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### **The presence of Brazil and Brazilian geography in Portuguese geography journals during the twentieth century**

The objective of this communication is to present the results of a study on the presence of Brazil and Brazilian geographers in Portuguese geography journals during the twentieth century. Under the colonial project, tropical geography became a central subject for Portuguese geographers, and thereby Brazil became a privileged site for geographical studies since the beginning of the dictatorship (1933-1974). During the 1960s, after the start of the colonial wars, the linguistic and political proximity between Brazil and Portugal fostered a greater collaboration between geographers from both countries and an increase of the interest in Brazil by Portuguese geographers. After the transition to democracy in Portugal and later on in Brazil, the dialogues between the two countries came to a halt, but during the 1990s it remerged in a period in which Brazilian and Portuguese academic communities expanded. In our study, we have sought to understand the geographical production on Brazil and its relation to the political context through the analysis of the publications in Portuguese scientific journals. We surveyed eight Geography journals (*Boletim do Centro de Estudos Geográficos*, *Cadernos de Geografia*, *Finisterra*, *Garcia de Orta*, *Geographica*, *Inforgéo*, *Revista da Faculdade de Letras – Geografia*, *Boletim of the Lisbon Geographical Society*) and one Brazilian Studies journal (*Brasília*). In these, we surveyed research articles, notes, and book reviews on Brazil or authored by Brazilian academics. The results of our bibliometric analysis are divided in two parts. First, we traced the temporal distribution of scientific production on Brazil, uncovering the periods and fields of greater or lesser collaboration. Secondly, we analyse the data on authors and trace the networks of collaboration between the two countries. Our conclusions highlight the role that the political context and hegemonic discourses play in the scientific geographical themes and discourse.

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