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The personal archive of a global traveller: Ruy Cinatti (1915-1986)

The personal archive of the agronomist and poet Ruy Cinatti (1915-1986), held by the Library of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa, contains thousands of photographs, documents (such as diaries, plane tickets, tourist brochures, postcards, etc.) and objects collected during his journeys across the United Kingdom (where he was born and studied), former Portuguese colonies in Africa (Angola, Moçambique, etc.), and especially East Timor, in the mid-20th century. The archive includes documents in 11 different languages, making it a prime example of a global traveler's archive. The results of its archival description are available at <https://papier.cehr.ft.ucp.pt/index.php/ruy-cinatti>.

The photographs capture landscapes, monuments, religious and civil buildings, museum objects, paintings, tiles, and liturgical artefacts. They also document workers and everyday situations, as well as aspects of anthropological research, such as depictions of indigenous people, their costumes, houses, graves, artifacts and idols, along with images of exotic animals and plants.

A project for its digitization (and identification, supported by citizen scientists), is currently being prepared in order to make these materials digitally accessible.

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