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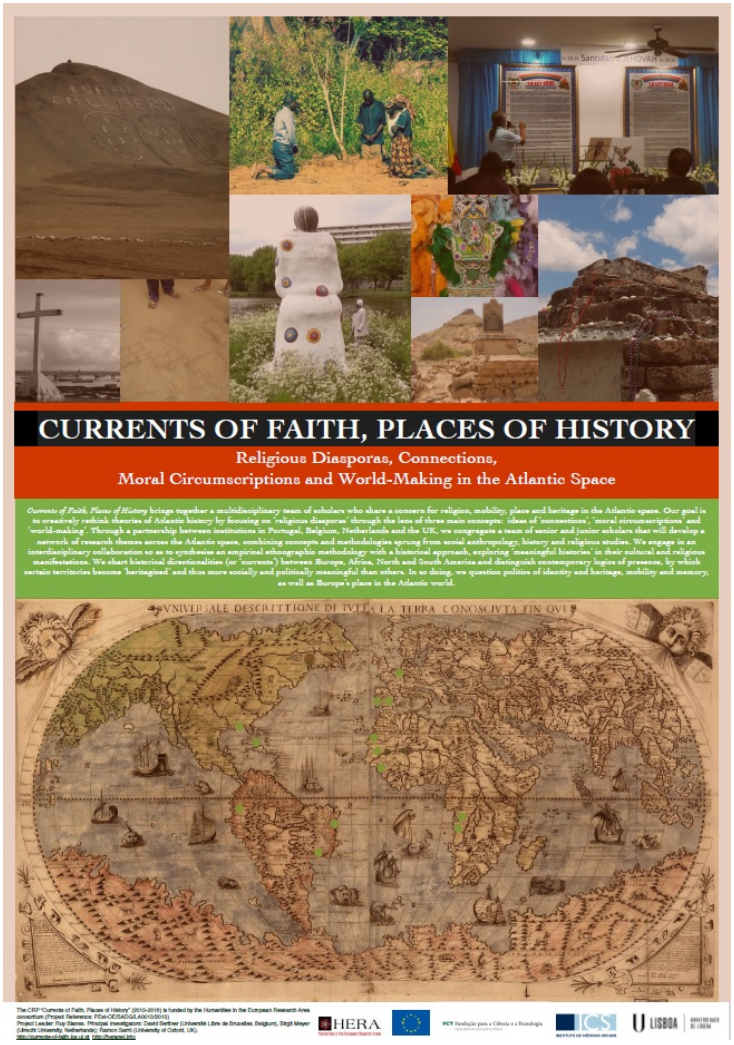
CURRENTS OF FAITH, PLACES OF HISTORY
Religious Diasporas, Connections,
Moral Circumscriptions and World-Making in the Atlantic Space
Currents of Faith, Places of History brings together a multidisciplinary team of scholars who share a concern for religion, mobility, place and heritage in the Atlantic space. Our goal is to creatively rethink theories of Atlantic history by focusing on 'religious diasporas' through the lens of three main concepts: 'ideas of 'connections', 'moral circumscriptions' and 'world-making'. Through a partnership between institutions in Portugal, Belgium, Netherlands and the UK, we congregate a team of senior and junior scholars that will develop a network of research themes across the Atlantic space, combining concepts and methodologies sprung from social anthropology, history and religious studies. We engage in an interdisciplinary collaboration so as to synthesise an empirical ethnographic methodology with a historical approach, exploring 'meaningful histories' in their cultural and religious manifestations. We chart historical directionalities (or 'currents') between Europe, Africa, North and South America and distinguish contemporary logics of presence, by which certain territories become 'heritagised' and thus more socially and politically meaningful than others. In so doing, we question politics of identity and heritage, mobility and memory, as well as Europe's place in the Atlantic world.
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