

Friday, September 22nd:

10 to 12. Concluding panel discussion involving all the sessions.
Chairman, Professor Terence Ranger, Manchester.

The papers in each of these sections will be circulated in advance, and the sessions listed above will be devoted to discussion. Scholars interested in attending the conference or who require further information about it should write in the first instance to the Honorary Secretary, African Studies Association, Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham, Birmingham B15 2 TT, England.

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Portugal

The Heras Institute of Indian History and Culture (St. Xavier's College, Bombay 400001), under the direction of Fr. John Correia Afonso, S.J., is organizing an international seminar on Indo-Portuguese history in Goa on November 28, 29 and 30, 1978, with the cooperation of the National Archives of India, the Goa Historical Archives and the Indian Council of Historical Research. The aims of the seminar will be to review the principal works on Indo-Portuguese history, to make a survey of the existing source material relevant for the study of that history, and to identify promising fields of research. Participation in the seminar will be by invitation, and will be limited to about thirty scholars from India and abroad.

Fr. John Correia Afonso has been working in Portuguese archives during several weeks in 1977, and is back in Portugal for the same purpose. He published in *Indica*, organ of the Heras Institute, 1977, 'Indian Historical Records in Lisbon: a brief report'.

There is a project for establishing a Jesuit Historical Research Centre in Goa, as an extension of the Heras Institute, and to it is closely associated Fr. Teotónico de Souza, S.J., the author of a doctorate thesis on the socio-economic history of Goa during the 17th century (Poona University) and of the recent articles 'Glimpses of Hindu dominance of Goan economy in the 17th century' (*Indica*, 12, no. 1, March 1975) and 'Goa-based seaborne trade in the early seventeenth century' (*The Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 12, no. 4).

Associação luso-senegalesa de cooperação - Founded in March 1978, in Lisbon, this association has a cultural branch, in which historiographical activity is planned, in cooperation with Senegalese and Portuguese State organizations. The director of Historical Archives of Senegal is expected soon in Lisbon, to begin a systematic search of documents of Senegalese interest, with the cooperation of Centro de Estudos de Cartografia Antiga.

Centro de Estudos de Cartografia Antiga - The director of the Coimbra Branch, Armando Cortesão, died last November. Born in 1891, trained as an agronomist (and as such he worked in S. Tomé and Guiné), he began publishing in the early thirties on history of ancient maps and maritime discoveries. He published then *Cartografia e cartógrafos portugueses dos séculos XV e XVI* (Lisboa, 1935) and edited for the Hakluyt Society *The Suma Oriental of Tomé Pires and the Book of Francisco Rodrigues* (London, 1944). Co-author of *Portugaliae Monumenta Cartographica* (Lisboa, 1960), he published the first 2 volumes of *History of Portuguese Cartography* (Coimbra, 1969, 1971), and was one of the directors of *Imago Mundi* since 1961. He is succeeded as director of Coimbra Branch of Centro by Prof. Luís de Albuquerque, co-author (with Armando Cortesão) of *Obras Completas de D. João de Castro* (Lisboa, 1968, 1971, 1976, fourth volume under press), who is a reputed authority on the history of nautical science, and devotes himself also to the history of Indian Ocean (he has taught for several years at Lourenço Marques University).

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