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Panel Proposal

**THE LONG ROAD OF TIMOR-LESTE TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE:
TRANSNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES**

Conveners

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Aim of the panel

Between the Portuguese Carnation Revolution of 25 April 1974 and the world-acclaimed proclamation of the “restoration” of its independence on May 20, 2002, Timor-Leste travelled a very long, dramatic and bumpy road. The exercise of the right to self-determination according to the principles enshrined in the UN main documents was only achieved after a lengthy process that mobilized the East Timorese themselves, but also implied the participation of many other actors across the globe – national governments, international agencies, NGOs and the world public opinion in general – in contexts that moved from the height of the Cold War to the demise of the bipolar world.

This panel welcomes participants interested in discussing all aspects of this process, with a special focus on transnational aspects of the long liberation struggle of the people of Timor-Leste

Confirmed participants

Pocut Hanifah (Independent Scholar, Jakarta, Indonesia)
Indonesian Catholics and the Catholic hierarchy attitudes to Timor-Leste

Zélia Maria Pereira (CES, University of Coimbra, Portugal)
Reality overlapping principles? An overview of fifteen years of Portugal's policies regarding the problem of the self-determination of Timor-Leste (1976-1990)

Rui Graça Feijó (CES, University of Coimbra & IHC. NOVA University of Lisboa, Portugal)
Three critical dates in Timor-Leste's struggle for self-determination

In the event of this proposal being accepted, the conveners will circulate a call for papers in their networks with the aim of attracting new contributions; it is expected that the final number of papers may justify a double session