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Internationalism and Empire: The case of colonial labour in Portuguese Africa

This presentation will provide an analysis of the historical relationship between twentieth-century imperial internationalism and Portuguese colonialism since the 1920s. The question of native labour, especially its compulsory modalities, will be at the core of this analysis, which will explore its diplomatic and political relevance as a crucial and defining feature of the interaction between the Portuguese empire-state and the League of Nations, the International Labour Organization and the United Nations. In order to capture and understand the historical evolution and dynamics of this interaction we will use five *observatories*: the early debates around the problem of forced labour in the League of Nations since 1920, until 1926; the main disputes that emerged around the first international convention regarding forced labour at the International Labour Organization (Convention no. 29, 1930); the crucial aspects that characterized the slavery and forced labour special committees coordinated by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Bureau International du Travail since 1947; the case of the complaint that Ghana moved against Portugal at the International Labour Organization in 1961; finally, the terms of the *Report* made by Pierre Juvigny, representative of the Director-General of the International Labour Office, in 1971, after a visit made to Angola and Mozambique between 9 and 21 October, 1970.

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