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Underground Sociabilities: *Identity, culture and resistance in marginalised communities*

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The Research

Aims and Objectives (1)

- To study forms of sociability that tend to remain invisible and underground in relation to mainstream society:
 - *Identify trajectories of socialization and integration under conditions of poverty and social exclusion.*
 - *Describe and contrast the alternative routes of socialization and integration available to underground communities*
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Aims and Objectives (2)

- To study the processes whereby underground sociabilities generate positive change and break away from exclusion and marginalisation.
 - *to identify and understand the point/the crossroad/the moment in which routes are chosen and trajectories are defined;*
 - *to map out the ‘who’, the ‘how’, the ‘why’ and the ‘what for’ of AfroReggae and CUFA, as construed by its participants, partners, interlocutors, and observers.*
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Aims and Objectives (3)

- To construct indicators of best practice and to develop guidelines that can inform other contexts.
 - *What are the enabling conditions for underground sociabilities that work?*
 - *One size does not fit all – can local experiences travel and inform other contexts?*
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Methodologies

- Overall Orientation: participation and dialogue
- Multi-methods approach: combination of quantitative and qualitative methodologies

Initial Design:

Interviews: with key actors, inside, outside and at the boundary

Group discussion: with key collective actors

Questionnaire: inside the communities

Secondary Data (Census, IBGE)?

Case Studies: Personal trajectories

Fine Tuning and Calendar

- Are we happy with the research general aims and objectives and its specific questions?
- Getting it right: is the design inclusive enough; are we missing something crucial?
- Setting up the time frame
- Thinking ahead

2009: field work; knowledge sharing; seminar

September: trip to the field with consultant academics. Shall we hold a seminar?
