

Wednesday 8 May, 15:30-19:00

100 years of Portuguese studies at King's College London (1919-2019)

River Room, King's Building

In the 1860s, King's College pioneered the teaching of Portuguese in British universities and since the founding of the Camoens Chair in 1919 the college has become a leading centre for Portuguese studies.

Throughout this one-day symposium we shall remember the hard work and dedication of the professors, readers, researchers, creators and authors who have enriched and enlivened King's College over the course of the twentieth century.

The panels will discuss the research into philology, literary criticism and historiography performed by the various Camoens Chairs. They will also discuss the involvement and influence of several Portuguese authors within the department, those who undertook writing residencies and those who taught. We will reflect upon the support that the Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian has offered the department particularly with regards to the edited collection of Jorge de Sena's work.

Programme

15:30 Welcome address

15:45 - Panel 1

- Helder Macedo, Thomas Earle, João Paulo Silvestre

16:30 - Panel 2

- Claudia Pazos Alonso, Maria Luisa Coelho, Ana Cardoso Pires

Break

17:30 - Panel 3

- Francisco Bethencourt, Margarida Calafate Ribeiro

18:15 - Panel 4

- Helder Macedo, Isabel de Sena, José Blanco

19:00 Drinks reception