

On the bicentenary of the death of King João VI of Portugal

And of the birth of Emperor Pedro II of Brazil

International conference

One dynasty – two reigns:

musical activity between the reigns of King João VI and Emperor Pedro II

Lisbon / Mafra 8-10 October 2026



Caravelas – Study Group for the History of Luso-Brazilian music, wishing to mark the bicentenary of the death of King João VI of Portugal and the birth of Emperor Pedro II of Brazil, is organising the International Conference “**One dynasty – two reigns: musical activity between the reigns of King João VI and Emperor Pedro II**”, to take place at the Colégio Almada Negreiros of the NOVA University of Lisbon and the Palace-Convent of Mafra on 8-10 October 2026. This event seeks to promote reflection on the music of the two sides of the Atlantic Ocean and the circulation and interchange between them. Although centred on the axis Portugal-Brazil in the 19th century, it aims to broaden the scope to include discussion of the interaction between the Luso-Brazilian arena and other areas in Europe, Africa and the Americas, during the colonial and post-colonial periods.

The conference will take place in person. With that in mind, Caravelas invites proposals of papers from members, and others interested, on the following areas of the History of Music:

1. Music in Portugal and Brazil during the colonial and imperial periods
2. Music and Post-colonialism in the Atlantic arena
3. Music in the Atlantic arena from a global perspective
4. The circulation of musicians and repertoires
5. Music between continents in the 20th and 21st centuries
6. Musical patronage in Portugal and Brazil

Submissions of paper proposals

Members of the Caravelas Study Group are invited to send proposals for papers, of up to 20 minutes' duration (for individual papers), or of up to 60 minutes for panel presentations (corresponding to a group of 3 or 4 members). Proposals from researchers who are not members of Caravelas will be admitted on the condition that, if accepted, the proposer seeks membership, with effect from 1 October 2026. (Membership is free.)

Individual proposals should include the following information:

- Title:
- Keywords (maximum 5):
- Expanded summary (600-1200 words, with up to 5 bibliographical references):
- Number of the theme(s) within which the proposal fits
- Name of the proposer(s):
- Institutional affiliation:
- Biographical note (max. 150 words):
- Contact (e-mail):
- Panel proposals should include the same information for each paper, as well as the name of the group (for example, name of the project/research unit).

Proposals should be written in Portuguese, Spanish or English and sent between 1 and 31 March 2026 to the e-mail:

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Results of submissions will be sent out by 1 May 2026. For further information:

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