

Madalina Elena Florescu

Institution : Centro de Estudos Africanos da Universidade do Porto

Position : Investigadora/Research Fellow

Joined CEAUP : 2012

Specialization : Cultural History, Indigenous Christianity, Central Africa, Northern Angola

Nationalities : Italian and Romanian

Year of Birth : 1976

Language Proficiency : English, Italian, French, Romanian, Portuguese

KEY QUALIFICATIONS :

- Ethnography
- Anthropology of Christianity
- Anthropology of Photography
- History and Culture of Central African societies
- Portuguese History and history of Portuguese colonialism
- Cross-cultural comparative methodology
- Specialist knowledge in the indigenous history of the Kimbundu speaking area of Northern Angola

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP :

PhD (Social Anthropology)	School of Oriental and African Studies	2011
MA (Medical Anthropology)	School of Oriental and African Studies	2003
BA (Classics)	University College London (Erasmus/Socrates)	2000
DEUG (Classics)	Universite de Caen	1999

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 2009 – Present
- Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Centre of African Studies, University of Porto (indigenous Christianity, Northern Angola, 1900s - Present)
 - Team Member, Centre for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, with a research project on the reception of Vatican II in Northern Angola
 - Visiting Tutor, Goldsmiths College, University of London, undergraduate course in the history of health, illness, and healing in Africa

CONVENED PANELS AND SEMINARS

Convenor (with Kalle Kananoja) of “The Materiality of Religion”, Panel at the CHAM Conference, Lisbon, Portugal 17-20th July 2013.

Convenor (with Virgine Tallio) of the Joint Seminar “Contemporanéités africaines: dialogues autour d’une ‘entente cordiale’” of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS, Paris) with the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS, London), March- April 2006.

PAPERS READ: A SELECTION

Research Notes on the Meaning of “Whiteness” and its Relation to the Experience of Colonisation among Portuguese-Kimbundu Bilinguals in Northern Angola, *Cross-Roads in African Studies Conference*, University of Birmingham, 4-6 September 2013.

The Mundele’s Body as a Living Artefact of a “Luso-African” History and as “Trace” in the Colonial Archive: Notes from an Ongoing Research, *Bodies and their Practices*, University of Mainz, 25th-28th April 2013.

Vatican II, Portuguese Colonialism, and Vocation in the Archdiocese of Luanda, Workshop “The Lived History of Vatican II”, Notre Dame University, South Bend, US, 11-14th April 2013

Contested Referents of Ethnic Labels at the end of the Angolan Conflict: the Case of “the Bakongo” in the national media and popular imagination, ASAUK Biennial Conference, St Anthony’s College, Oxford, UK, 16th-19th September 2010

A Historical Ethnography of the Role of Chiefs in the Decolonization Process in Angola: Methodological and Epistemological Considerations, Colonial Auxiliaries or Advocates of Colonial Subjects? A comparative view on chiefs and 'traditional rule' during the colonial period, Centre of African Studies, Porto, Portugal, 26-27 May 2010

The Ethnography of a Post-War Moment: Language, History, and Propaganda in Luanda, Southern African Seminars Series, Birbeck College, London, UK, 30th April 2010

What does “Luso-African” stand for in Angolan Studies ?, Africa Seminar, LSE, London, UK, 13th October 2009

The “the Return to Ethnicity” among Catholic Priests in Post-War Angola, AEGIS, Leipzig, Germany, 4th-7th June 2009

Witchcraft Accusations, IX Congresso Internacional Luso-Afro-Brasileiro de Ciências Sociais - As Ciências Sociais e os Desafios das Sociedades em Desenvolvimento, Luanda, Angola, 28th-30th November 2006

PUBLICATIONS

- Chapters in Edited Volumes :

(forthcoming) History as Possibility: *pemba* and *makala* in the narrative of a woman refugee in Luanda, Angola, in Padilla, T. and T. Getz eds, *Subjecting History : Building a Relationship between History and its Alternatives*. Ohio University Press (working title)

(forthcoming) Indigenous Understandings : Vatican II in Northern Angola, in Matovina, T., K. Cummings, and R. Orsi eds *Lived History of Vatican II* (working title)

2012 Angola Calling: A Study of Registers of Imagination and Address in the Interview, in J. Skinner ed. *The Interview : an Ethnographic Approach*, ASA Monographs Series, Oxford: Berg, p. 179-194.

- Journal Articles :

(under review) African History and Missionary Photographs : a preliminary contextualization of a photograph from the Spiritans' Mission in Malange. Northern Angola, 1904: *Social Dynamics : a Journal of African Studies* (working title)

2012 Negotiating Trust in Post-War Luanda: A Case Study of the Ethnographer's Positioning in the Field, *Annuaire Roumain d'Anthropologie* 49: 76-94.

2010 Chieftaincy as Religion : a Conjectural Interpretation of the Role of Religion in the Decolonization Process in « Northern Angola », *Africana Studia : Revista Internacional de Estudos Africanos* 15 (2): 53-71.

- Entries in Encyclopedias and Dictionaries :

2011 Ngola Kiluanji, in H. L. Gates Jr. and E. Akyeampong eds, *Dictionary of African Biography*. New York : Oxford University Press.

2009 MPLA (Movimento Popular de Libertação de Angola), in I. Ness ed., *The International Encyclopaedia of Protest and Resistance from 1500 to the Present*, vol. V, Malden, Mass. and Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, p. 2430-2431.

- Book Reviews and Translations :

2012 Book Review : Mamadou Diawara et al eds, *Historical Memory in Africa: Dealing with the Past, Reaching for the Future in an Intercultural Context*. New York, Oxford: Berghahn Books, *Africa : Journal of the International African Institute* 82 (2) : 329-330.

2010 English Translation of the Book Review of Benedetta Rossi` s *Reconfiguring Slavery* by Roger Botte in *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute* 80 (3), Supplementary Material, <http://www.eupublishing.com/doi/abs/10.3366/afr.2010.0320>

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS:

Research Grant of the Cushwa Centre for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, US	2012-2014
Projecto Estratégico, Fundação da Ciência e Tecnologia, Portugal	2012-2013
Small Travel Grant, Centre of African Studies, University of Porto, Portugal	2012
Radcliffe-Brown Grant of the Royal Anthropological Institute (RAI), UK	2009
Full-time Doctoral Program Award of the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), UK	2005-2008
Socrates/Erasmus Bursary of the Conseil Régional de Basse-Normandie, France, and of the European Union	1999-2000