Solidarity with Timor-Leste struggle for self-determination: actors, institutions, contexts

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This is an International Workshop on the issue of solidarity with the East-Timorese struggle for self-determination. This event will have the cooperation of the Orient Foundation, in which the Orient Museum will be the venue, in order to potentiate the participation of the public, namely the Timorese community in Portugal, very concentrated in Lisbon. Given the (good) experience with online events, which allow for a low-cost involvement of participants from several parts of the world, it is expected that this event will be hybrid, with a face-to-face part and another online.

Solidarity with the Timorese struggle over two and a half decades was critical to its ultimate success. This solidarity assumed a variety of forms, from support by civil society movements, which were able to change official policies in several countries, to state support (for example, from the PALOP countries), and even other institutions, such as different Churches. The aim of this workshop is to bring together a wide range of contributions, some coming from the testimonies of actors, others from academic reflection on the subject.

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