

**TÍTULO DA TESE EM INGLÊS:** Elaboration processo of the National Strategic Concept:  
the case of Guinea-Bissau

**ABSTRACT**

The present study seeks to understand and discern the elements and procedures required in the elaboration process of the national strategic concept (hereinafter CEN), here applied to the case of Guinea-Bissau. It examines Guinea-Bissau's national strategic thinking, the political-normative framework, the instruments of power that underpin the process. Moreover, it explains the strategic process the state adopts to pursuing its national security.

This research unveils Guinea-Bissau's major weaknesses at the national strategic process and it discusses how state's steadfast support existing knowledge might foster sovereignty on its authentic process of National Strategic Concept definition.

The original contribution is entailed in the discussion the need for CEN in the context of the small Bissau-Guinean state, and the understand the national strategic process. Lastly, it projects the idea of a model for a possible CEN elaboration process in Guinea-Bissau.

**Palavras-chave:** Guinea-Bissau, Strategy, Strategic Process, Defense, Security, CEN.