The Saab Center for Portuguese Studies and the History Department announce a lecture, “Revolutions and Political Instability in Portugal in the 19th and 20th Centuries”, by Prof. José Miguel Sardica of the Catholic University of Portugal, on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at Allen House: 2 Solomont Way, Lowell, MA 01854 at 5:00 p.m. Parking in Wilder lot, across from 61 Wilder Street.

This lecture examines the many revolutions in 19th- and early 20th-century Portugal, advancing reasons as to why this political instability was so prevalent in this time period. The intensity of Portuguese revolutionary activity will be compared with the wider situation around Europe. Historical roots or general causes will be explored to explain the frequency of Portuguese revolutionarism, from the impact of French invasions in the early 19th century to the consolidation of power in the New State dictatorship of Salazar in the 1930s, the latter having led to the so-called Carnation Revolution of 1974 that ushered in a vibrant democratic republic.

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