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The RENAMO women combatants: Silences and Memories

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The presentation will focus on the RENAMO women combatants involved in the 16 years’ war conflict with FRELIMO, the party in power since the independence in 1975. The general objective is to contribute to studies about memory, from the Renamo point of view, and in particular women’s memories, based on the hypothesis that there is a double subordination of women that results from the articulation of a gender dimension and political legitimacy. In this sense, I analyze the war and political experiences of Renamo women. To hear in their own voice, their stories, their participation, involvement, and roles in the process. More than a mere reference, these combatants are places/subjects of memory and represent a space for learning. Knowing their stories as Renamo women fighters is important to understand why they are marginalized or invisible and the transformation of their social roles and their contribution in negotiating the new gender dynamics in Mozambique.