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Seminar

Portuguese Influence in Macau's Church and State Relations

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Abstract:

The arrival of Portuguese sailors and traders at Macau in 1545, with the alliance with the Catholic Church leaders including missionaries established the Portuguese governance in the enclave Macau. For the last four centuries, the Catholic Church has been associating with the Portuguese rulers of Macau to lead the society. The Church in Macau since the sixteenth century has been under the long shadow of Portuguese Padroado which means the patronage of the Portuguese court over missionary activities in the conquered lands of the New World. The effects of Padroado has been felt in Macau for the last four centuries till today becoming the appeasement policy of the Church towards the governments both in Lisbon and Beijing. In this presentation, through the exploration of some issues related to the church-state relationship in Macau, the appeasement policies of the Church inherited from Portugal will be discussed. Then the triangular relationship among Macau, Vatican and China will be explored in the context of Macau's appeasement towards China.

- **Date: 13 November 2007**
- **Time: 11:00a.m. – 12:30p.m.**
- **Venue: Auditorium II, University Library**
- **Language: English**

All are welcome!