# Curriculum Vitae

### João Vicente Melo

**Current position**

2020 to present: JIN fellowship at University Pablo de Olavide, Seville.

Project: MIBER-Mobility and Integration in the Iberian Colonial Systems (PID2019-111081RJ-I00)

### Education

2012: Ph.D in History; Swansea University.

2008: MA in Cultural History; Goldsmiths, University of London.

2006: BA in Sociology (Licenciatura em Sociologia); Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (ISCTE-IUL).

**Employment**

2019-2020: Post-doctoral researcher on the European Research Council-funded TIDE project (Travel, Transculturality and Identity in England, c. 1550-1700) at the University of Oxford.

2016-2019: Post-doctoral researcher on the European Research Council-funded TIDE project (Travel, Transculturality and Identity c. 1550-1700) at the University of Liverpool.

2013-2016: Marie Curie Fellow at the Humanities Department (Departament d’Humanitats), Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

2013: Researcher at CESNOVA (Centro de Estudos de Sociologia da Universidade Nova de Lisboa).

2010: Teaching assistant at the History Department, Swansea University.

2009-2012: Doctoral Research Fellow of the Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (FCT) at Swansea University.

2008: Research assistant at Goldsmiths, University of London.

2006-2007: Research Assistant at CIES-IUL (Centro de Investigação de Estudos de Sociologia – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa).

**Projects**

**As lead researcher**

2020-2023: MIBER-Mobility and Integration in the Iberian Colonial Systems, Spanish Ministry of Science, University Pablo de Olavide, Seville.

2018-2019: *Legacies of English Mobility: Recovering the Tangible Heritage of Migrant Women*, Research Development Initiative Fund, University of Liverpool.

2013-2017: *European Representations of India and Islam: The Jesuit mission at the Mughal court (1580-1773)*. Marie Curie Career Integration Grant, Research Executive Agency-European Commission; Universitat Pompeu Fabra, University of Liverpool.

2009-2012: *Lord of Conquest, Navigation and Commerce: Portuguese diplomacy in Asia during the reign of John V (1707-1750).* Doctoral research grant, Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia; Swansea University.

**As research associate**

Since 2016: *Travel, Transculturality, and Identity in England, c. 1550-1700*. European Research Council Consolidator Grant, European Research Council Consolidator; University of Liverpool.

Since 2015: *Mediaciones Culturales en los Imperios Ibéricos: Diplomacia intercultural y misiones en Asia Y el Pacífico (Siglos XVI-XVIII)*. Plan Nacional de I+D+I, Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad (Spain); Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

2013: *1615, 1798, 1878, 1961 and 1975. Constructing an Empire-State: A Historical Sociology of Portuguese Colonialism*. Projectos de I&D, Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia. CESNOVA - Centro de Estudos de Sociologia da Universidade Nova de Lisboa.

**Teaching**

2019: Tutor of the MSt C Option *Travel, Belonging, Identity, 1550-1700*, MA in English, University of Oxford.

2016-2019: Teaching assistant of the module *Renaissance Rough Guides: Early English travel writing*, BA in English, University of Liverpool.

2016: Lecturer of the module *Global History I*, BA in Global Studies, Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

2010: Teaching of the module *The Golden Age of Iberia*, BA in History, Swansea University.

**Publications**

**Articles**

2016: Melo, João Vicente. “In Search of a Shared Language: The Goan diplomatic protocol”, *Journal of Early Modern History*, 20: 4 (2016), pp. 390-407. Brill. ISSN: 1385-3783. E-ISSN: 1570-0658. DOI: 10.1163/15700658-12342504.

2014: Melo, João Vicente. “Travelling and Power - A Portuguese Viceroy's Account of a Voyage to India”. *Journeys - The International Journal of Travel and Travel Writing*. 12 – 2 (2014), pp. 15 - 41. Berghan Journals. ISSN 1465-2609.

2013: Melo, João Vicente. “Seeking Prestige and Survival - Gift-exchange practices between the Portuguese Estado da Índia and Asian rulers”. *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*. 56: 4-5 (2013), pp. 672 - 695. Brill. ISSN 0022-4995.

2012: Melo, João Vicente. "Ouro & Preces: a procissão joanina de Corpus Christi". *Bulletin of Spanish* *Studies*. 89: 2 (2012), pp. 193 - 206. Taylor and Francis. ISSN 1475-3820.

2012: Melo, João Vicente. “Respect and Superiority: the ceremonial rules of Goan diplomacy and the survival of the Estado da Índia, 1707-1750”. *Portuguese Studies*. 28: 2 (2012), pp. 143 - 158. Modern Humanities Research Association. ISSN 0267-5315.

**Book Chapters**

2016: Melo, João Vicente. “Akbar” in *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Bibliographical History 1500-1900.* Volume 11 eds. David Thomas and John Chatsworth (Leiden: Brill, 2016), pp. 34-37. ISBN: 978-90-04-32683-5. E-ISBN: 978-90-04-33558-5. DOI: 10.1163/9789004335585.

2016: Melo, João Vicente. “Farmans about Portuguese-Mughal relations, Akbar’s letter to Philip II (Philip I of Portugal)” in *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Bibliographical History 1500-1900.* Volume 11 eds. David Thomas and John Chesworth (Leiden: Brill, 2016), pp. 37-52. ISBN: 978-90-04-32683-5. E - ISBN: 978-90-04-33558-5. DOI: 10.1163/9789004335585.

2011: Melo, João Vicente. “‘The Most revered and feared king’: the construction of the public image of the viceroys of the Portuguese State of India, c. 1700-1750” in *Looking into the Indian Ocean: World. Essays in Honour of Prof. K.N. Chaudhuri* ed. Stefan Halikowski-Smith (Newcastle upon Thyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2011), pp. 232-254. ISBN 978-1-4438-2931-1.

**Books**

2007: Costa, António Firmino, Elsa Pegado, Patrícia Ávila, Ana Rita Coelho, Ana Caetano, Eduardo Rodrigues and João Vicente Melo, *Avaliação do Plano Nacional de Leitura : Relatório do 1º Ano* (Lisbon: Gabinete de Estatística e Planeamento da Educação), ISBN: 978-972-614-429-8.

**Electronic publications**

2018: *TIDE: Keywords essays* ed. Nandini Das, João Vicente Melo, Haig Smith, and Lauren Working, available at: <http://www.tideproject.uk/keywords-home/>.

**Reviews**

2017: Melo, João Vicente. Review of Molesky, Mark. This Gulf of Fire: The Destruction of Lisbon, Or Apocalypse in the Age of Science and Reason (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2015). *Luso-Brazilian Review*. 54:2, E13-E14. ISSN: 0024-7413, e-ISSN: 1548-9957.

2017: Melo, João Vicente. Review of Flores, Jorge. *The Mughal Padshah: A Jesuit Treatise on Emperor Jahangir’s Court and Household* (Leiden: Brill, 2015). *Journal of Jesuit Studies*, 4: 3 (2017), Brill. ISSN: 2214-1324 E-ISSN: 2214-1332. DOI: 10.1163/22141332-00403007-14.

2011: Melo, João Vicente. Review of Jayasuriya, Shihan de Silva, The Portuguese in the East: A Cultural History of a Maritime Trading Empire (London: Tauris Academic Studies, 2008). *Journal for Maritime Research*. 13: 2 (2011), pp. 177 - 179. Taylor and Francis. ISSN 2153-3369.

**Dissertations**

2012: Melo, João Vicente, *Lord of Conquest, Navigation and Commerce: Portuguese diplomacy in Asia during the reign of John V (1707-1750)*, PhD Dissertation in History (Swansea: Swansea University, 2012).

2008: Melo, João Vicente, *Gold & Prayers: Luxury & devotion during the reign of John V of Portugal*, MA dissertation in Cultural History (London: Goldsmiths University of London, 2008).

2006: Melo, João Vicente, *O Estado do Fogo:Génese e formação da percepção pública do risco de incêndio florestal*, Tese de Licenciatura em Sociologia (Lisbon: ISCTE, 2006).

**Forthcoming publications**

*Antoni Montserrat’s writings from the Mughal Court: A critical edition* (Boston: Institute of Advanced Jesuit Studies, expected date of publication: 2020).

“Agitated Spirits: political and social conflicts in seventeenth century Goa” in *Four Cities: Points of Encounter between India and Europe* ed. Nandini Das (Kolkata: Jadavpur University Press, expected date of publication: 2020).

“Becoming Mughal, Becoming Dom João de Távora: friendship, dissimulation and manipulation in Jesuit and Mughal exchanges” in *A New Companion to the Global Renaissance: Literature and Culture in the Era of Expansion 1550-1700,* second edition ed. Jyotsna G. Singh (Oxford: Wiley Blackwell, expected date of publication: 2020)

*TIDE: Keywords essays* ed. Nandini Das, João Vicente Melo, Haig Smith, and Lauren Working (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, expected date of publication: 2020).

**In preparation**

*The King in the Tropics: royal ceremonies and colonial societies in the Portuguese overseas empire, 1707-1750*, monograph.

*At the House of the Great Mughal: Jesuit missionaries and the East India Company at the Mughal Court, c. 1580-1650*, monograph.

**Participation in conferences and seminars**

2020: “Our Man in Lahore: Manuel Pinheiro as a mediator between the Mugha lauthorities and the Iberian crowns”, Seminario Internacional MIAS: Imperialismo y Globalización en América y Asia (Siglos XVI-XX), MIAS (Madrid Institute of AdvancedStudies), Casa de Velázquez, Madrid, Spain, 17 February 2020.

2019: Comment on the paper "Sex-differentiated mobility and mixture. The genetic and historical impact of European expansion", II Reunión Científica ArtEmpire: “Personas y bienes en perspectiva interdisciplinar”, Universidad Pablo Olavide, Seville, Spain, 28 November 2019.

2019: “Agitated Spirits: Political and Social Conflicts in Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century Goa”, *Congreso Internacional* *1519: Conexiones y Contactos*, Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas – Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, 13 August 2019.

2019: “From exile to guru: the many lives of Thomas Stephens”, *2019 Durham Early Modern Studies Conference*, Durham, United Kingdom, 24 July 2019.

2019: “Discussion Panel: Keywords in Early Modern Mobility” *2019 Durham Early Modern Studies Conference*, Durham, United Kingdom, 22 July 2019.

2019: “’Moderate punishments thwart great evils’: Thomas Stephens and the colonization of the Goan Imaginary”, 30th SEDERI International Conference: Brave New Worlds, Early Modern Discoveries, Lisbon, Portugal, 10 May 2019.

2019: “Transculturality and cross-disciplinary research”, Languages and Cultures in Contact – Lecture Series 2019, Universidad de Valladolid, Valladolid, Spain, 30 January 2019.

2018: “‘Exceeding great enemies’: Jesuit missionaries, English merchants and Mughal diplomatic intrigues”, *IV Seminario de Investigación Internacional ArtEmpire: Empire & Transculturality*, Universidad Pablo Olavide, Seville, Spain, 3 October 2018.

2018: “English Perceptions of Mughal Civility at Jahangir’s Court”, *Society for Renaissance Studies 8th Biennial Conference*, Sheffield, United Kingdom, 3 July 2018.

2018: “Writing on Mogor: The Afterlives of the Jesuits' Accounts on Mughal India, 1580–1650”, *The 64th Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America*, New Orleans, USA, 22-24 March 2018.

2017:  “‘A continuous movement of disorder’: the rise of Bombay and the Hindu communities of the Estado da Índia”, *Anglo-Iberian Relations Conference 2017*, Zafra, Spain, 19-21 October 2017.

2017: “A Brief History of Failed Intentions: the short-lived experiences of joint-stock companies in the Portuguese colonial empire”, *The Corporation as a Protagonist in Global History Workshop*, London, United Kingdom, 7 July 2017.

2016: “Race and empire in Portuguese historiography and anthropology, 1950-1990”, *The Making of the Humanities V*, Baltimore, USA, 5-7 October 2016.

2016: “The political and religious dimensions of the Jesuit missions to the Mughal Empire and Ethiopia compared”, *Locality and Globality in Early Modern Cultural Encounters: A Comparative Analysis of Religious and Political Accommodation*, Barcelona, Spain, 3-4 October 2016.

2016: “Ambiguous visions: the articulation between the religious and political dimensions of the Jesuit missions at the Mughal Empire and the Kingdom of Kongo”, *Sixteenth Century Society Conference 2016*, Bruges, Belgium, 18-20 August 2016.

2016: “À procura de um idioma comum: o protocolo diplomático do Estado da Índia”, *Nas fronteiras do “Estado da Índia”: Guerra e diplomacia (Séculos XVI-XIX)*, Lisbon, Portugal, 3 March 2016.

2015: “Martyrologies and Early Modern Geopolitics: The Cases of Rodolfo Acquaviva and St. John Brito”, *The 61st Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America*, Berlin, Germany, 26-28 March 2015.

2014: “For the Good of the Faith, and for the Good of the Crown: The Articulation between the Religious and Political Dimensions of the Jesuit Mission at the Mughal Court”, *Sixteenth Century Society Conference 2014*, New Orleans, USA, 16-19 October 2014.

2014: "The Chronicle of a Disappointment: Antoni Montserrat and the Commentarium Mongolicae", *Seminari del Grup de Recerca en imperis, metròpolis i societats extraeuropees* *(GRIMSE)*, Barcelona, Spain, 4 June 2014.

2012: “Respect and Superiority: the ceremonial rules of Goa diplomacy and the survival of the Estado da India, 1707-1750”, *Formal and informal empire; Portuguese relations with the non-European world,* King’s College London, London, United Kingdom, 13 January 2012.

2011: “The king’s alter ego: the construction of the public image of the Portuguese viceroys in the first half of the eighteenth-century”, *Talks of the Delegation of Fundação Oriente in India*, Panaji, India, 1 April 2011.

2010: “The Sagoate: diplomacy and gift exchange in eighteenth-century Estado da Índia”, *XIII International Seminar on Indo-Portuguese History: The Mediterranean as a Pathway to India- Skills, Memory, Imagination, Networks*, Aix-en-Provence, France, 23-27 March 2010.

2007:"Forest Fires and the new Portuguese countryside", *XXII Congress of the European Society for Rural Sociology; New questions and challenges for rural Europe: Mobilities, Vulnerabilities and Sustainabilities*, Wageningen, The Netherlands, 22 August 2007.

**Organisation of conferences, seminars and workshops**

2019: Secretary and member of the scientific committee of the seminar *Migrants and Pirates*, University of Liverpool, London Campus, United Kingdom, 25 March 2019.

2018: Secretary and member of the scientific committee of the seminar *Margaret Cavendish as Traveller: gender, geography and The Blazing World*, University of Liverpool, Liverpool Campus, United Kingdom, 1 November 2018.

2018: Secretary and member of the scientific committee of the international conference *On Belonging: English Conceptions of Migration and Transculturality, 1550 – 170*0, University of Liverpool, London Campus, United Kingdom, 26-28 July 2018.

2018: Secretary and member of the scientific committee of the seminar *Ideology and Language-Change, 1500-1800: literary and linguistic perspective*, University of Liverpool, Liverpool campus, United Kingdom, 9 May 2018.

20 November 2017: Secretary and member of the scientific committee of the seminar *English Travellers, Spies, and Diplomats in Foreign Courts*, University of Liverpool, London Campus, United Kingdom, 20 November 2017.

2017: Secretary and member of the scientific committee of the seminar *Turks and Mahometans: Presence and Perception in Early Modern England*, University of Liverpool, London Campus, United Kingdom, 26 June 2017.

2017: Secretary and member of the scientific committee of the seminar *Catholic Transculturality in Early Modern Europe*, University of Liverpool, Liverpool Campus, United Kingdom, 20 March 2017.

2016: Secretary and member of the scientific committee of the international conference *Locality and Globality in Early Modern Cultural Encounters*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain, 3-4 October 2016.

**Membership of research groups and centres**

Member of the research group Ethnographies, Cultural Encounters and Religious Missions in the Iberian World (ECERM – Universitat Pompeu Fabra). Founding member.

Member of the research group Imperis, Metròpolis i Societats Extraeuropees (GRIMSE-Universitat Pompeu Fabra).

Member of the research group Estudios sobre Asia y el Pacífico (CSIC - UPF).

Member of CHAM – Centro de Humanidades, Universidade Nova de Lisboa.

**Membership of academic organisations**

Member of the Renaissance Society of America.

Member of the Sixteenth Century Society.

Member of the Society for the History of the Humanities.

**Editorial committees**

Since 2014: Member of the editorial board of the journal *Illes i Imperis.*

**Reviewer**

*Journal of Early Modern History*.

*Illes i Imperis*.

*Ler História*.

**Media presence**

Guest speaker for the BBC Radio 3 documentary *The Kristapurana* broadcasted on 18 November 2018.

# Languages

Portuguese: Native.

English: Fluent.

Spanish: Fluent.

Catalan: Fluent.

French: Intermediate.

Italian: Intermediate.

Latin: Basic.

Arabic: Basic.