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1542-1772

*An online Encyclopedia of Portuguese Aristotelianism*

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Only a few Institutions in Europe can boast of being such an important chapter in European culture as the University of Coimbra, and its unique philosophical tradition, which had already started in the Middle Ages, is still nowadays a crucial passage to understanding the entire History of Philosophy.

The Conimbricenses.org project aims to contribute to demonstrating that. Launched online in 2018 by the University of Coimbra's *Instituto de Estudos Filosóficos* (IEF), under the direction of Prof. Mário Santiago de Carvalho and the coordination of Dr. Simone Guidi, it will give access from worldwide to a large collection of information, accurate entries, updated bibliographies, and direct links to the digital version of the most important documents related to Coimbra.

In the broad philosophical tradition of Coimbra, the Conimbricenses.org project is meant to deal with a specific chronological span of 230 years, that is from 1542 — the year of the founding, by the Jesuits, of the *College of Arts* in the city — to 1772, that

is the year in which the Marquis of Pombal approved a new statute for the University, addressing its activities in other directions.

These coordinates thus reflect a specific research aim, that is focusing on those years in which Coimbra has been a prominent center of European Aristotelianism, while its influence has travelled in the world pushed by the multiple editions of the famous *Cursus Conimbricensis* and when the city hosted the teaching and the heritage of some of the most influent thinkers of the world: Luis Molina, Pedro da Fonseca, Francisco Suárez and many others.

The concrete aim of the Conimbricenses.org project, it is to build the first online, fully open access digital repository on Coimbra and its tradition. The double purpose leading the building of the Encyclopedia is, on the one hand, to let scholars from all over the world access clear and definite information, and, on the other hand, to inspire research on smaller authors, giving to the researchers an opportunity to meet them and their works. This is why all the entries will be written in English and they will be from the beginning realized by an international community of researchers, from Portugal, Spain, Italy, France, the United States and many other countries.

The Conimbricenses.org Encyclopedia will be organized into four main sections: the first one is completely devoted to authors and scholars who lived and thought in Coimbra, with a particular focus on Luis Molina, Pedro da Fonseca, and Manuel de Góis, as well as on the editorial history of the influential *Cursus*; a second section will be instead fully dedicated to Francisco Suárez, his life, his thought and his cultural heritage in Portugal and Europe; a third section, that will be launched in a second phase, will be realized with the help of scholars in the field of Chinese culture, and it will deal with the history of the *Cursus* in China (including attempts of translation and adaptation); a fourth section will be devoted to the influence of Coimbra's Aristotelianism on the Portuguese and Spanish colonies in South America.

Finally, specific attention will be directed to the educational aspects of the Jesuits' activity in Coimbra, focusing especially on educational practice, the relationship between education and publishing, and the relationship between education and architecture.