqotran Christians and Arab, Iberian, Dutch and English travellers and missionaries between 1500 and 1700; revised MA thesis]

Journal articles

- ‘The Matrioshka Principle and How it was Overcome: Portuguese and Habsburg Attitudes toward Imperial Authority in Sri Lanka and the Responses of the Rulers of Kotte (1506-1656)’, in *Journal of Early Modern History*, 13, 4 (2009), pp. 265-310
[A triangular analysis of Portuguese, Spanish and Lankan political conceptions and attitudes during the beginnings of European imperial expansion in the region]
- ‘Colombo versus Cannanore: Contrasting Structures of Two Early Colonial Port Cities in South Asia’, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*, 53, 2 (2009), pp. 413-459
[A comparative study of the urban structures of two colonial port cities controlled by the Portuguese, and later by the Dutch. Pleads for a complexification of traditional categories of analysis beyond the paradigms of national historiographies]
- ‘Notes on a Portuguese Map of Ceylon : Fernão Vaz Dourado, 1568 / Notas sobre um mapa português de Ceilão : Fernão Vaz Dourado, 1568’, in *Oriente*, 18 (2007), p. 97-105
[Presentation of the earliest Portuguese regional map of Ceylon, now in Madrid]
- ‘Uma erva de muitas virtudes: o aloés de Socotorá na mira de viajantes e botanistas desde a Antiguidade até à Época Moderna’, in *Revista de Cultura de Macau*, 21 (2007), pp. 28-46
[Essay about the historical botany of Soqotran aloes, from Antiquity to the nineteenth century]

- 'Nos primórdios da antropologia moderna: a *Ásia* de João de Barros', in *Anais de História de Além-Mar*, 4 (2003), p. 29-61
[Analysis of the anthropological concepts underlying Barros' Renaissance descriptions of Asia]
- 'A última carta de Francisco de Albuquerque (Cochim, 31 de Dezembro de 1503)', in *Anais de História de Além-Mar*, 3 (2002), p. 123-153
[Critical edition/translation of a German copy of a Portuguese letter, now lost, containing the first peace treaty between the Portuguese and an Indian kingdom]
- 'Nas pegadas do apóstolo: Socotorá nas fontes europeias dos séculos XVI e XVII', in *Anais de História de Além-Mar*, 1 (2000), pp. 287-386
[Selected chapters of the MA thesis on Soqatra, adapted and translated into Portuguese]

Book chapters

- 'Columbo', in José Mattos, coord., *Património de Origem Portuguesa no Mundo*, vol. II, *Ásia*, ed. Walter Rossa, Lisbon, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, 2010.
- 'Galle', in José Mattos, coord., *Património de Origem Portuguesa no Mundo*, vol. II, *Ásia*, ed. Walter Rossa, Lisbon, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, 2010.
- 'Batticaloa', in José Mattos, coord., *Património de Origem Portuguesa no Mundo*, vol. II, *Ásia*, ed. Walter Rossa, Lisbon, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, 2010.
- 'Trincomali', in José Mattos, coord., *Património de Origem Portuguesa no Mundo*, vol. II, *Ásia*, ed. Walter Rossa, Lisbon, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, 2010.
- 'Mannar', in José Mattos, coord., *Património de Origem Portuguesa no Mundo*, vol. II, *Ásia*, ed. Walter Rossa, Lisbon, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, 2010.
- 'As cidades luso-asiáticas no tempo de Francisco Xavier', in João Paulo Oliveira e Costa & Carla Alferes Pinto, eds, *O Mundo de São Francisco Xavier*, Lisbon, Epal, 2007, p. 87-105
[General overview on Portuguese cities in Asia in the mid-1500's]
- 'Introduction' (with Dejanirah Couto, Jean-Louis Bacqué-Grammont & Mahmoud Taleghani), in *Historical Atlas of the Persian Gulf* (listed above), 2006, p. 31-37
- 'The Portuguese Cartography of the Persian Gulf and its Echoes in Sixteenth-Century Europe' (with Dejanirah Couto), in *Historical Atlas of the Persian Gulf* (listed above), 2006, p. 67-148
- 'The Dutch Cartography of the Persian Gulf in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries', in *Historical Atlas of the Persian Gulf* (listed above), 2006, p. 157-235
- 'The French Cartography of the Persian Gulf in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century', in *Historical Atlas of the Persian Gulf* (listed above), 2006, p. 241-297
- 'The English Cartography of the Persian Gulf in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries', in *Historical Atlas of the Persian Gulf* (listed above), 2006, p. 305-363

Published Conference Papers

- 'The "Malwana Convention" revisited. Notes on the Lankan transition to Iberian rule', in Gaston Perera, ed., *Christians and Spices: The Portuguese in Sri Lanka and Goa*, Colombo: International Centre for Ethnic Studies, 2010, p. 29-48
[A reassessment of the Sri Lankan transition to Iberian rule, especially the so-called "Malwana Convention, reconsidered in the light of recent studies on the *Cortes de Tomar* and the transition of Portugal to Spanish rule]

- 'Home Sweet Home : The Networks of Fernão Mendes Pinto in Portugal' (with Andreia Martins de Carvalho), in Jorge Santos Alves et al. (eds.), *Fernão Mendes Pinto*, Lisbon, Fundação Oriente, 2010.
[Prosopographical study of the Portuguese traveller's ties with military orders and noble families in continental Portugal, namely through the Order of Santiago]

- 'An Island under the Influence: Soqatra at the Crossroads of Egypt, Persia and India from Antiquity to the Early Modern Age', in A. Schottenhammer & R. Kauz (eds.), *The Silk Route of the Seas: From the Persian Gulf to the China Seas*, Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2010
[Essay on the origins and development of a West-East frontier in Southern Arabia between the Portuguese and Ottoman spheres of influence]

- 'Ormuz et sa région dans les cartes portugaises du XVI^e siècle', in Dejanirah Couto & Rui Loureiro, eds., *Revisiting Hormuz. Portuguese Interactions in the Persian Gulf Region in the Early Modern Period*, Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz & Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, 2008, p. 121-133.
[Brief survey of the morphological and toponymic data in Portuguese maps of the Straits of Hormuz]

- 'Representations of the Sri Lankan Space in Portuguese Texts and Maps of the Sixteenth Century', in Jorge Flores, ed., *Re-exploring the links: History and Constructed Histories between Portugal and Sri Lanka* (Maritime Asia 18), Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2007, p. 235-260
[Article dealing with the mental/spatial framework of early Portuguese activities in Ceylon]

- 'Krieg und Frieden im Garten Eden: die Portugiesen in Sri Lanka (1506-1658)', in *Novos Mundos / Neue Welten*, Exhibition Catalogue, Berlin, Deutsches Historisches Museum & Sandstein Verlag, 2007, p. 151-161
[General overview of the Portuguese impact in Ceylon, with a focus on diplomacy and art]

- 'The New Atlas of Historical Maps of the Persian Gulf – Methodological Aspects', in Dejanirah Couto, ed., *Proceedings of the Conference on Persian Gulf Cartography, Tebran, April 2004*, Tehran: IFRI, 2006, p. 61-75
[Presentation of the Atlas project and discussion of the methodological issues involved]

- 'Portuguese Diplomacy in Asia in the Sixteenth Century. A Preliminary Overview', in *Itinerario* (Leiden), 29, 2 (Summer 2005), p. 13-37
[General survey and attempt at a systematization of Portuguese diplomatic activities in Asia]

- 'Tribute, Vassalage and Warfare in Early Luso-Lankan Relations (1506-1543)', in F. Gracias, C. Pinto & C. Borges (eds.), *Indo-Portuguese History: Global Trends. Proceedings of the XIth International Seminar on Indo-Portuguese History*, Goa: University of Goa, 2005, p. 185-206
[Analysis of the beginnings of the Portuguese presence and early military activities in Ceylon]

- 'Das Geschäft mit den Dickhäutern – Anmerkungen zum ceylonesischen Elephantenhandel vom 16. bis zum 18. Jahrhundert', in J. S. Alves, C. Guillot & R. Ptak (eds.), *Mirabilia Asiatica* -

Produtos raros no comércio marítimo/ Produits rares dans le commerce maritime/ Seltene Waren im Seebandel (South China and Maritime Asia, 15), Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag & Lisbon: Fundação Oriente, 2005, p. 141-167

[Article on the elephant trade and its implications during the Portuguese and Dutch periods]

- 'De regresso ao Quarto Império: a China de João de Barros e o imaginário imperial joanino', in R. Carneiro & A. Matos (eds.), *D. João III e o Império, Actas do Congresso Internacional comemorativo do seu nascimento (Lisboa e Tomar, 4 a 8 de junho de 2002)*, Lisbon: CHAM & CEPCEP, 2004, p. 103-120

[Essay on the global historiographical framework in Barros' chronicle, with a focus on China]

Catalogue entries

- Fernão Lopes de Castanheda, *Histoire de Portugal, contenant les entreprises, navigations, & gestes memorables des Portugallois, tant en la conqueste des Indes Orientales par eux descouvertes*, Paris, 1581, described for the e-exhibit "Portugal and Renaissance Europe", coord. Jorge Flores, John Carter Brown Library, Providence, RI, launched in 2008, online at

http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/John_Carter_Brown_Library/Portugal/Imperial.html

- João de Barros, *L'Asia*, Venice, 1561, described for the e-exhibit "Portugal and Renaissance Europe", coord. Jorge Flores, John Carter Brown Library, Providence, RI, launched in 2008, online at

http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/John_Carter_Brown_Library/Portugal/Imperial.html

Book reviews (selection)

- 'Portuguese Encounters with Sri Lanka and the Maldives. Translated Texts from the Age of the Discoveries', edited by Chandra R. de Silva [Farnham/Burlington, VT, Ashgate Publishing, 2009], in *e-Journal of Portuguese History*, 8, 1 (2010), online at:

http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Portuguese_Brazilian_Studies/ejph/

- 'The Portuguese Missionary in 16th and 17th Century Ceylon: The Spiritual Conquest', by C. Gaston Perera [Colombo, Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2009], in *e-Journal of Portuguese History*, 8, 1 (2010), online at: http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Portuguese_Brazilian_Studies/ejph/

- 'Measuring the New World: Enlightenment Science and South America', by Neil Safier [Chicago, Chicago University Press, 2008], in *Journal of Historical Geography*, 35 (2009), p. 608-609

- 'Kingship and Conversion in Sixteenth-Century Sri Lanka: Portuguese Imperialism in a Buddhist Land', by Alan Strathern (University of Cambridge Oriental Publications, 66) [Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2007], in *Anais de História de Além-Mar*, 9 (2008)

- 'Le Voyage de Ludovico di Varthema en Arabie & aux Indes Orientales (1503-1508)', by Paul Teyssier et al. [Editions Chandeigne, 2004], in *Oriente*, 17 (Spring 2007), p. 120

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