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OVERVIEW

The First International Symposium of the International Relations Office (ARInt), titled “Dialogues Without Borders,” held from October 22 to 24, 2025, within the framework of the “First UESB Congress: University, Science, and Culture,” constituted a critical, reflective, and prospective forum dedicated to examining the evolving processes of internationalization at the State University of Southwest Bahia (UESB). The Symposium fostered the exchange of plural, transnational, and interdisciplinary forms of knowledge, shaped by the life trajectories of international students engaged in academic mobility at UESB. The exchange of knowledge with the UESB academic community, as well as with participants from diverse regions and countries, contributed to recognizing the institution as a dynamic locus for meaningful social and cultural interaction.

In its inaugural edition, the Symposium also prioritized dialogue with professionals from foreign institutions engaged in internationalization initiatives at their respective home institutions. To this end, it featured invited participants from Miguel Hernández University of Elche (Spain), the Higher Institute of Arts and Culture – ISArC (Mozambique), and the University of Rouen (France). The internationalization of higher education institutions is essential for expanding, strengthening, and consolidating global cooperation among countries, peoples, cultures, and nations, thereby contributing to the advancement of a more plural, inclusive, and welcoming world.

Among the main aims of the Symposium are: (i) to promote dialogue on internationalization processes in higher education across diverse global contexts; (ii) to share a range of international academic mobility experiences in countries across Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean; and (iii) to foster collective reflection on internationalization in graduate (Master’s and/or Doctoral), undergraduate, and administrative contexts.

The papers included in the Proceedings of this first edition of the Symposium reflect a wide range of research and experiences conducted in countries such as Brazil, Mozambique, Timor-Leste, Peru, Colombia, Nigeria, Guinea-Bissau, Cameroon, Haiti, Angola, Benin, Argentina, Pakistan, Burundi, Chile, Cuba, Cape Verde, Honduras, France, and Spain. These contributions also address themes across diverse fields, including education, health, linguistics, arts, agricultural sciences, among others.

It is our firm expectation that the studies and experiences presented herein will contribute to the advancement of science, technology, innovation, and culture across different regions and countries.

Finally, it should be emphasized that the content, opinions, and references presented in the abstracts are the sole responsibility of the respective authors.

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