

António Luís Dias

Education

2012

PhD Political Science, Universidade Nova de Lisboa.

PhD Thesis

Title *Democratization in Sub-Saharan Africa: The colonial heritage in comparative perspective*

Supervisor Professor Pedro Tavares de Almeida

Description My thesis aims to explore the determinants of a successful democratization in Sub-Saharan Africa by comparing how different colonial heritages might determine the history of participation and contestation.

Funding The research for this thesis was funded by an individual scholarship of the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, including visiting missions to Nuffield College, University of Oxford, and Institut des Mondes Africains, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales.

2010
2012

Masters Political Science, Universidade Nova de Lisboa.

GPA: 18 (out of 20)

Masters Thesis

Title *The electoral competition of the emerging democracies in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Supervisor Professor Pedro Tavares de Almeida

Description This thesis tried to understand why African democracies appear to have a high level of electoral incumbent victory by studying two dimensions normally associated with this region: neo-patrimonialism and ethnic voting.

2007
2010

Bachelor Degree Political Science, Universidade Nova de Lisboa.

GPA: 16 (out of 20)

Publications

Articles

Dias, A. L., Lúcio, J. M. R., & Coelho, T. D. (2015). Corrupção e pobreza em África: Os legados coloniais em perspectiva comparada. *Revista do Serviço Público*, 66(3), 395.

Dias, A. L. (2016). Sobre «desconsolidação» e retrocesso democrático. *Relações Internacionais (R: I)*, (52), 27–41.

Cancela, J., Dias, A. L., & Lisi, M. (2017). The impact of endorsements in intra-party elections: Evidence from open primaries in a new Portuguese party. *Politics*, 37(2), 167–183.

Dias, A. L. (2017). Patterns of Late Colonialism and Democratization in Africa: Using V-Dem to Measure the Long Heritage of the Colonial State. *V-Dem Users' Working Papers*, (9).

Book Chapter

Dias, A. L. & Sarmiento, C. M. (2012). Reatar Relações. In C. M. Sarmiento & L. M. P. de Guimarães (Eds.), *Culturas Cruzadas em Potugês* (Vol. 2). Lisboa: Almedina.

Conference Papers

Dias, A. L. (2012). The Electoral Competition in Emergent Democracies in Sub-Saharan Africa. Madrid.

Dias, A. L. & Cancela, J. (2016). Public Campaign Finance at the Local Level: The Effect of Campaign Spending in the Portuguese Local Elections. Poznan.

Research Experience

2015

Democracy in times of crisis: Power and Discourse in a three-level game, *Researcher*, IPRI-Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Coordinator: Catherine Moury.

I am working on a Social Network Analysis of the ministerial staff in the European countries that were most affected by the crisis.

2014

European National Elites and the Crisis, *Research Assistant*, IPRI-Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Coordinators: Pedro Tavares de Almeida, João Pedro Ruivo.

I participated on the Portuguese team of the project European National Elites and the Crisis. My tasks are to organize and conduct interviews with members of the Portuguese Parliament.

2012

Varieties of Democracy, *Country Coordinator Spain*, University of Gothenburg/University of Notre Dame, Principal Investigators: Michael Coppedge, Staffan I. Lindberg, John Gerring, Svend-Erik Skaaning.

I am the country coordinator for Spain in the V-Dem project since 2012. This project, the result of a collaboration between University of Gothenburg and Notre Dame University, aims to develop a new measure of democracy. My job was to collect data and gather experts on the Spanish case. I was also responsible for the Portuguese translation of the V-Dem codebook and the website.

2012

The Ministry of Home Affairs 1736-2012, *Research Assistant*, UNL-FCSH, Coordinators: Pedro Tavares de Almeida, Paulo Silveira e Sousa.

I worked as a Research Assistant for the project The Ministry of Home Affairs funded by the Ministério da Administração Interna. My main task was to create and manage a database of Portuguese public service employees for the 20th century.

2010

2011

New Student Observatory, *Research Assistant*, CESNOVA Universidade Nova de Lisboa.

I worked as an assistant in the New Student Observatory developed by CESNOVA. My function was to gather data and I worked extensively with SPSS during this time.

2009
2010

Crossed Cultures in Portuguese, *Research Assistant*, CHC Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Coordinator: Cristina Montalvão Sarmiento.

I was awarded a research scholarship by the Centro da História da Cultura (Center of Culture History). I developed a research about the networks developed between Portuguese and Brazilian republicans during the 19th century. And, as a result, I was the co-author of a chapter in a book.

Awards

2016

Prize for Best Paper presented at the VIII Congress of the Portuguese Association of Political Science.

This prize was awarded to the paper “Democratization in Sub-Saharan Africa: The legacy of the colonial state in comparative perspective”.

Additional Training

2015

Scientific Text Processing with \LaTeX , *Taught by: José Alferes, João Lourenço*, NOVA Doctoral School, FCT-UNL.

2014

Political Regime Developments in Comparative Perspective, *Taught by: John Gerring, Jørgen Møller, Svend-Erik Skaaning*, PhD Course, Aarhus University.

2014

Measuring and Explaining Democracy, *Taught by: Staffan Lindberg*, FCSH-UNL.

2013

Social Network Analysis, *Taught by: Marta Pedro Varanda*, Lisbon Winter School in Research Skills and Methods, FCSH-UNL.

2013

Introduction to Event History Analysis, *Taught by: Enrico Borghetto*, Lisbon Winter School in Research Skills and Methods, FCSH-UNL.

2011

Statistical Analysis in Social Sciences with R, *Taught by: António M Rodrigues*, Summer School, FCSH-UNL.

Skills

Programming R/Rstudio, \LaTeX , Basic HTML

Software Abby FineReader (OCR), Gephy (SNA), Basic ArcGIS, SPSS

Tools

Languages

Portuguese Native

English Fluent

French Fluent