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II INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON SECURITY AND DEFENCE IN AFRICA

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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INTRODUCTION

The coordinators of the research project [“Security and Defence in Africa: Characteristics, Changes and Impacts on Brazil’s Strategic Surroundings”](#) (supported by the [Programme to Support Teaching and Scientific and Technological Research in National Defence - Pró-Defesa V](#), from CAPES and the Brazilian Ministry of Defence) invite professors, researchers, graduate and undergraduate students, professionals, and those interested in African Studies to the **II International Seminar on Security and Defence in Africa**.

The event is supported by institutions, graduate programmes, and research groups involved in the previously mentioned research project and the [African Studies Network on Security and Defence \(AFRICANET\)](#), notably the Graduate Programme in International Relations at the Federal University of Santa Maria (PPGRI/UFSM), the Graduate Programme in Political Science at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (PPGCP/UFRGS), the Graduate Programme in Military Sciences at the Army Command and Staff School (PPGCM/ECEME), and the Graduate Programme in Geography at the Federal University of Roraima (PPGGEO/UFRR).

The seminar aims to promote debate on the security and defence dynamics of the African continent and to analyse their implications for the South Atlantic and Brazil. Additionally, the initiative seeks to broaden the presence and discussion of African Studies within academia and to internationalise researcher training.

The seminar will take place at the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities of the Federal University of Santa Maria, Santa Maria, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, on 27 and 28 May 2026.



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SCHEDULE

The call for abstracts follows this schedule:

Activity	Deadline / Date
Call for abstracts publication	16 March 2026
Proposal (brief abstract) submission deadline	14 April 2026
Proposal evaluation period	15-30 April 2026
Results announcement	5 May 2026
Expanded abstract submission deadline	18 May 2026
Fees due for all presenters deadline	18 May 2026
Presentation at the event	27-28 May 2026

REGISTRATION

The organising committee of the II International Seminar on Security and Defence in Africa hereby invites doctoral, master's, and bachelor's researchers, as well as undergraduate and graduate students, to contribute by submitting research findings in the form of an abstract for **oral presentation** in thematic panels.

The registration fee will be:

- Oral Presentation - Undergraduate students: R\$ 30.00;
- Oral Presentation - Graduate students and other researchers: R\$ 50.00.

The following participants will be exempt from the registration fee:

- Students who have an active Socioeconomic Benefit (BSE).
- Scholars and researchers registered in the project "Security and Defence in Africa: Characteristics, Changes and Impacts on the Brazilian Strategic Environment" and the AFRICANET network.



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Please note that payment will only be made after the organising committee approves the work proposal. Further information on registration fees and the option to register as an attendee will be available on the [event's website](#).

THEMATIC PANELS

We welcome proposals for abstracts that present results from completed or ongoing research, teaching, and outreach activities, with a primary focus on sharing experiences and disseminating scientific knowledge in African security and defence studies. Proposals should address security and defence debates relevant to Africa and fit within one of the following thematic panels:

1. *Theoretical and Methodological Foundations*: This topic covers theoretical and methodological reflections on the epistemologies and research approaches used in studying Africa. It also includes critical discussion on theories of International Relations, Strategic Studies, Geopolitical Studies, Security, and Defence. The aim is to develop analytical categories that reflect African sociopolitical realities.
2. *Structural Changes and Strategic Partnerships*: Focusing on analysing the asymmetrical structure of the international system and the transitions caused by the rise and fall of global powers, this area aims to assess how these changes generate renewed interests from external actors on the continent (European countries, USA, China, Russia, India, Turkey, etc.). The objective is to understand the new axes of strategic partnerships formed by African states and how they can enhance their bargaining power in regional and global arenas.
3. *Dynamics of Security and Defence*: This topic examines the arrangement of regional security dynamics, which are intricately connected and influenced, to varying degrees, by processes at domestic, regional, inter-regional, and global levels. It evaluates the spillover and regionalisation of internal instabilities, interstate rivalries, and complex regional dynamics shaped by proxy relations, irregular warfare, and institutional responses from both state and non-state actors.



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4. *Security and Defence Policies*: This thematic panel explores the role of African states, especially regional powers, in defining strategic priorities. It involves analysing and assessing historical and contemporary security and defence policies, and understanding how strategic decisions lead to specific regional alliances and rivalries.
5. *Africa for Brazil and its Strategic Surroundings*: Focused on prospecting scenarios and risks in the South Atlantic zone. The panel examines the history and options for Brazilian strategic actions through defence diplomacy, technical cooperation, ocean monitoring partnerships, participation in peacekeeping operations, and more, thereby strengthening South-South cooperation ties within the shared strategic environment.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The submission process is entirely online through an electronic form available at the following link: <https://forms.gle/AXUZxvMaz4Jy7aHV7>. Applications sent via any other method will not be accepted. It is the author's responsibility to ensure all information regarding their proposal is complete. Submissions with incomplete details will be disregarded.

ABSTRACT FORMAT

To submit a proposal, a brief abstract format is **required**. **Works by** individuals or co-authors will be accepted in Portuguese or English. Only one submission per main author will be permitted, regardless of co-authorship. The author responsible for the presentation must complete and submit the following information via the online form:

- Title of the work
- Thematic area
- Name(s) of the author(s)
- Institutional affiliation(s)
- Abstract (max. 200 words) and up to 3 keywords.

Acceptance of the work proposal will be notified via the email address registered during registration. If accepted, the primary author must submit **an expanded abstract** of the



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submitted work by the date specified in the schedule. The expanded abstract should include an introduction, development (one or more sections), and final considerations. It should be between 1000 and 1500 words and submitted in .docx and .pdf formats. The formatting of the work must strictly adhere to the event's layout template, available [here](#).

ORAL PRESENTATION

Presentations will be held on 28 May 2026, during the morning and afternoon sessions. Presenters should arrive 15 minutes before their presentation starts. Each session will have a moderator or discussant and will be organised according to the thematic axis. Presentation times will be 15 minutes. After all presentations in each session, there will be time allocated for discussion. The rooms hosting the sessions are equipped with multimedia resources. Only extended abstracts that have been properly submitted and presented will be published in the conference proceedings.

FINAL PROVISIONS

Failure to meet the deadlines and rules outlined in this call for abstracts will prevent participation in the seminar activities and publication in the proceedings. Questions may be sent to africanet@africanet-security.com. The organising committee will address any omissions.

Santa Maria, 31 March 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Igor Castellano da Silva", written over a horizontal line.

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