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## Summary information

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**Repository:** York University Archives & Special Collections (CTASC)  
**Title:** Portuguese Canadian Democratic Association | Associacao Democratica Portuguesa (PCDA) fonds  
**ID:** F0579  
**Date:** 1959 - 2007 (date of creation)  
**Language:** English  
**Language:** Portuguese  
**Language:** Latin

**Physical description:** ca. 1.8 metres of textual and photographic material  
5 audio cassettes  
3 flags and banners  
1 VHS videocassette

**Note**  
**[sourcesDescription]:** Contents of the archival donation.  
Input from members of the Portuguese Canadian History Project, including Gilberto Fernandes.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

The PCDA (1959-2007) was a Toronto based anti-fascist organization, composed of political exiles and other oppositionists of the Salazar/Caetano dictatorial regime in Portugal. The PCDA was very active in the Toronto, especially during the years leading up to and immediately after the Carnation Revolution of 1974 in Portugal. Besides engaging in political activism, locally and abroad, the PCDA also invested a great deal in cultural development, bringing important artists and intellectuals from Portugal and organizing high-cultural activities for the members of the Portuguese community of Toronto.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of ledgers, organizational records, communiques, photographs and event-planning records for activities and events carried out by members of the PCDA. Includes correspondence of the different executives, including exchanges with high-profile figures in Canadian and Portuguese history (e.g. Humberto Delgado, Henrique Galvão, Fernando Piteira Santos) and other political and exile organizations

around the world (e.g. FPLN). Also includes a complete run of the organization's bulletin "A Verdade/The Truth" as well as newspapers from the Portuguese diaspora.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Immediate source of acquisition

Donated in 2007 by António Santos.

### Arrangement

Materials organized roughly chronologically beginning with a ledger containing meeting notes and membership lists. Original order maintained where obvious.

### Finding aids

Legacy finding aid appended as a PDF document.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Minimal
- **Status description:** Draft
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## Access points

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- Portugal -- History (subject)
- Portugal -- Colonies -- History (subject)
- Portugal -- Emigration and immigration (subject)
- Portugal -- Emigration and immigration -- History -- 20th century (subject)
- Anti-fascist movements (subject)

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## Collection holdings

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