

# PORTUGAL DOS PEQUENITOS: PORTUGUESENESS AND COLONIALITY

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Places such as *Portugal dos Pequenitos* are crucial instruments in the construction of Nation-states and the reproduction of national identities. In the Portuguese context, this place is today a fundamental tool for the analysis of those representations and their implications to what was the Portuguese colonial project. For that reason, we found it to be absolutely relevant to visit this space in the context of the colloquium “Emergent Powers, Identities and Transformations”. We are thankful to the Bissaya Barreto Foundation, who has kindly offered this guided visit, which will greatly contribute to the debate about this place we wish to promote.

## Guided Visit to Portugal dos Pequenitos

*Portugal dos Pequenitos* (Portugal of the Little Ones) is a project of Salazar, Portuguese dictator (1932-1968), and Bissaya Barreto, a physician and politician of paramount importance of Coimbra. Bissaya Barreto invited a modern architect, Cassiano Branco (1940's) to design a theme park to represent the Portuguese empire through its architecture. It was one of the most important political propaganda events, which has subsisted beyond the regime's downfall. From the Portuguese house, to colonial society, and national monuments, everything was represented at the scale of a child. Besides its convergence of cultures and people crossing, Portugal of the Little Ones is an exhibition qualified as Portuguese architectural and sculptural art.



Meeting: 13.50 at the entrance of Portugal dos Pequenitos – [view map](#)

Guided visit: begins at 14.00

Fee: 6 euros

Registration: [coloquiodoutorandoscalls@ces.uc.pt](mailto:coloquiodoutorandoscalls@ces.uc.pt)

### **Debate at Galeria Bar Santa Clara**

Time: 16.00 – [view map](#)

Participants are invited to join a debate moderated by [Maria Paula Meneses](#), researcher at the Centre for Social Studies of the University of Coimbra, and coordinator of the PhD programme [Post-Colonialisms and Global Citizenship](#) in the same centre. This debate, which will take place at [Galeria Bar Santa Clara](#), hopes to stimulate a critical look and a deep reflection following the visit.

*\* the debate is open to all people interested, regardless participation in the guided visit.*

