

## **Abstract**

This thesis covers issues connected with the integration of Portuguese-speaking immigrants from Africa into the Portuguese society. It outlines some of the major problematic areas such as housing, employment, education, relationships and health which immigrants from the PALOP countries have to confront during their integration process in Portugal. To understand the problems associated with the incorporation of these immigrants into the Portuguese society, it was necessary to describe the historical development of their mutual relationships in the historical context. This overview has been included in the work, too, as it helps to sketch how Portuguese people perceive Africans: this issue is discussed in Chapter Three. Next, the paper describes the migration and globalization phenomenon and assesses its positive and negative impacts within Portugal, touches on problems with the terminology and specifies four basic types of immigrants. Regarding the large extent and complexity of this issue, this work should be considered only as an introduction to study of the theme.