

TÍTULO DA TESE EM INGLÊS: The public, the private and the Angolan political economy: a study about Brazilian construction companies in Angola.

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ABSTRACT

This dissertation aims to understand the interaction established between the Angolan government and Brazilian construction companies present in Angola, with emphasis on the years following the ending of the country's civil war. The present work is mainly based on the experience of Odebrecht, the Brazilian construction company which presents the most consolidated and ancient presence in Angola. This research intends to apprehend what kind of interactive dynamics between the public and private spheres takes place in the African country and also in which way such dynamics shape the insertion of external actors in Angola, as in the case for Brazilian construction companies. In order to accomplish the mentioned tasks, this research proposes an articulation among selected approaches from International Political Economy (IPE) and concepts from the African Studies literature – more specifically conceptions such as politics of the belly (Bayart 1989) and neopatrimonialism (Médard 1979; 1983; 1991; 2007; Ergmann & Engel 2006). Based on such theoretical and conceptual framework, the present dissertation points out for a gap between the observant model and the observed model (Moreira 1996) concerning Angola's political economy governance. This gap determines a tenuous character of the public-private boundary that shapes state-enterprises relations that occur in the country.

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