



***Natureza, Razão e Mistério*, by Afonso Rocha, wins the António Quadros Prize**

The book *Natureza, Razão e Mistério – Para uma leitura comparada de Sampaio (Bruno)* (Nature, Reason and Mystery - For a comparative reading of Sampaio (Bruno)), by the author Afonso Rocha, published by the Portuguese Mint and Official Printing Office in 2009 as part of the “Portuguese Studies and Themes” collection, is the winning work of the 1st edition of the António Quadros Prize, in the philosophy category.

In an innovative, in-depth and reflective way, this work focuses on a central set of questions in contemporary Portuguese philosophy, such as the idea of God, the conception of religion, the problem or mystery of evil, the concept of reason or the Portuguese Messianism and Sebastianism.

The António Quadros Prize was created with the aim of celebrating the life and work of António Quadros, as well as to distinguish, encourage and divulge Portuguese thinking in its multiple expressions and genres, to which task the thinker dedicated a significant part of his intellectual activity. The category selected in 2011 was Philosophy.

Instituted by the António Quadros Foundation, the Prize will be awarded by Mafalda Ferro, president of the Foundation, and by António Braz Teixeira, president of the panel; fellow panel members were Miguel Real, Manuel Ferreira Patrício, Manuel Cândido Pimentel and Paulo Borges.

The prize-giving ceremony will be held on the 14th of July at 5 p.m. in the Antão de Almada Room of the Palácio da Independência, belonging to the Society for the History of Portuguese Independence.

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