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I am a researcher at Centre for the Humanities (CHAM), New University of Lisbon, Portugal. I have an MA in History of Portuguese Overseas Expansion by the New University of Lisbon on the subject of Dutch privateering against Portuguese navigation between Europe and Asia from 1595 to 1625. My MA dissertation was the basis for my published book, *A Carreira da Índia e o Corso Neerlandês, 1595-1625* (2012). I finished my PhD in History by the New University of Lisbon on the subject of Dutch privateering against Portuguese navigation in Asia in the first quarter of the seventeenth-century (2016). I benefited from a grant from *Fundação Oriente* (Portugal) to do my MA and from another from *Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia – Ministério da Educação e Ciência* (Portugal) for my PhD. I co-edited (with Hélder Carvalhal and Roger Lee de Jesus) the volume *The First World Empire: Portugal, War and Military Revolution* (Londres: Routledge, 2021). I have published in journals such as *Journal of Military History*, *Tijdschrift voor Zeegeschiedenis*, *Análise Social* and *Anais de História de Além-Mar*.

I am interested in the history of Dutch-Portuguese conflicts outside of Europe in the seventeenth-century, which took place both in Asia and in the Atlantic region (in West Africa and Brazil). Having started by the history of naval warfare and privateering in Asia and in the Cape of Good Hope route I plan to extend my studies to both naval warfare and privateering in the Atlantic and to land warfare in Asia, West Africa and Brazil. My interest for this particular subject has much to do with its potential relevance for larger historiographical discussions that transcend the field of traditional Dutch or Portuguese imperial history. The subject of European military exceptionalism, or, more precisely, of whether a distinctive European military superiority already existed in the early modern period has been much discussed by leading international historians such as Geoffrey Parker and Jeremy Black, among many others. American scholar Tonio Andrade has traced a suggestive parallel between this discussion and the well-known debate in economic history about the precise dating of the so-called “great divergence” between “the West and the rest”. The seventeenth-century Dutch-Portuguese war outside of Europe is interesting in this respect because it was never a strictly European affair. It opposed two European antagonists fighting in a non-European context, with the use of non-European allies and military means. As such, it can be used to look at the

problem of European military exceptionalism from an unusual angle. Namely, to assess whether the victories of one side can be ascribed to the fact that that side was more “European” than the other. The traditional assumption has been indeed that the Dutch side was the more “European”, so to speak, and that that gave it a decisive advantage. Unlike the Portuguese, the Dutch had considerable experience of European warfare: Portugal had not been involved in any major European conflict since the fifteenth-century, while the Dutch Republic was engaged at home in a long independence war (1568-1648) with the Spanish Monarchy, the leading military power of the time. The long-standing notion that this difference was an important factor behind Dutch successes against the Portuguese overseas dates back to the period of the war itself. The main question of my research is whether this traditional but increasingly problematic assumption can still be considered valid.

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### **Selected Publications**

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