



A serio-comic map of Europe during the First World War

SOARES, António.

Mapa Humorístico da Europa. 2.a Edicao.

Lisbon, c.1941. Chromolithograph. Sheet 360 x 535mm.

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A 'serio-comic' map of Europe, a genre made famous by Frederick W. Rose in the 1870s, here reworked for the Great War. In this Portuguese version the countries of Europe are represented by exotic animals tearing other apart. Germany is a tiger, the British Isles a leopard, France a lion, Russia a polar bear, Austria a wolf, Yugoslavia a kangaroo, Greece a tortoise, Italy a snake and Turkey a crocodile. The countries are named in a key top left. António Soares (1894-1978) is best remembered in Portugal as a Modernist painter, but he exhibited at the Lisbon 'Exposição dos Humoristas' in 1913, at the age of 19. He published a larger version dated 1939, for the Second World War.

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