In today’s globalizing world, migrants are no longer just émigrés and immigrants but transmigrants, i.e. mobile persons going back and forth virtually and/or physically between their homelands and new homes. Travelling and communicating across long distances has never been more affordable than today. At the same time, inequalities around transnational mobility are growing and South-North movements are more exclusive and restricted than ever. These constraints not only provoke more complex and diversified trajectories, they also cause frustrations over the impossibilities of migration and mobility. Migration and mobility are, in all of their stages, experienced as a struggle. Language ideologies are entangled in this struggle in different ways, from planning to the actual travelling to settling and possibly going back and forth.

This multilingual workshop, featuring a keynote talk by Clementina Furtado (University of Cape Verde) and presentations by Noémie Marcus (ULB), Samuel Weeks (UCLA), Roberto Gomez, Bernardino Tavares and Kasper Juffermans (all UL) explores the sociolinguistic and anthropological conditions and consequences of contemporary migration and mobility with a focus on Cape Verde and the wider Lusophone world. The event is organised by the STAR project at the Institute for Research on Multilingualism and is supported by the UL’s International Relations Office in the form of visiting grant for Dr Furtado.

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