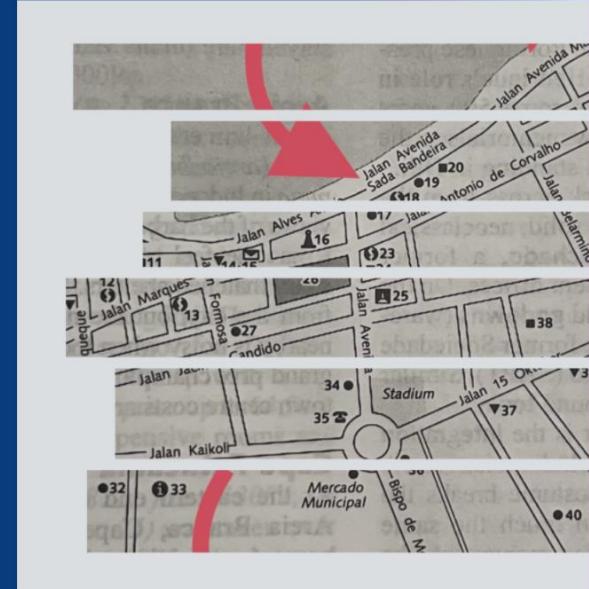


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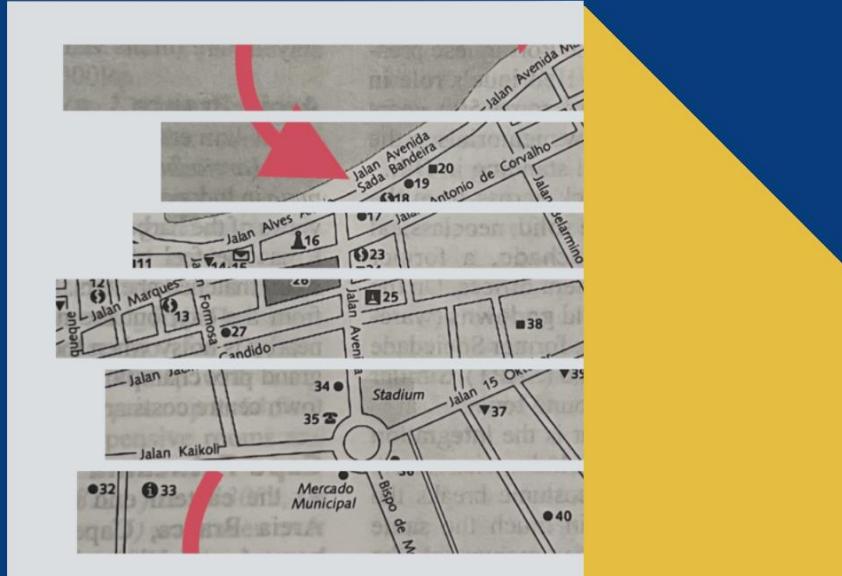
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● TOPOONYMY PROJECT IN TIMOR-LESTE

● 400 YEARS OF STREETNAME (CHANGES)

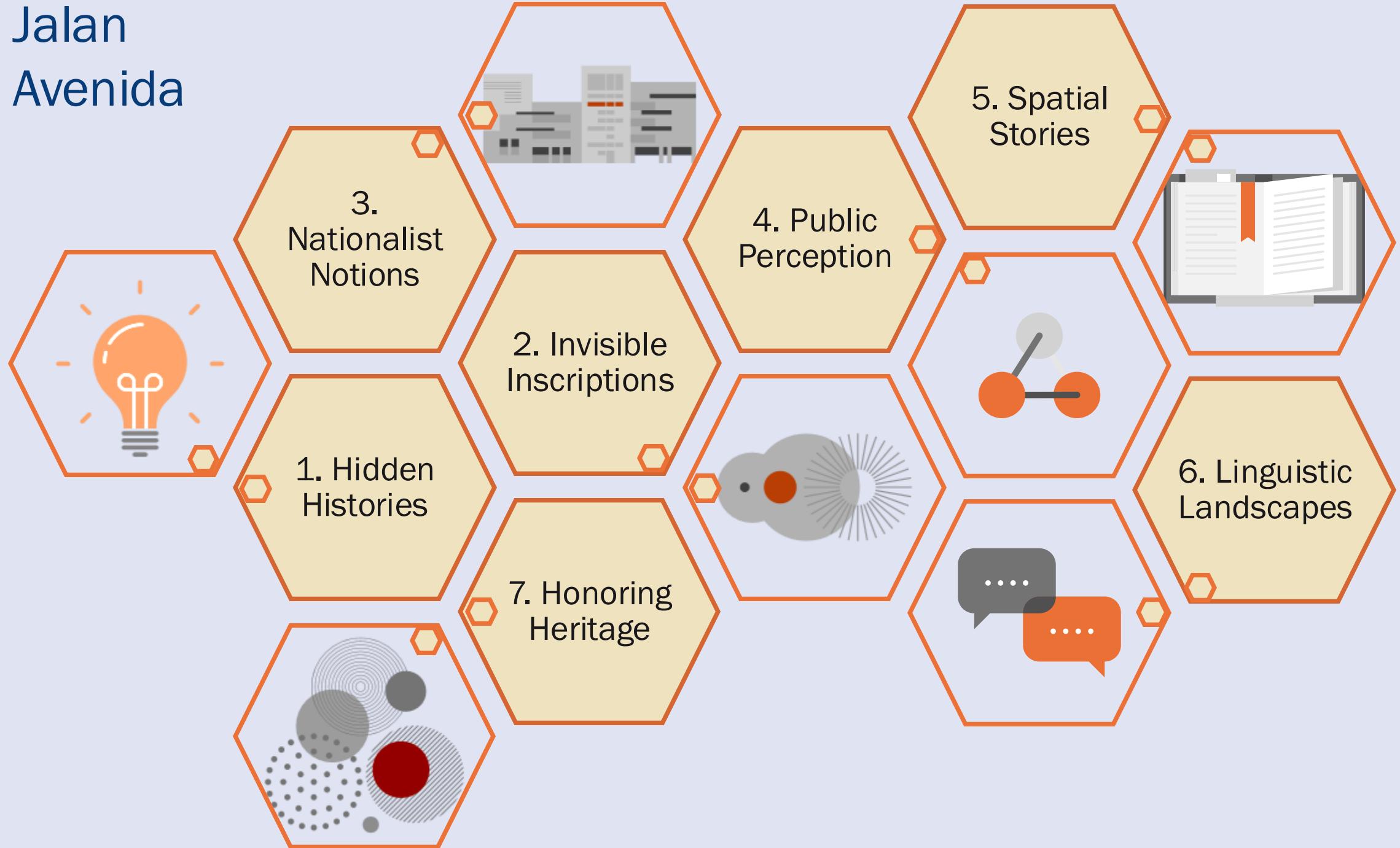
● → CRITICAL TOPOONYMY

● → LINGUISTIC LANDSCAPES

● → CRITICAL DISCOURSE STUDIES

- “Ostensibly visible, quintessentially mundane, and seemingly obvious” (Azaryahu 1996:311)
 - *True in the West and the Global North; perhaps not so everywhere*
- Naming is not a mere linguistic gesture but often evinces specific power relations (Azaryahu and Golan 2001: 181)
 - *Normalizing and supporting contemporary regimes; punishing and erasing previous regimes*
- Highlights the ways that social order and **social memory** are encoded, enforced, manipulated, and **proliferated** by the dominant language hegemony (Blackwood & Macalister 2019; emphasis added)
 - *What might non-proliferation mean?*

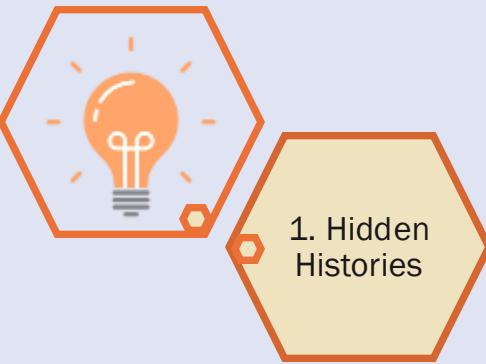
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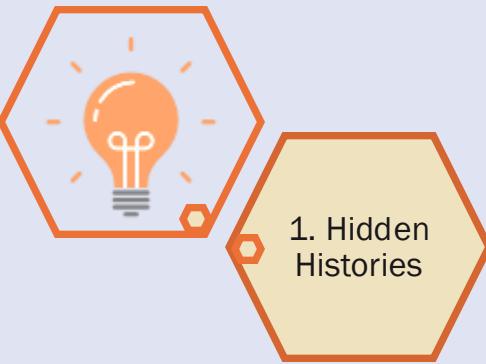


- **Where** do you start on a critical toponymy project in a place like Timor-Leste?
- **How** do you access materials for this time period and **what** do you do with them?
- **What** do these materials really tell you about relationships of power through the regimes?
- **Which** ideological orientations are identifiable in the resulting street names?



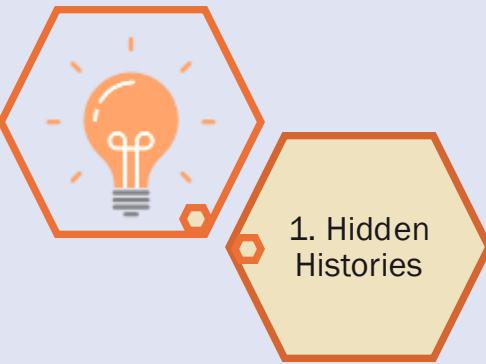
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- How do you find street-name specific maps from the Portuguese Empire (pre-1999)?
 - *Arquivo Marítimo Ultramarino (Lisbon); Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde (Leiden)*
- What kinds of names does Dili have during this time?
 - *Long, complicated names; reinforce Portuguese primacy; intellectual and spiritual dominance*



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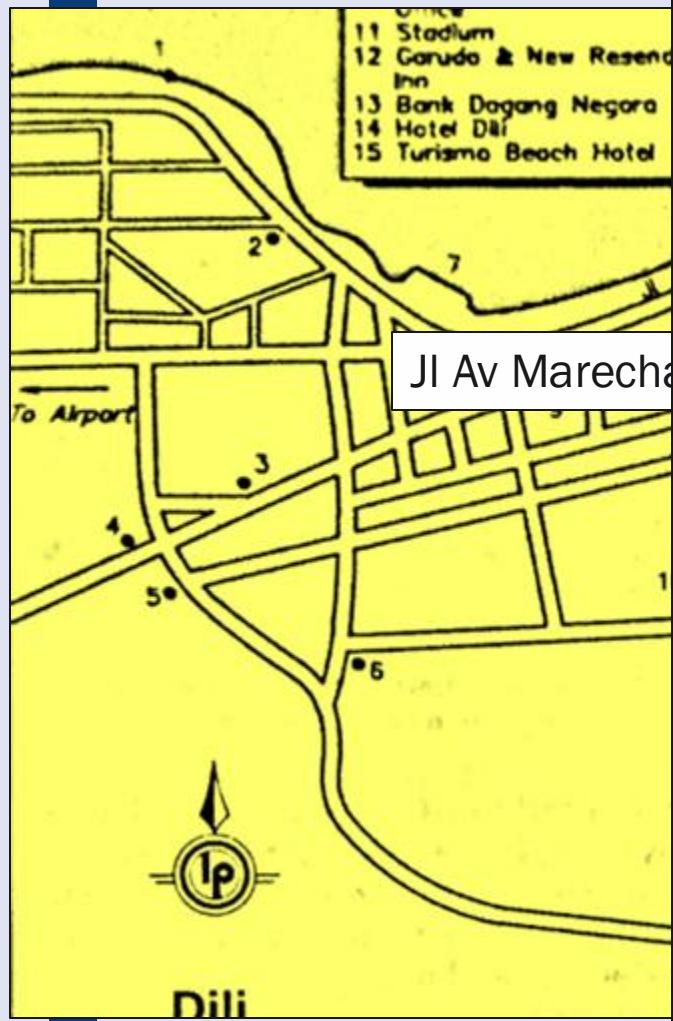
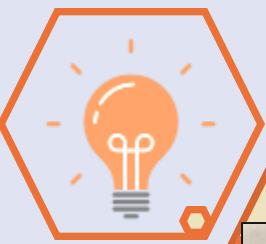
- Many Portuguese-era maps are reproductions of one another
 - *Slight changes in names following administrative or political changes in Portugal*
 - *Rarely relevant to Timor-Leste specifically; reinforce colonial values*
 - Rua de S. Domingos (religious figure)
 - Rua de d. Fernando (administrative figure)
 - Rua do Príncipe (monarchic deference)
 - Rua Formosa (other colonial holding)



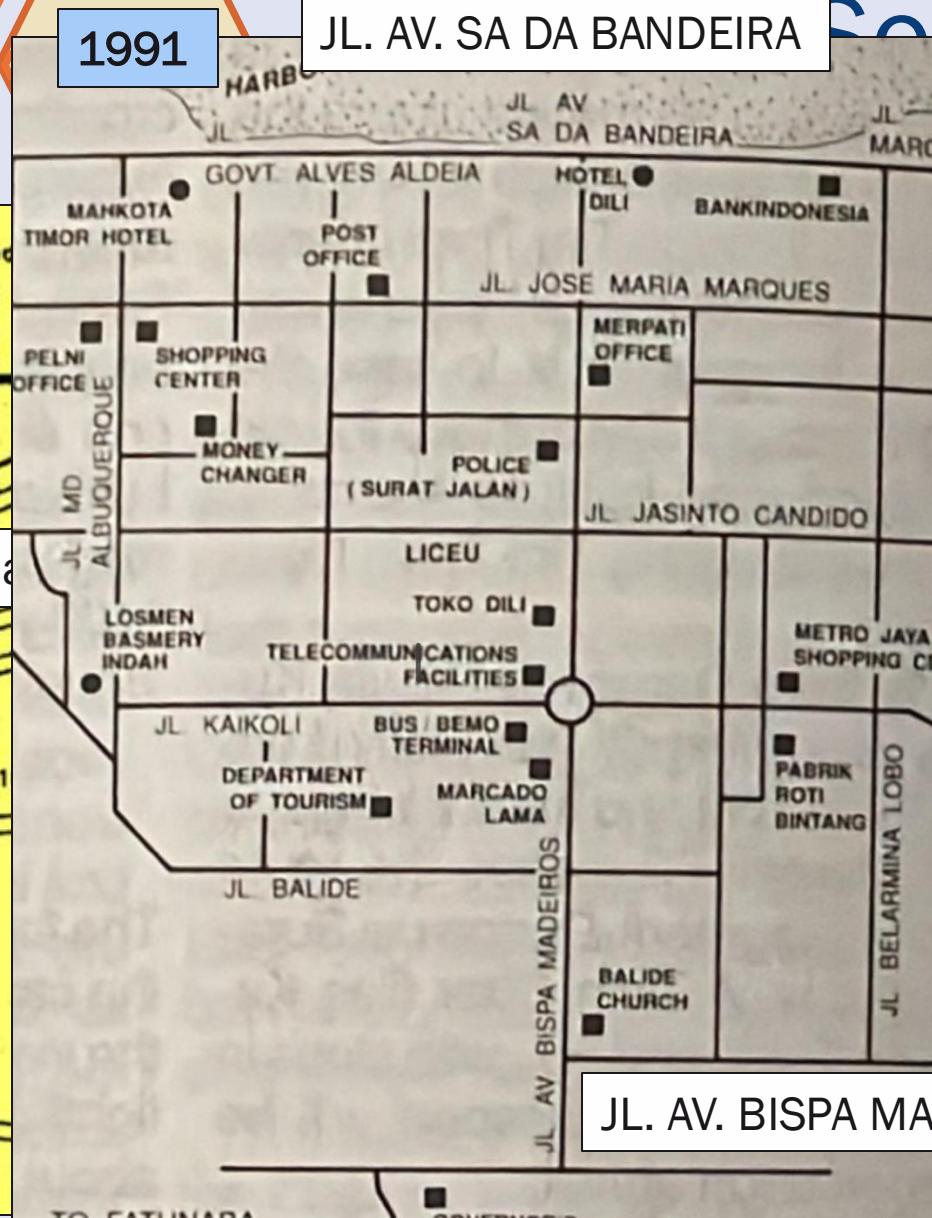
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- How do you find street-name specific maps from the Indonesian occupation (1975-1999)?
 - *Tap professionally-trained Indonesian librarian friends?* (no)
 - *Australian War Memorial Archives?* Maybe (stay tuned)
 - *Guidebooks!*
- Why is this step **so difficult?**
 - *Accurate, detailed maps of Dili were considered a security liability*
 - *The period of Jalan Avenida is not one Indonesia cares to revisit*

Jalan
Avenida



1991



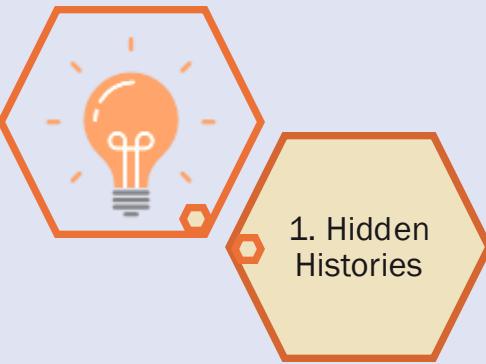
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Jalan Avenida
Marechal Carmona

1992



JL. AV. BISPA MADEIROS



Street Names, Power, and Social Engineering

- Tourist encounters mediate toponymy in very different ways than colonial organizational structures
- The *Jalan Avenida* phenomenon is presented without reflection or comment
- This is not true in other aspects of (often-criticized) travel writing on Timor-Leste
 - 1986 *Southeast Asia on a Shoestring* (pre-Lonely Planet)
 - 1991 *The Indonesian Handbook* (5th Edition)

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1992 Indonesian map
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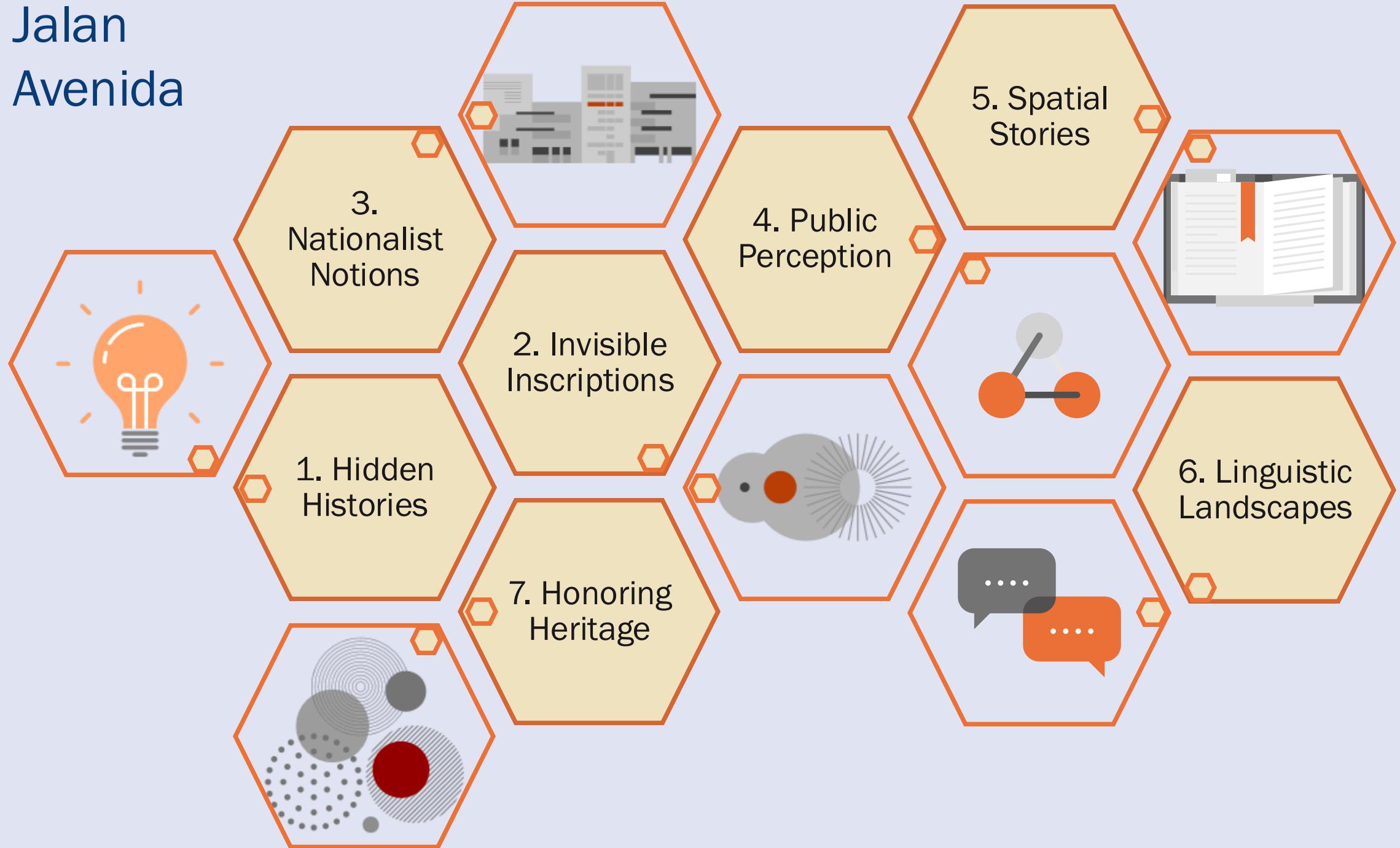


Jalan Avenida

- **Data:** Colonial maps, travel maps, tactical maps; travel narratives; UN/INTERFET narratives
- **Methods:** Categorization, chronology, 'lineages' of data provenance
- **Observations:** Orientations in street names fairly straightforward; 'errors' more indicative of context than anything else
- **Possibilities:** Starting point; transitions anonymous historical forces into contemporary individual voices; sets stage for future changes

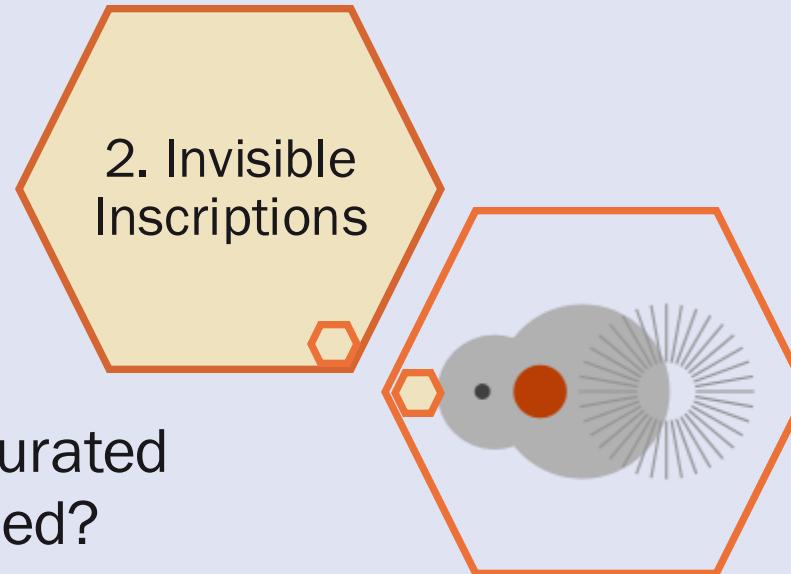


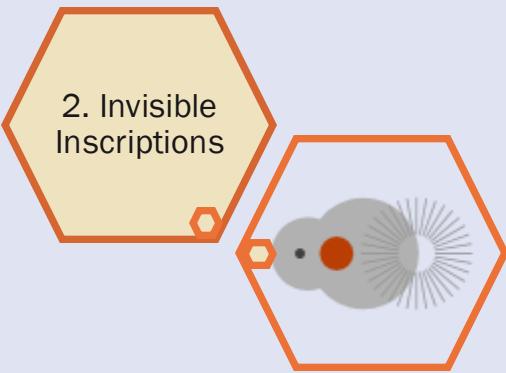
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Street Names, Advocacy, and Self-Determination

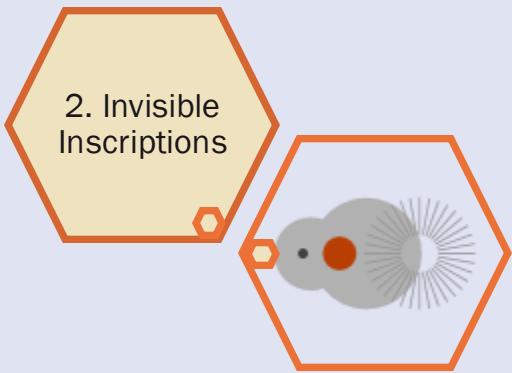
- What contextual backgrounds precipitate street name changes?
- How is ideologically-saturated street (re)naming justified?
- Which ideological orientations are identifiable in the resulting street names?
- Do observable (re)naming patterns play out in the Timor-Leste context?





Contexts and Patterns

- Street (re)namings tend to follow regime change of one kind or another
 - *Breaking with the past; delegitimize previous ideological constructs*
 - *Establishing the new; legitimize preferred ideological constructs*
- Two stages of re-namings (Fabiszak et al. 2021)
 - *The obvious: The new street names*
 - *The subtle: The structures and processes underlying the changes*

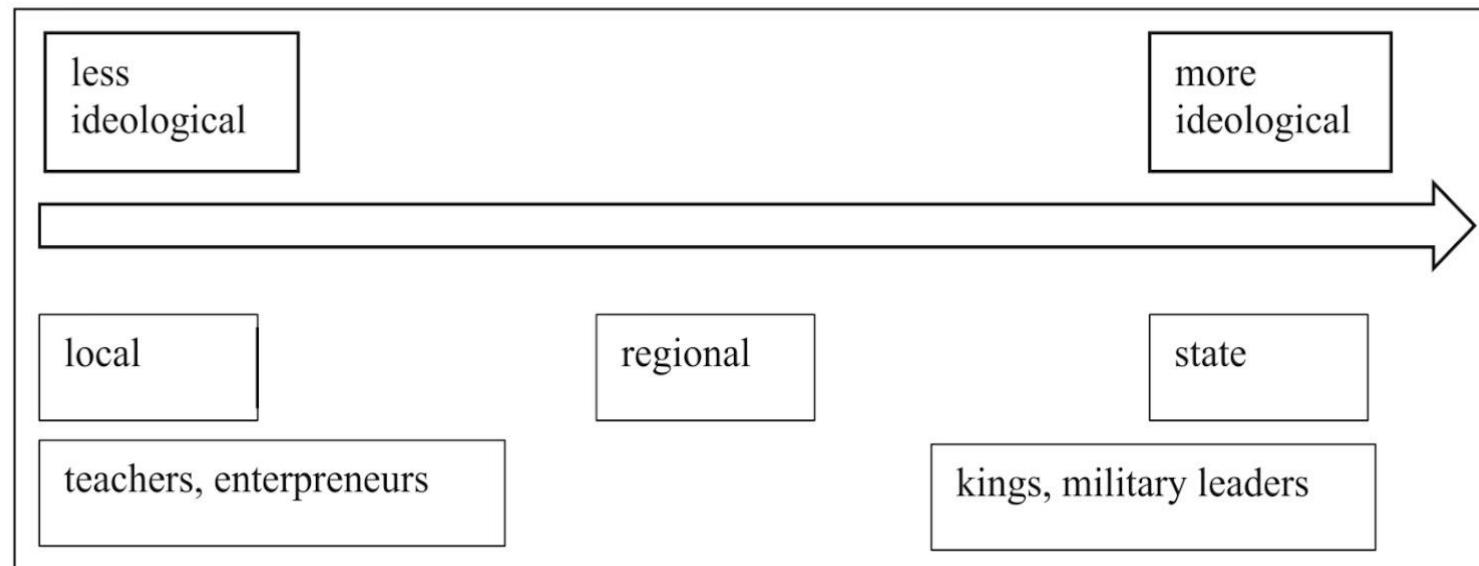


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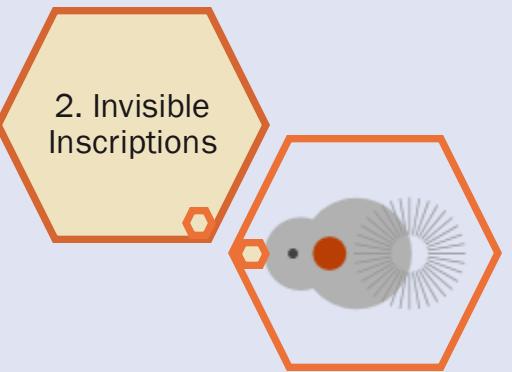
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Gradable nature of the ideological weight of the 'semantics of the street name'.

Jalan Avenida



3 Case Studies in Street Renaming

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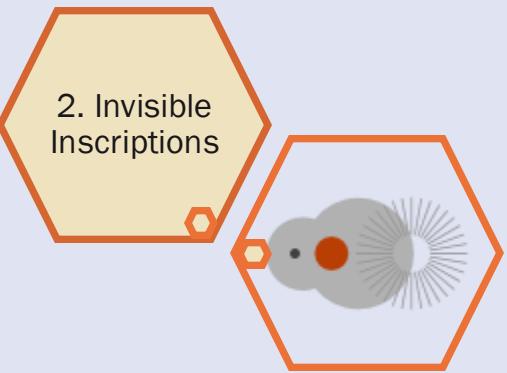


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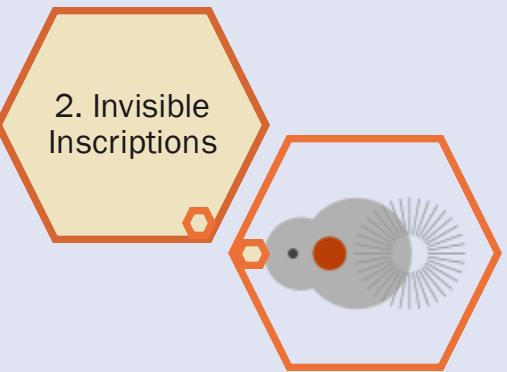




1. Erasure and Promotion

Context

- 4 months after independence referendum, 24 years after invasion, *Jalan Ibu Tien Suharto* becomes *Rua dos Martires da Patria*
- Tien remembered in Timor-Leste as major patron of orphanage program which “transferred” children from their Timorese families to strangers throughout Indonesia



1. Erasure and Promotion

Data

Associated Press December 7, 1999

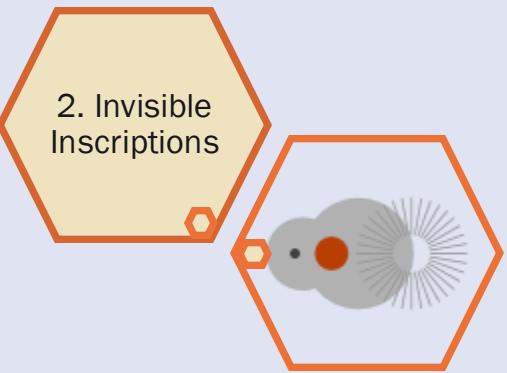
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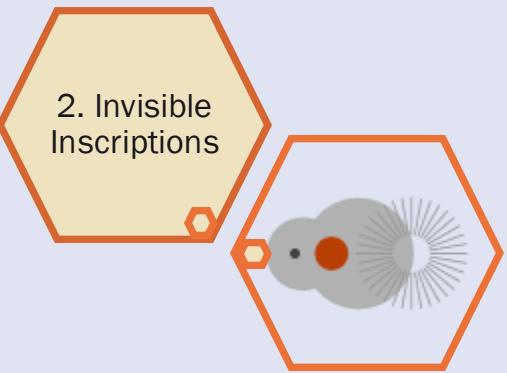
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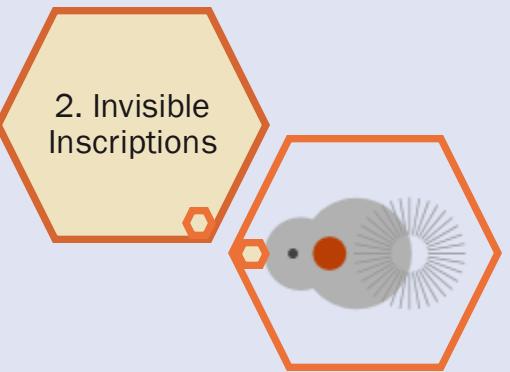
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Process?

- **Actors:** *E Timor, East Timor's leaders, Jose Ramos-Horta, officials*
- **Action:** *expunge, renamed, officiated, will be changed*
- **Structure:** *campaign, simple ribbon-cutting ceremony*

Result

- One ideological name replaced by another
- No public consultation, legal framework
- Concept of 'martyr of homeland' enters public eye

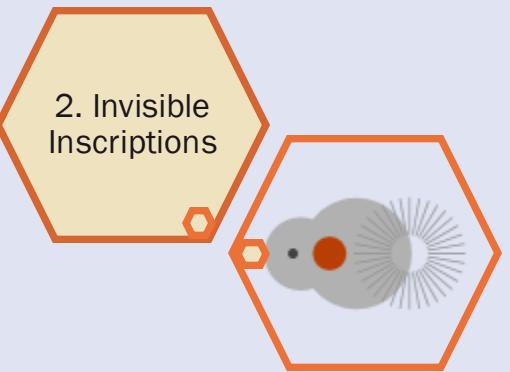


2. Representation



Context

- In 2015, *Rua 15 d'Outubro* becomes *Avenida Liberdade de Imprensa* after public demonstration
- In September 1999, Dutch journalist Sander Thoenes is murdered by pro-Indonesian militias in Dili while covering the unrest
 - *Thoenes becomes a de facto Timorese martyr*
- In 2003, popular UN administrator in Timor-Leste 1999-2002 Sérgio Vieira de Mello is murdered by al-Qaeda for his role in ‘stealing’ Timor-Leste from the Islamic caliphate
 - *de Mello becomes a de facto Timorese martyr*



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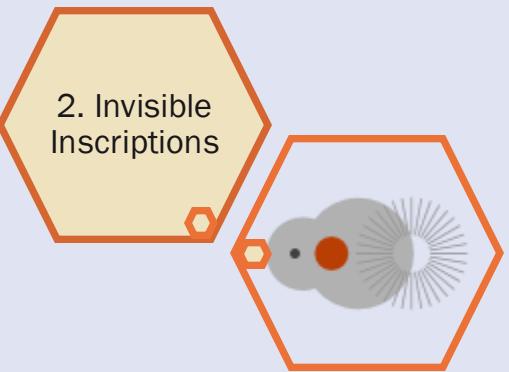
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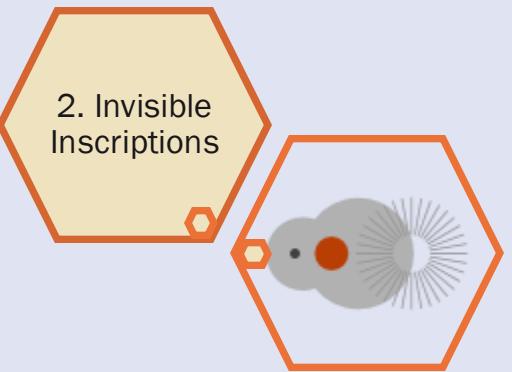
Process? 2/2

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Aprovado em Conselho de Ministros em 20 de Outubro de 2015.



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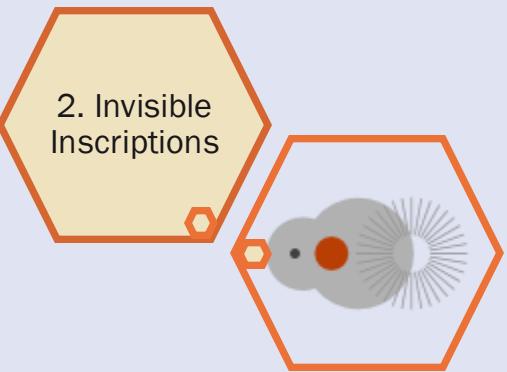
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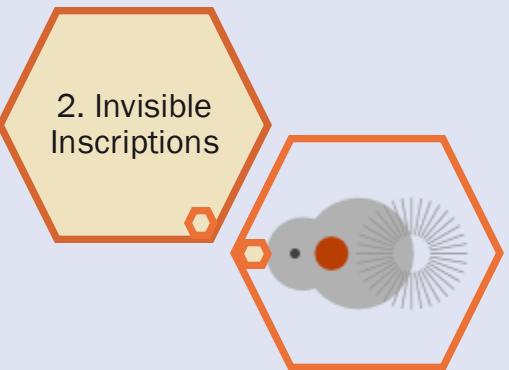
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Process?

■ Actors

2011 journalists, Journalists Association of Timor-Leste, Sérgio Vieira de Mello, Francisco da Silva

2015 the Government, the Ministry of State Admin., the Council of Ministers

■ Action

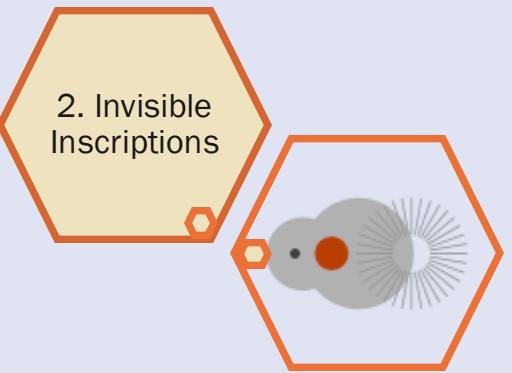
2011 promote, officially announce[d], hold a march

2015 resolve, approve, authorize

■ Structure

2011 'official announcement', demonstration

2015 Timor-Leste's Constitution, the annex to the Law

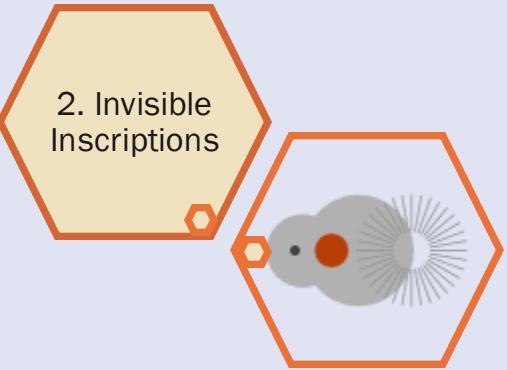


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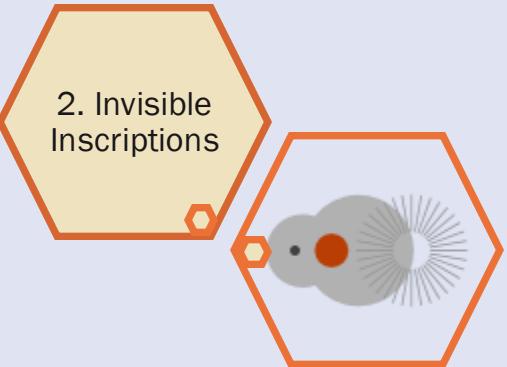
- Public action (2011) clearly connected to government action (2015)
 - *No direct evidence of consultation, but clear alignment with public perception of historical events*
- Public: Invocation of ‘martyrs’ to legitimize ideological footing; used past promises to legitimize contemporary petition
- Government: Invocation of (still obscure) structures to legitimize action



3. Administration

Context

- In 2018, *Rua do Enfermeiro Matias* becomes *Rua de Resistência* by Decree Law
 - *The street was named in the 2015 pilot project, but not located within the 6 pilot sucos*
 - *2015's Decree Law did not include avenues for alteration or redress*
 - *Enfermeiro Matias (Duarte) is the (deceased) father of a 2015 political candidate*
- 2016's permanent law on street-naming detailed alteration and redress
 - *Community groups began immediately to take legal steps for change*



3. Administration

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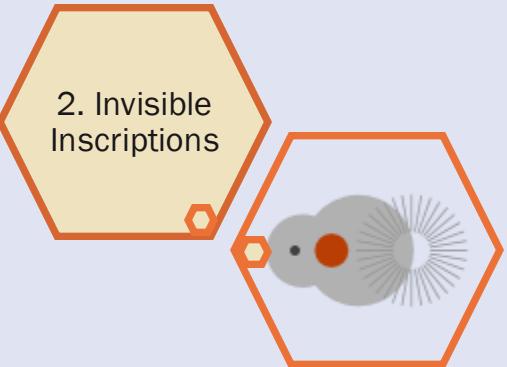
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PRIMEIRA ALTERAÇÃO À RESOLUÇÃO DO GOVERNO N.º 42/2015,
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3. Administration

Data 2/2

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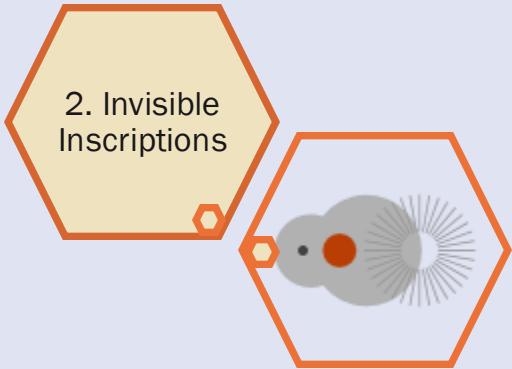
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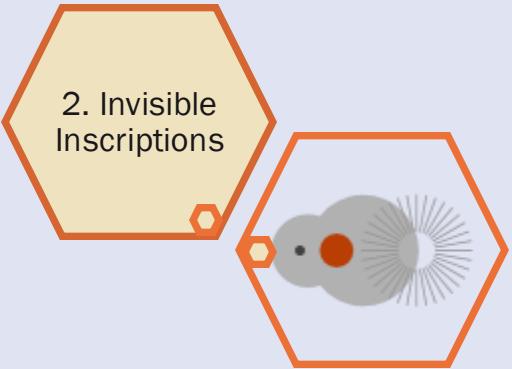
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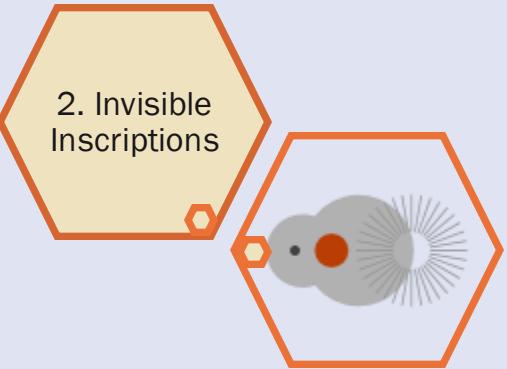
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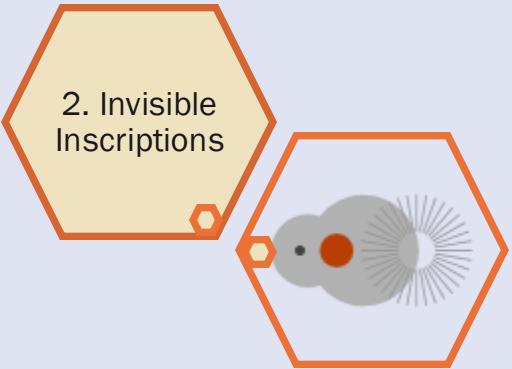
Process?

■ Actors

- communities, populations, stores, homes, businesses, NGOs, 'a majority'
- Dili Mun. Authority, Ministry of State Admin., Natl Dir. of Toponymy, Mun. Cons. Council, the Government*

■ Action

- destroy, submit proposal, send letter of protest, repudiate, request, submit protest, do not go by the name, present request
- did not properly discuss, establish scenarios [for] alteration, resolves, it will be altered

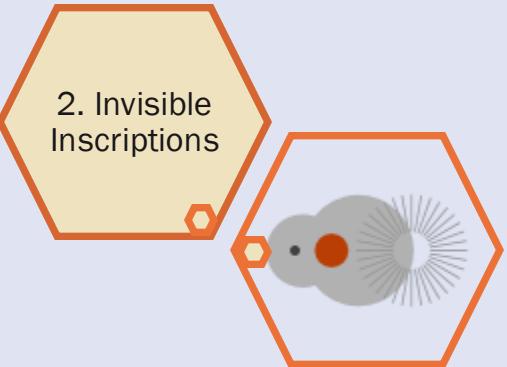


3. Administration

Process?

■ Structure

- *conflict, destruction, proposals, letters, protests, meetings*
- *proposals, meetings, (prior) discussion, Decree Law 42/2015, Decree Law 29/2016, Timor-Leste's Constitution*



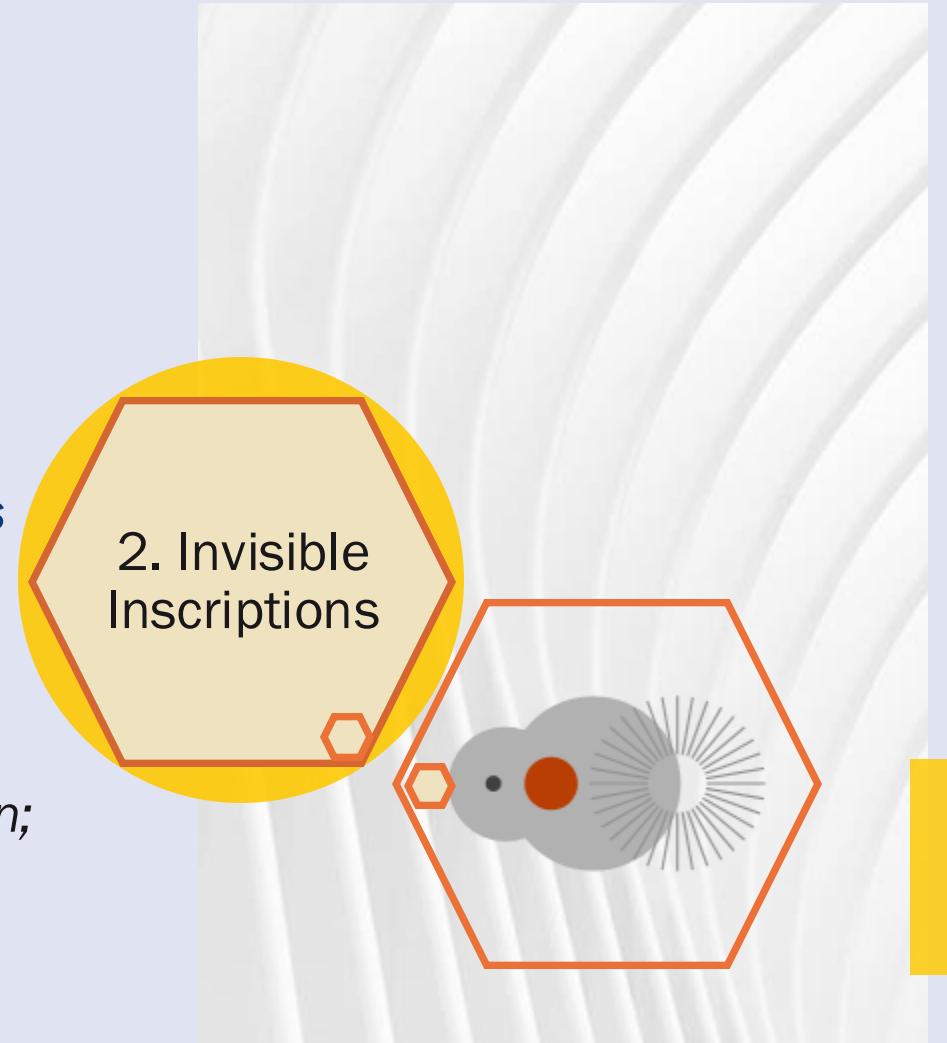
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Result

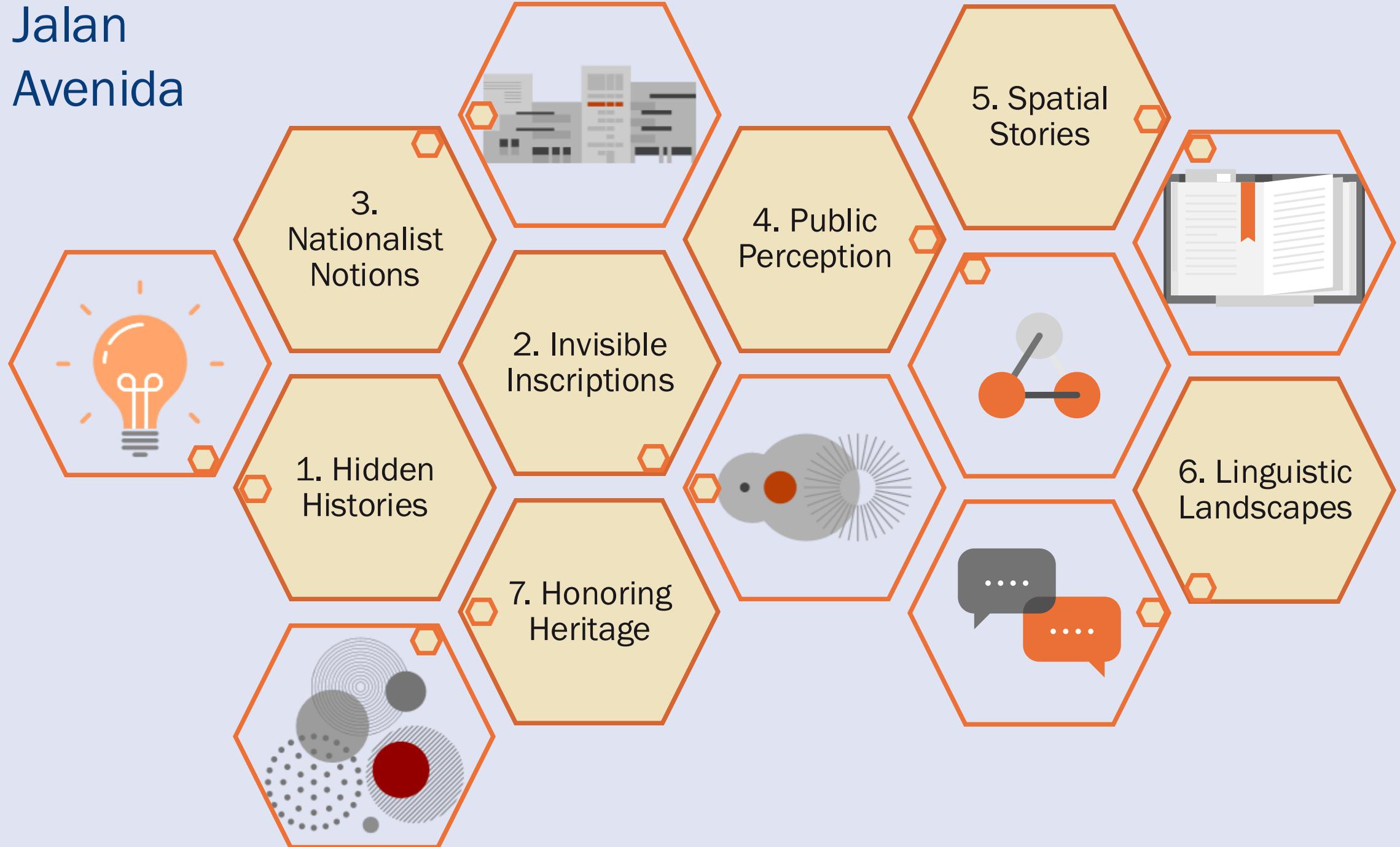
- Structures employed by public and legislation begin to align
 - 1. *Consultation clear in the course of this alteration (2018)*
 - 2. *Consultation legally supported in invoked structure (2016)*
 - 3. *Lack of consultation in pilot project (2015) lightly censured text of 2018*
- Concept of ‘martyr’ makes up majority of arguments against *Matias* name, as well as for *Resistência* name

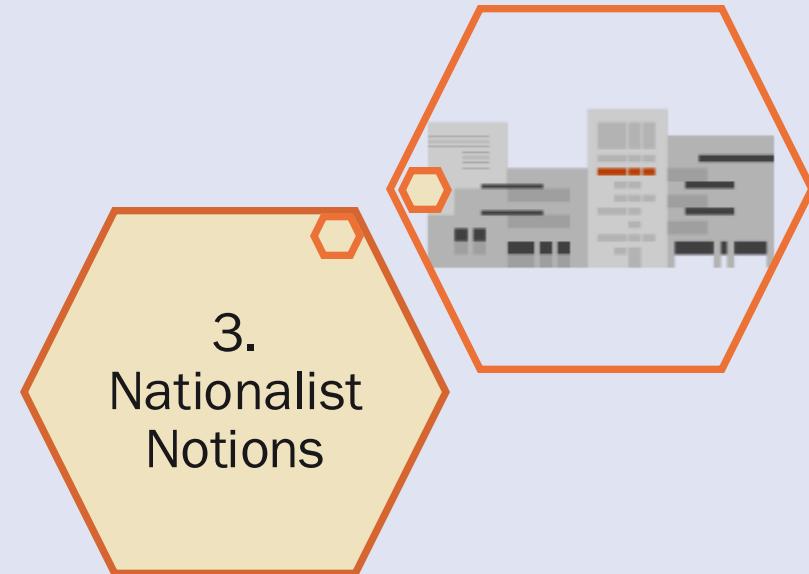
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- **Data:** Media, legislation
- **Methods:** Grable nature of ideological change
- **Observations:** Changes in processes over time more closely reflect Timorese values
 - 1999's change used similar processes to previous regime; *Change for change's sake*; no consultation; ceremony without legislation
 - 2011/2015's change shows transition to consultative values; *Change for administration's sake*; presumed consultation; small ceremony accompanied legislation
 - 2018's change indicates confidence in both Timorese culture and the State; *Change for people's sake*; documented consultative processes; consultation legitimated in legislation; no ceremony, only legislation
- **Possibilities:** Expansion of Fabiszak et al.'s existing model (tracking changes over time)



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Street Names, Public Policy, and Nationalism

- **How** does ideological ‘saturation’ pattern in the streetscape?
- **Whose** histories and memories are being prioritized?
- **How** are connections made between Timor-Leste and the wider world?
- **What** global connections are (de)legitimized in the streetscape?
- **Who** is preferred in the inscription of social memory?

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Public Policy, Street Names, and Nationalism

- Street names are a part of nation-building; sites of memory, ideology, historicity
- Colonial-era naming
 - *Avenida do Bispo Medeiros*
 - *Rua 15 d'Outubro de 1896*
- Indonesian-era naming
 - *Jalan Avenida Bispa Madeiros*
 - *Jalan 15 Oktober*
- Independence-era naming
 - *Avenida Bispo **de** Medeiros*
 - *Rua Quinze **de** Outubro*
- Street naming reform 2015-2021
 - *Avenida Xavier do Amaral*
 - *Avenida Liberdade de Imprensa (Freedom of the Press)*



Some Brief Results

- About 500 of the 2000 named streets (2015-2021) definitely ideological
 - *Names, dates, places, religion, values, culture, ‘other’*
- **Names:** 70 individual people commemorated; only 5 women
- **Dates:** 45 total (22 pre-1999, 17 in 1999 alone, 6 post-1999)
 - *Very non-Anglophone phenomenon*
- **Places:** tend to be local or other Lusophone nations (never Aus)
- **Religion:** Saints and buildings (more female saints than Timorese women)
- **Values:** Legal void, technically no longer allowed (and previously only for larger streets)

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Some Brief Results

- **Culture:** Specific to regions, not usually general Timorese
 - Only three language-specific street names; from Viqueque and Oe-Cussi, furthest municipalities from Dili
- **Rua Wekeke** (O nome original de Município de Viqueque)
 - *From which language? When?*
- **Avenida de Oé-Cusse** (Associado ao local onde se encontra. E Oé-Cusse vem de OE e Kusi (Áqua e Jarra))
 - *From which language?*
- **Rotunda de Tkoenok Tem** (Associado ao Bem-Vindo em Lingua Baiqueno)
 - *Named language! But it's a Rotunda... signage?*



Other Possibilities: Combining Theoretical Frameworks

- Public Policy Cycle (Jann and Wegrich 2007)
 - *The 5-step version, although there are others*
- Stance Analysis (Jaffe 2009)
 - *The discursive adjustments orienting discourse participants within their discourses*
 - *The Stance 'Follow'*
- Appraisal Analysis (Martin and White 2005)
 - *The analytic elements within stance acts*
 - *Judgement (especially Esteem and Sanction), Appreciation, Graduation*

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The “Discourse” Data

1 Agenda Setting

*Decree Law 42/2015 (Pilot Project)
on the List of Toponyms for the City of Dili*

2 Formulation

*Decree Law 29/2016 (Permanent Law)
on Legal Regime of Toponymy and Police Numbering*

3 Socialization

*Ministerial Diploma 47 / 2016 (Completing the Pilot)
Approving the Add'l List of Toponyms for the 6 Pilot Sucos [...]*

4 Implementation

*Ministerial Diploma (12/13 Other Districts)
2017 (x2), 2018 (x3) Approving a List of Toponyms for [...]*

5 Evaluation

*Government Resolution 9/2018 (Fixing an Unpopular Name)
[...] First alteration to Decree Law 42/2015 on the list of [...]*

The Variable(s)

WHEREAS | CONSIDERANDO

- Judgement/Affect/Appreciation
- Two primary functions:
 - *Signalling (ideological) pre-supposition*
 - *Legitimizing via case precedent*

GRADED MODALITY | MAY → SHOULD → MUST

- Judgement/Affect/Appreciation
 - *Modulate obligation to appraised action/issue*

ADVERBS

- Judgement/Affect/Appreciation
 - *Modulate emotional investment*



Example 1: Ideological/Esteem

WHEREAS | CONSIDERANDO

Signalling (ideological) pre-supposition

- *Considerando que para além de uma função eminentemente cultural, a toponímia constitui um importante elemento de identificação, orientação, comunicação e localização de todas as edificações no território,*
- **Whereas, in addition to an eminently cultural function, toponymy constitutes an important element of identification, orientation, communication and location of all the buildings in the territory,**

First sentence in preamble of Decree Law 42/2015



Example 2: Precedential/Sanction

WHEREAS | CONSIDERANDO

Legitimizing via case precedent

- *Considerando as alíneas a) e f) do n.º2 do artigo 10º do Decreto-lei no 29/2016, de 13 de julho, onde se estabelece a situação em que os topónimos podem ser alterados*
- *Whereas sub-paragraphs a) and f) of Article 10(2) of Decree Law no. 29/2016, of July 13, which establishes the situation in which toponyms may be changed,*

Paragraph 8 of Gov. Resolution 9/2018



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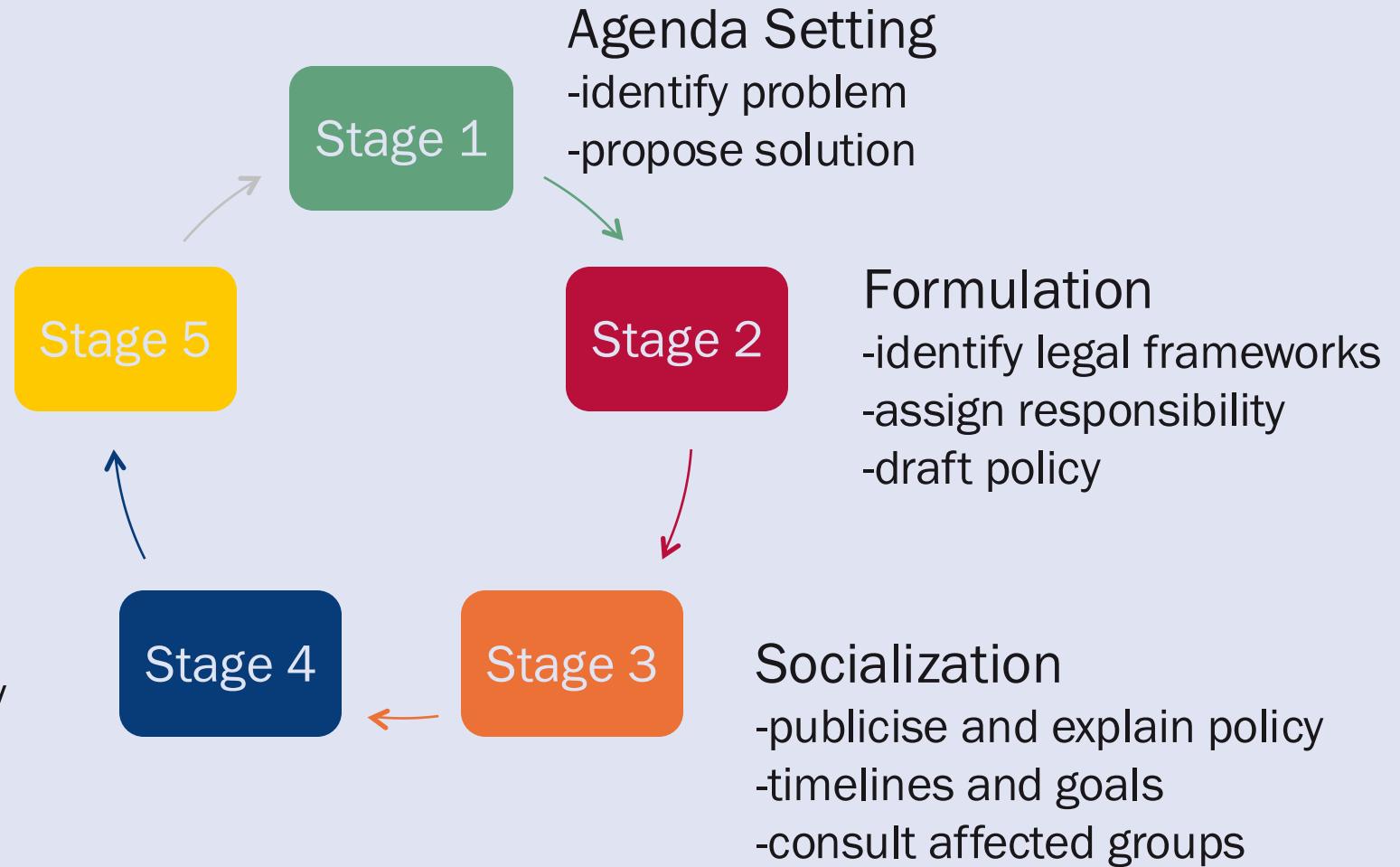
Evaluation

- identify friction points
- evaluate continuing need
- review efficiency/budget

Implementation

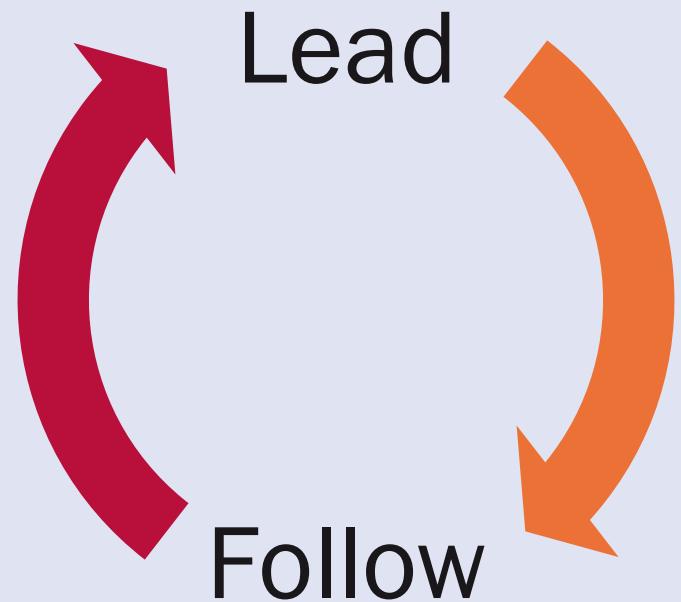
- implement the policy

Public Policy Cycle(s)



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ad infinitum... or not?

The Stance Cycle

The Stance “Lead”

I think it might rain today.
It will rain today.

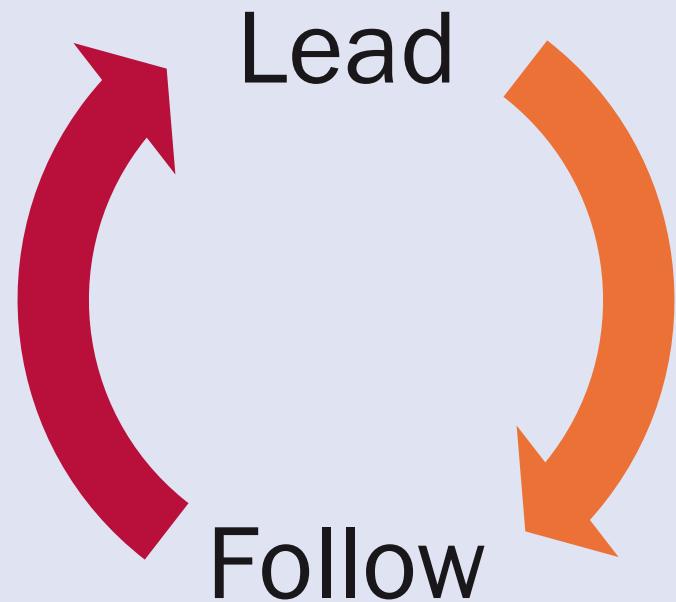
The Stance “Follow”

I'm not so sure.
You would say that.
Looks that way.

And all the micro-adjustments that happen inbetween are the typical purview of stance studies

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The Stance Cycle

The Stance “Lead”

I think it might rain today.

The Stance “Follow”

You would say that.

What is the next act?

Lead? Follow?

I read it on the news.

As if you were going to run anyway.

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3.
Nationalist
Notions

Connecting the Cycles

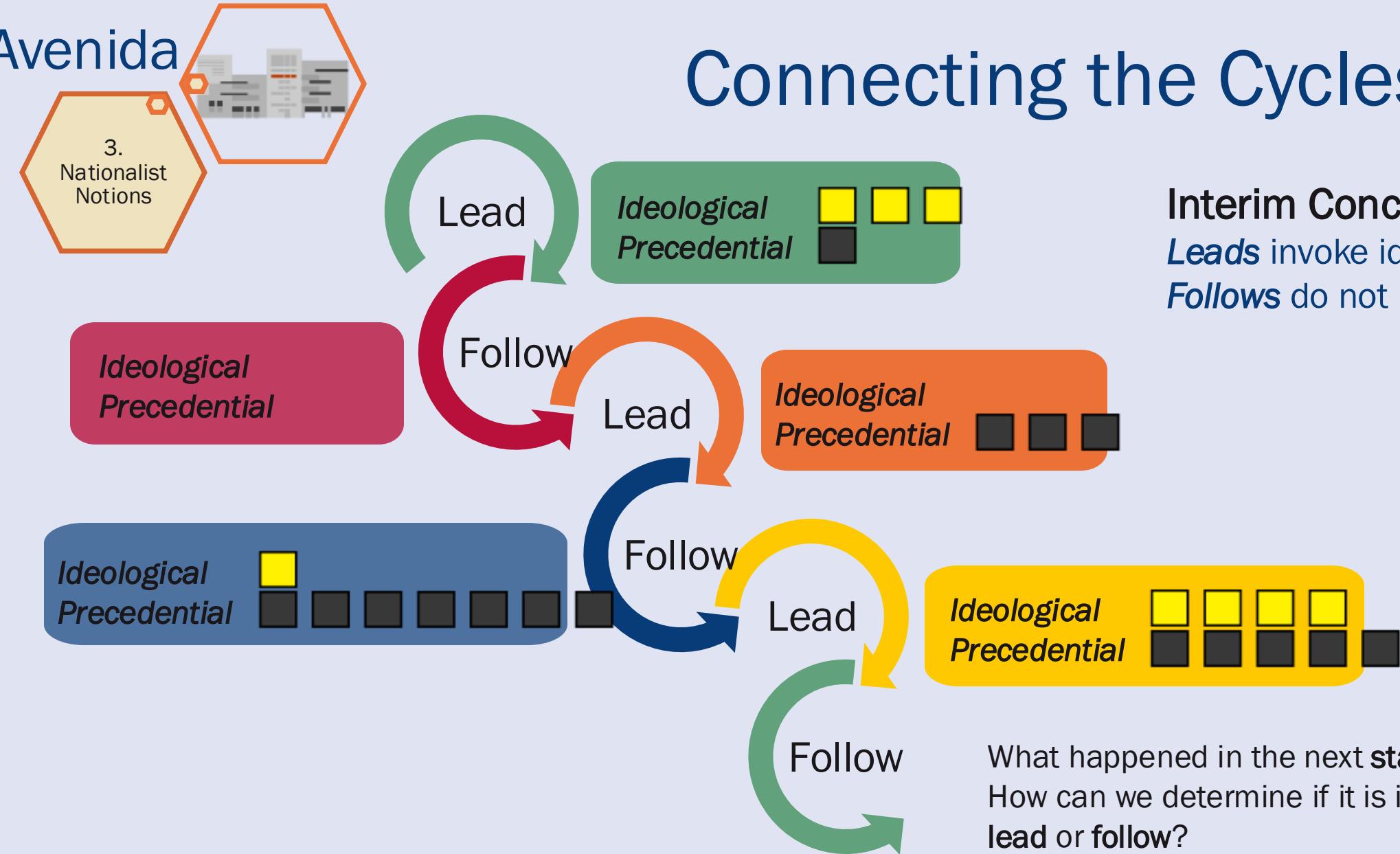


The Task

Track stance variable(s) through these stages to determine lead/follow characteristics

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Connecting the Cycles

Interim Conclusion
Leads invoke ideology
Follows do not

What happened in the next **stance act**?
How can we determine if it is indeed a
lead or follow?

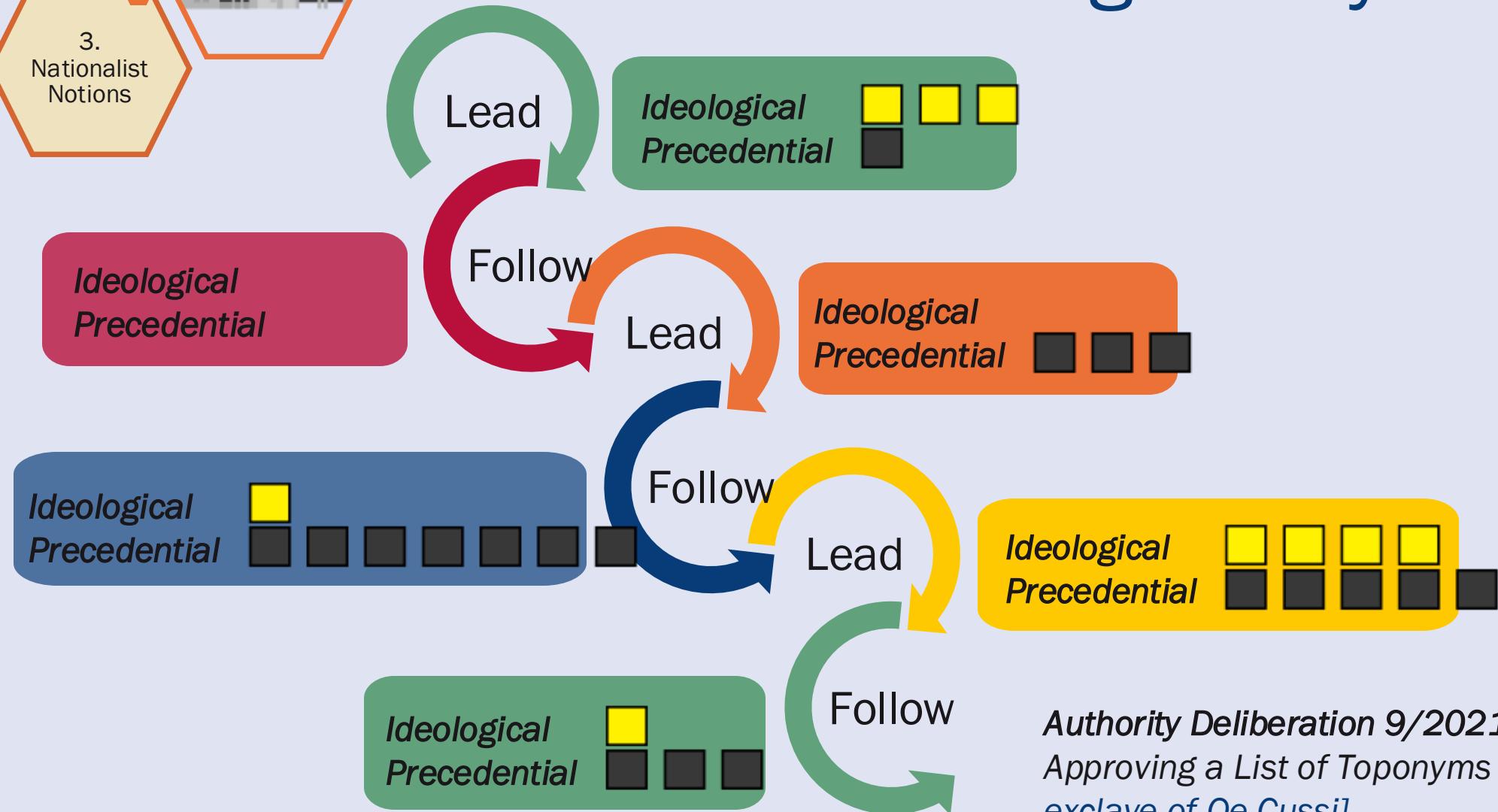
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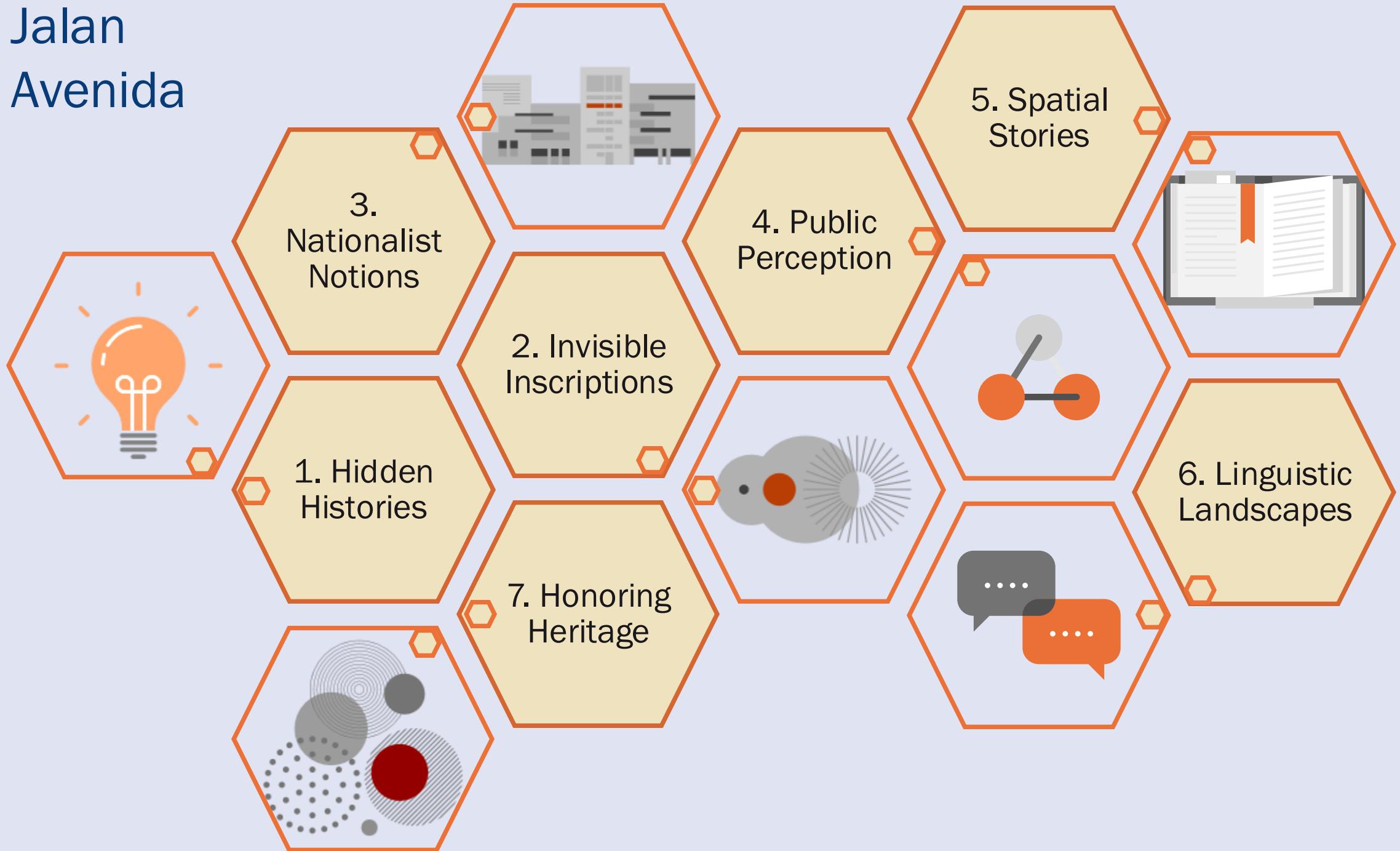
Authority Deliberation 9/2021
Approving a List of Toponyms [for the
exclave of Oe-Cussi]

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- **Data:** Legal documents
- **Methods:** Stance analysis; appraisal analysis; ideological orientational categorization
- **Observations:** Changes over time, especially in ‘maturity’ of legal language; move toward more locally-focused naming practices
- **Possibilities:** Just, so many; integration with other models (for example, public policy cycle); potential to interpret legal documents as ‘discourse’ acts; changes in notions of nation-building over time, etc.

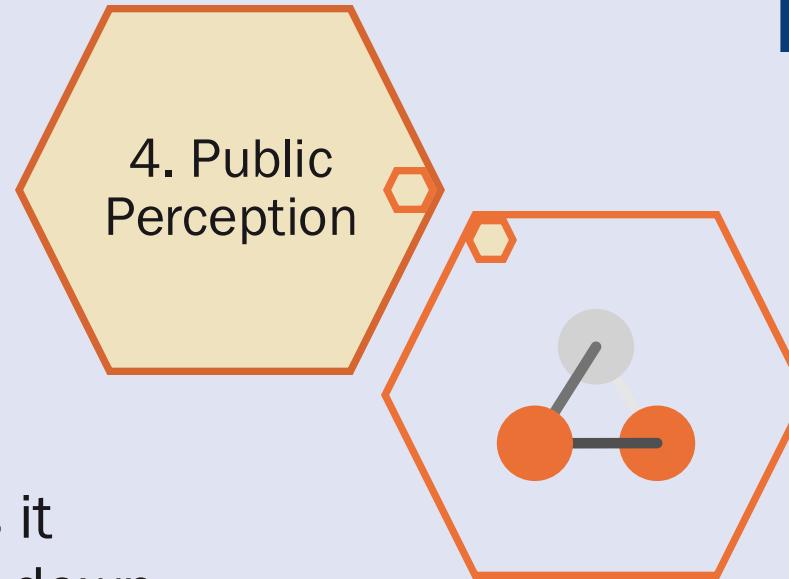


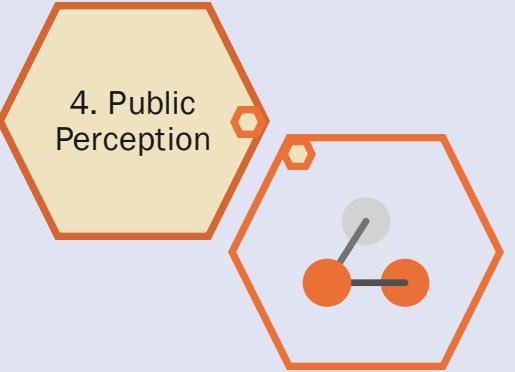
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Self-Reference: A Uniquely Timorese Practice

- How can the public's reaction to changes in street names be observed?
- What is self-reference, and how does it reveal Timorese attitudes toward top-down ideological changes?
- What does this (variation within) this practice reveal about Timorese attitudes toward specific street names?
- To what degree are everyday actors engaging in street-scape inscriptions?

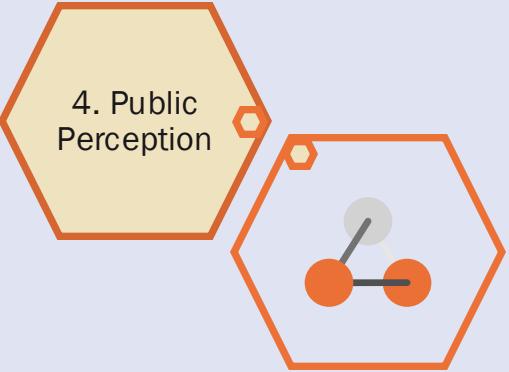




Complexity Framework

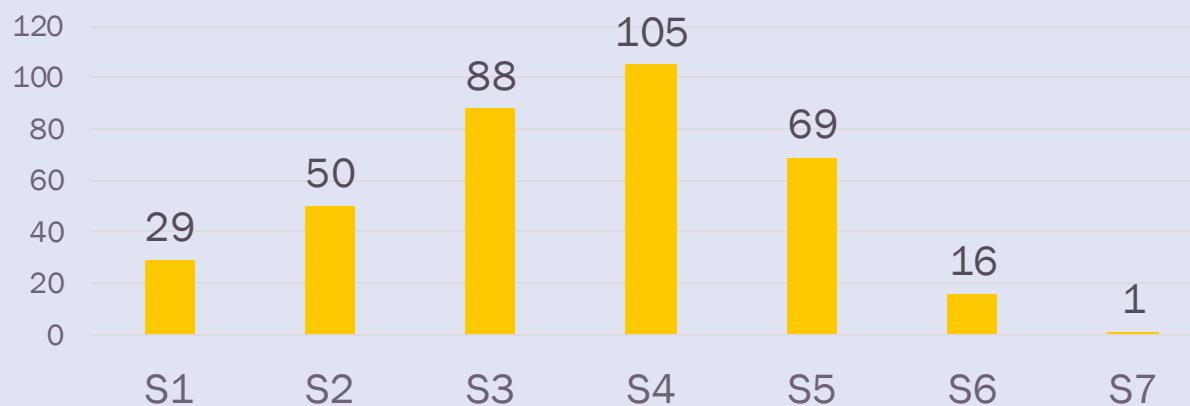
- An analytical tool to help sort out the variation seen in the signage
- Most common elements: Phone, Street name, City, Country
 - **Least Variation:** City name (3 variations)
 - *Dili* (266); *Díli* (2); *DLL* (1)
 - **Medium Variation:** Country name (6 variations)
 - *Timor-Leste* (100); *Timor Leste* (95); *East Timor* (9); *Timor* (5); *TLS* (4); *TL* (1)
 - **Most Variation:** Contact phone (291 variations)
 - *Tel(f/p/ph)* (111); *[Bare Number]* (39); *HP* (33); *Phone* (32); *[phone symbol]* (24); etc.

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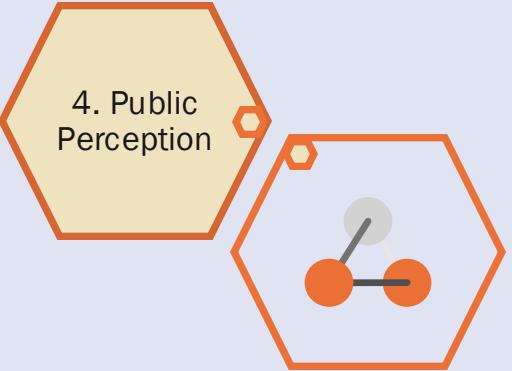


Complexity Framework

- An analytical tool to help sort out the variation seen in the signage
- Enabled us to give rough complexity scores to signs (1 for each available box filled)
 - *Regular distribution, but not predictive on its own*



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Rua 15 de Outubro



- Commemorates date in 1896 when Portuguese Timor becomes an autonomous colony
- 1.3 km
 - *17 tokens overall*
 - *14 variations in realization*

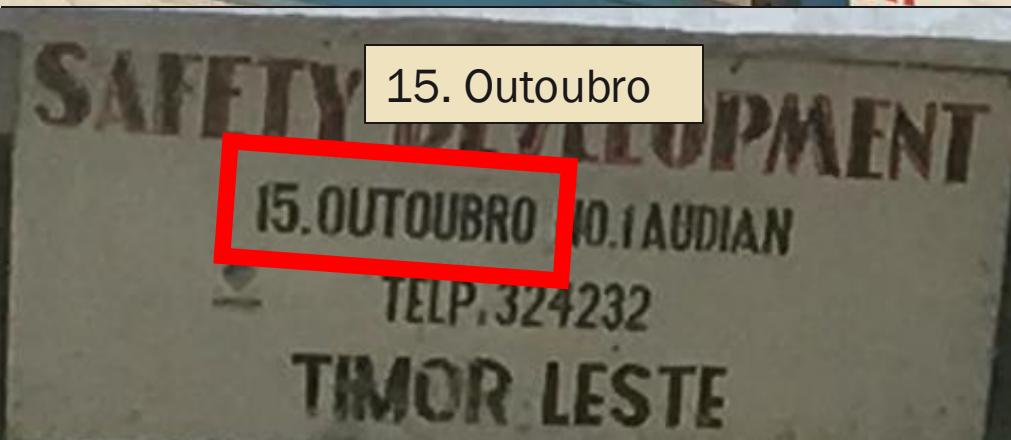
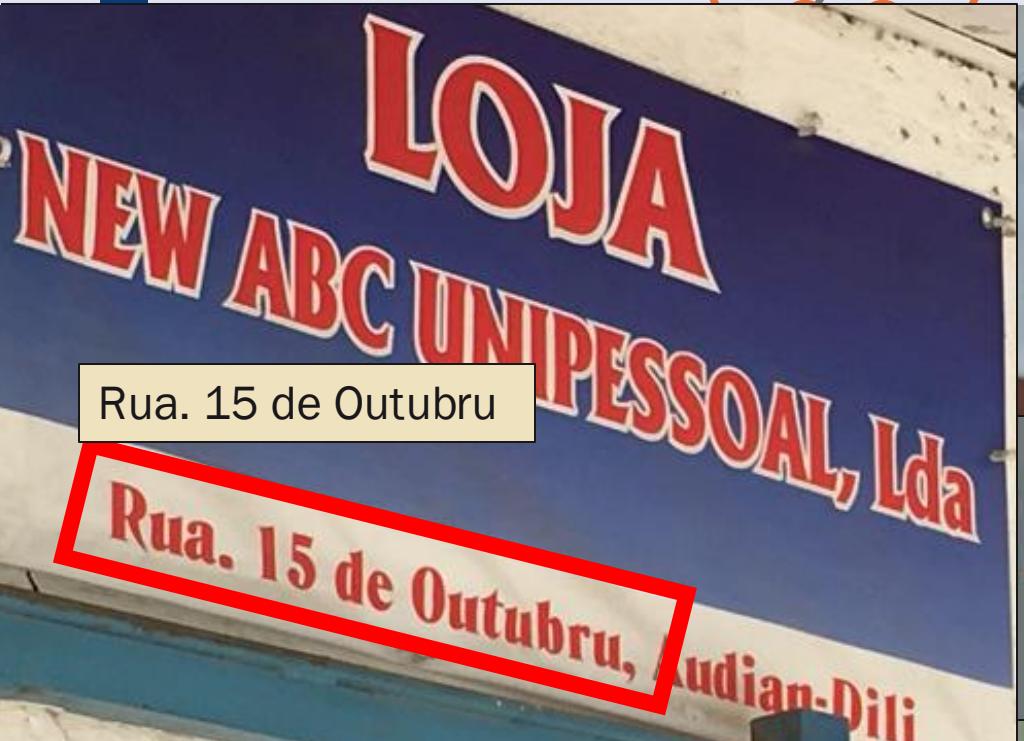
Self-Reference

Avenida da Liberdade de Imprensa

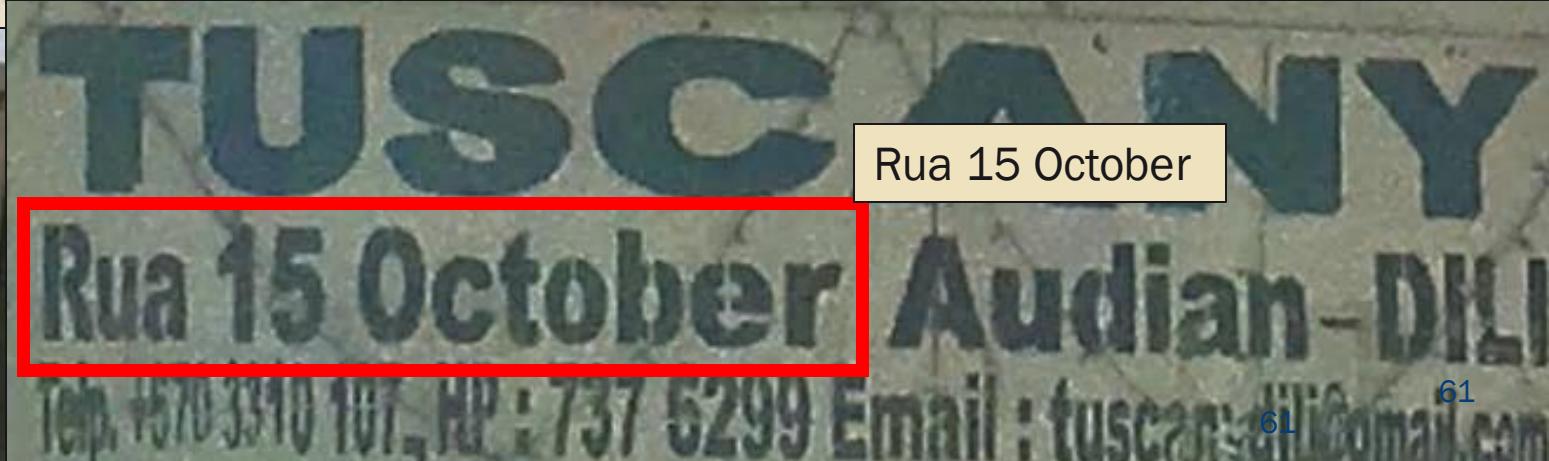
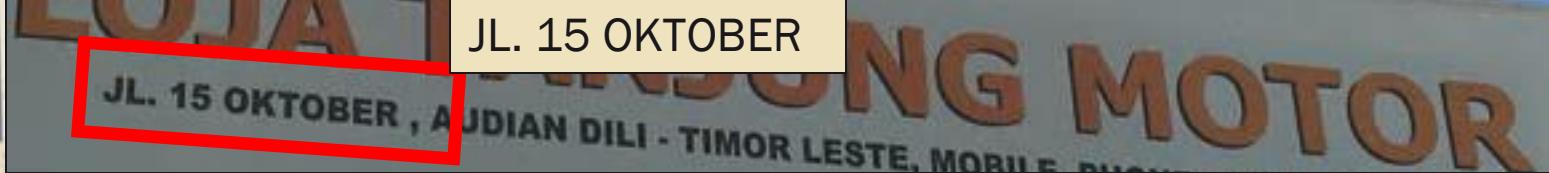
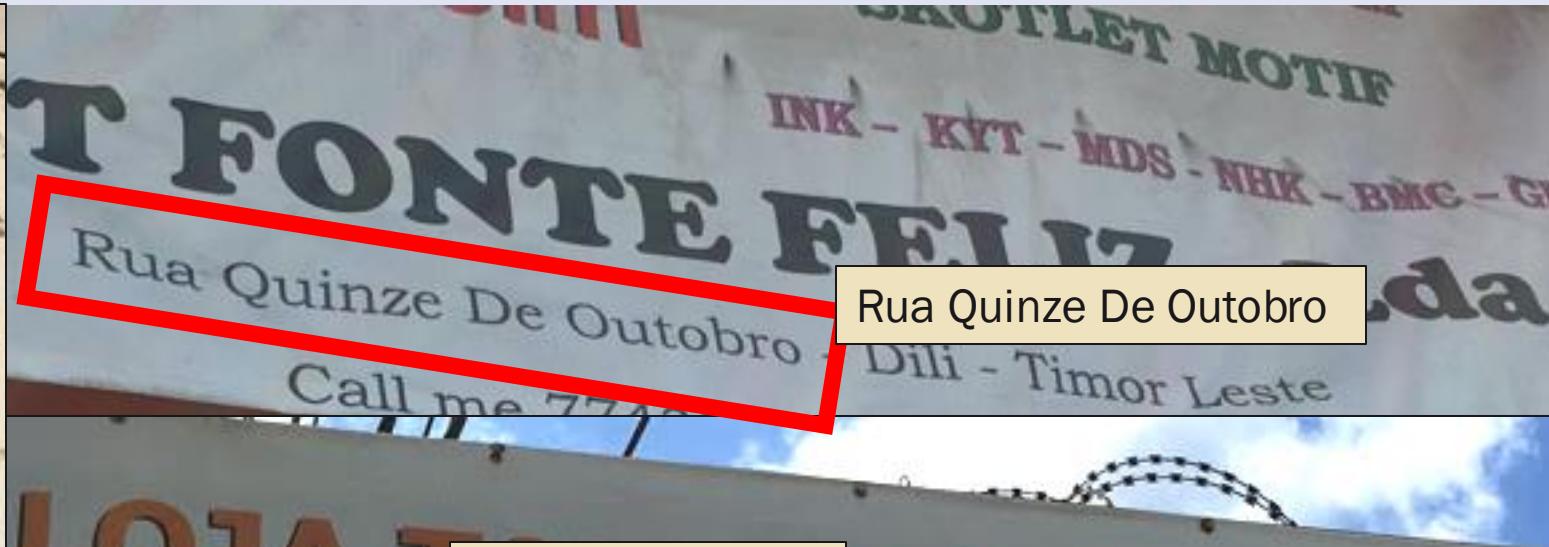
- Officially changed in 2015 (but announced as early as 2002)
- Sérgio Vieira de Mello connection
- 2015 street name change
 - *6 tokens overall*
 - *4 variations in spelling*

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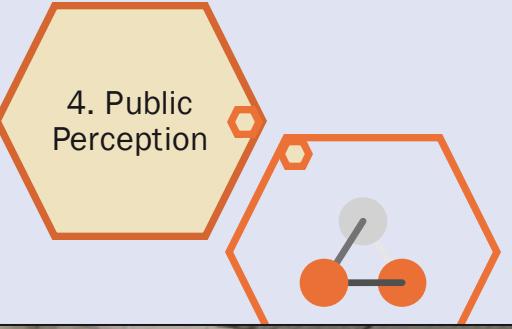
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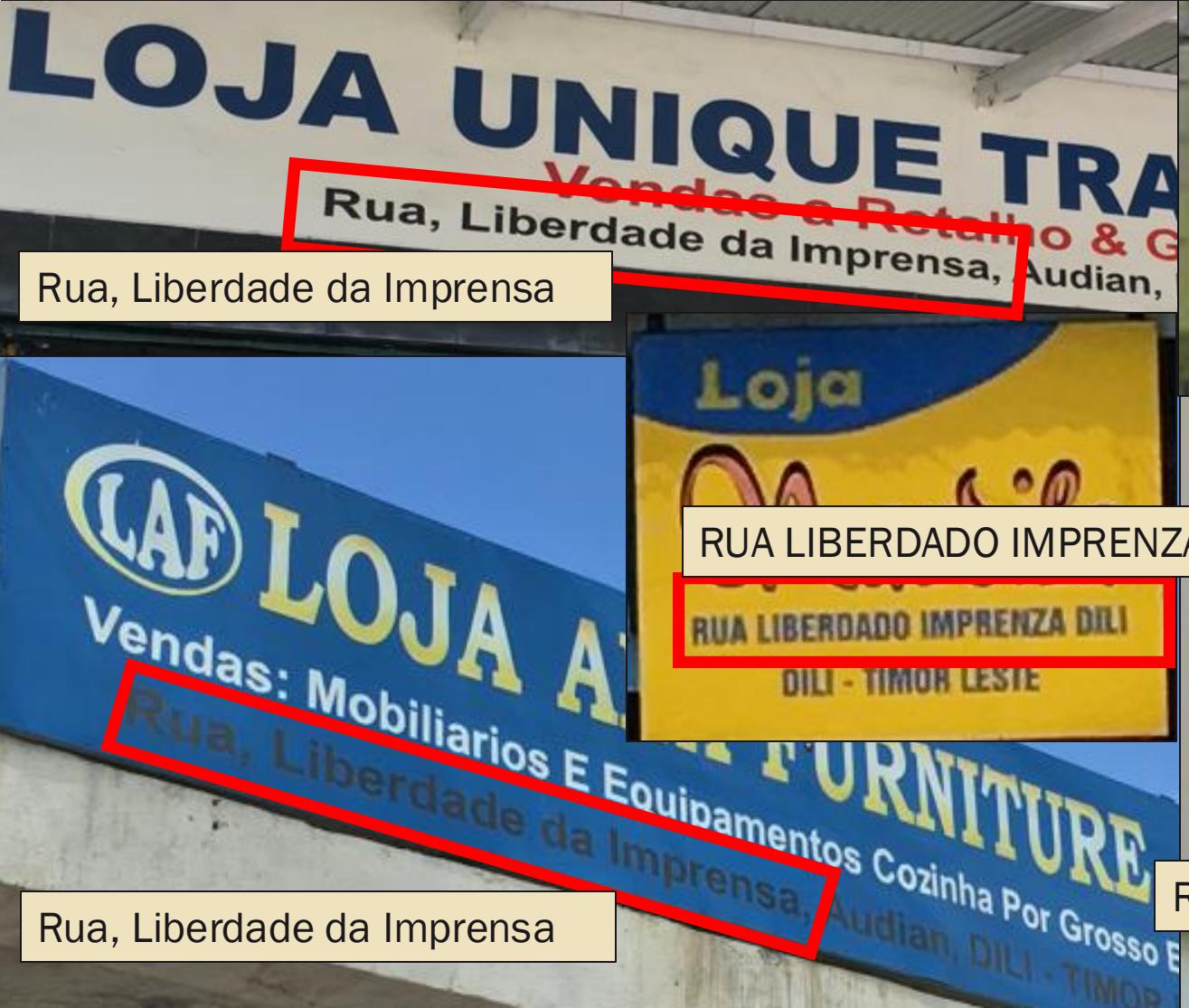
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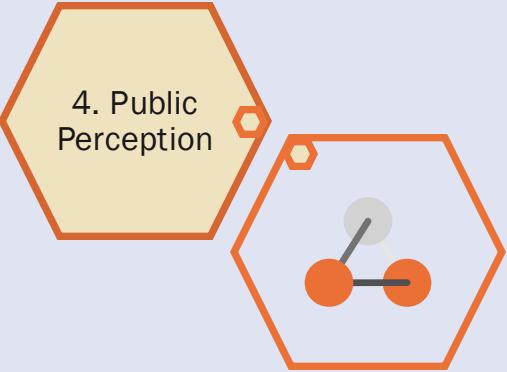


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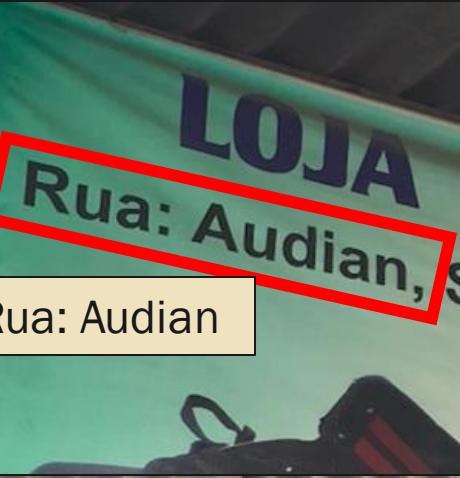
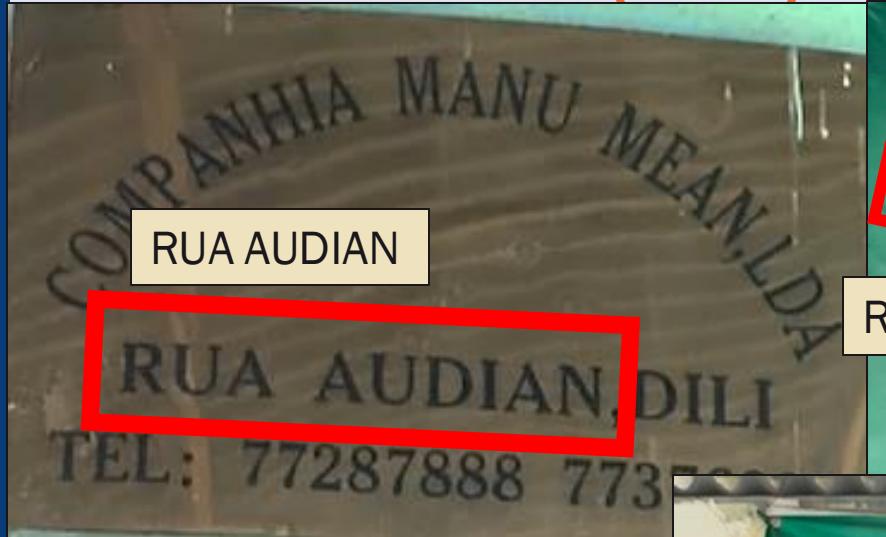
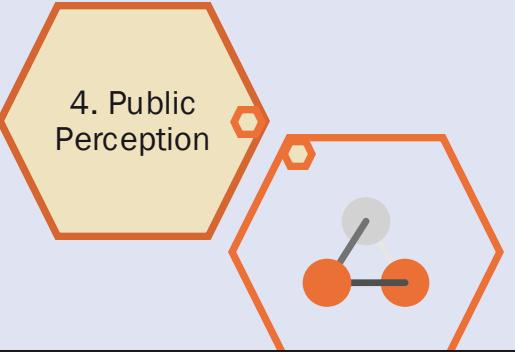




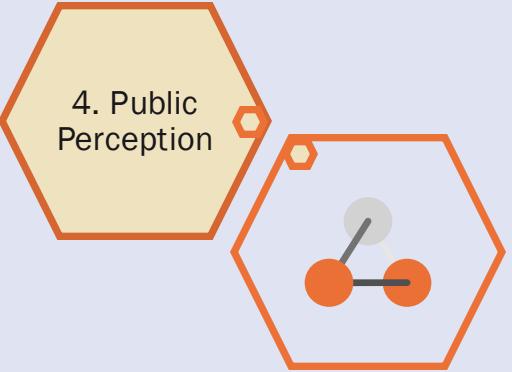
- The public's response (Case Study 2; *Avenida Liberdade de Imprensa*)
- Uptake minimal in the LL by mid-2017; Only 6 of 36 use new name;
- 10 don't use any version of 'official' names; Ideological avoidance?



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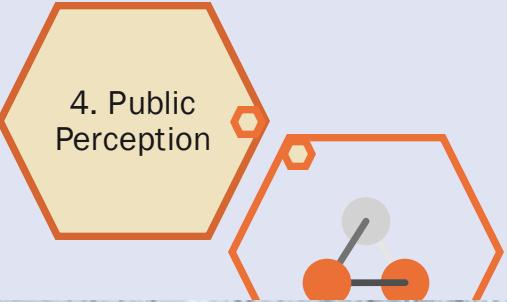


Complexity Framework

- An analytical tool to help sort out the variation seen in the signage
- Enabled us to identify an unusual phenomenon
 - *Why are so many businesses including their city and country on their signs?*
 - *Where does this come from??*

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Dive Trek &

East Timor

EAST TIMOR

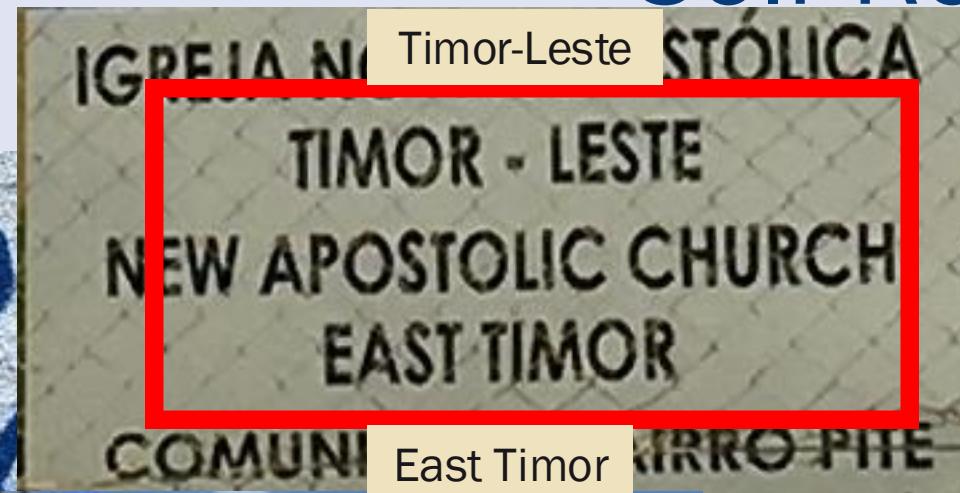
SAFETY DEVELOP

15. OUTUBRO NO.1 AUDIAN

Timor Leste

TMOR LESTE

Self-Reference



East Timor



Timor-Leste



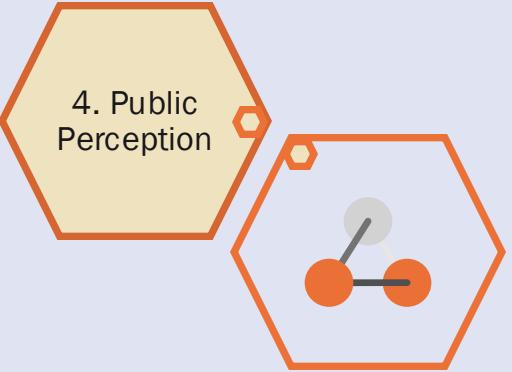
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TLS

TL

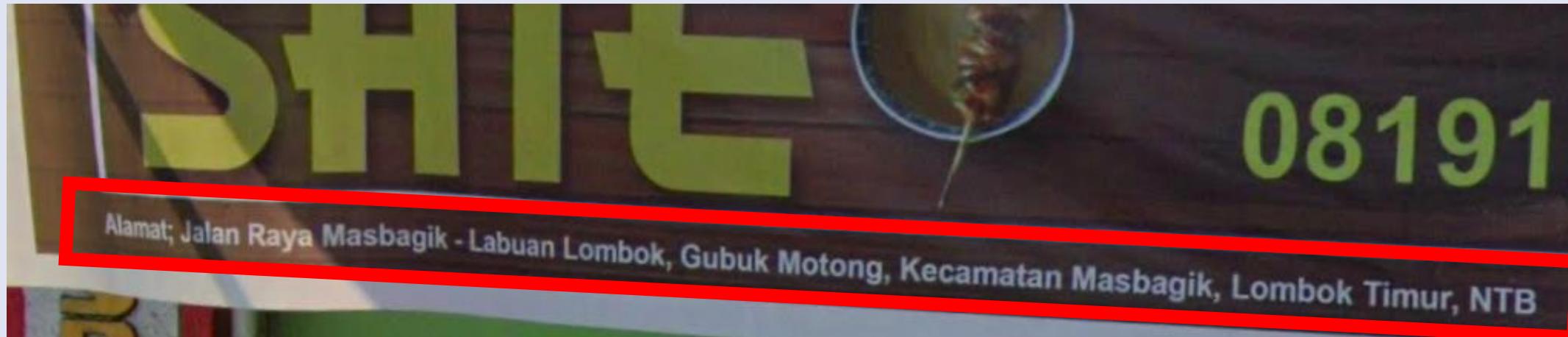
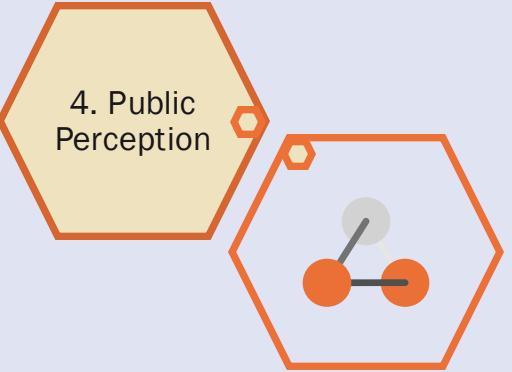
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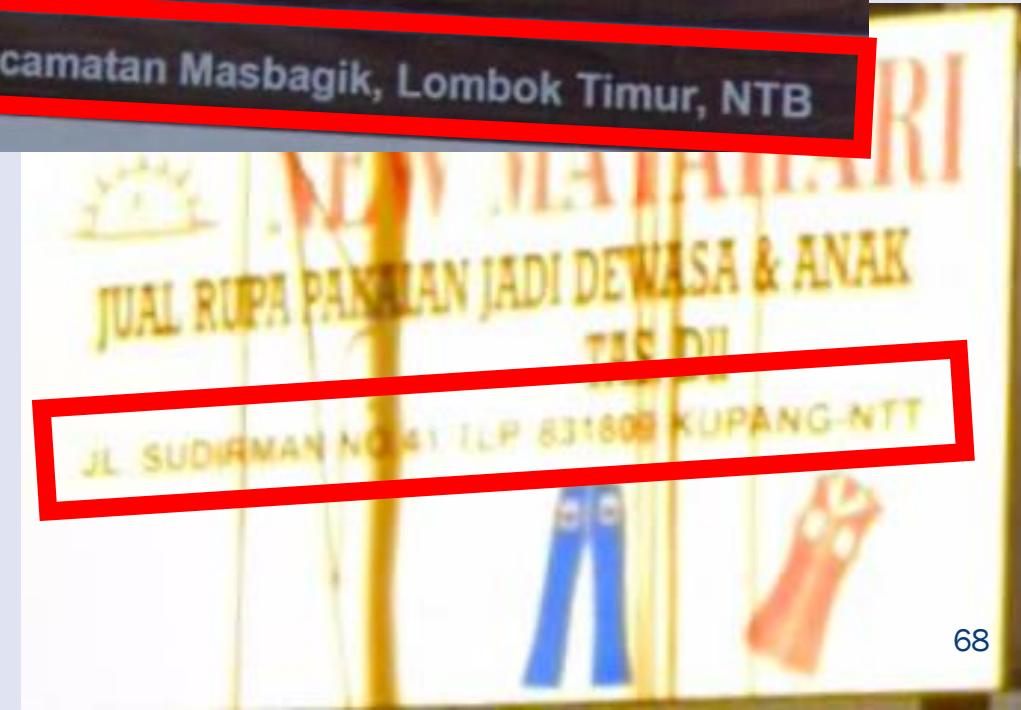
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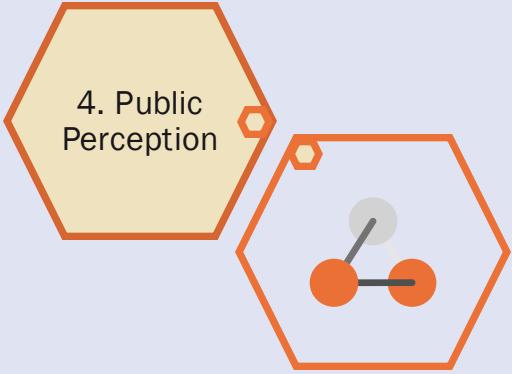
- Observed variations have clear provenance
- Lack of indigenous name and former territorial name
- Source in comparable contexts?
 - ✗ Metropolitan Portugal, Mozambique, Brazil, Australia, Indonesia (Jakarta)
 - ✗ Rural Portugal, Mozambique, Brazil, Australia
 - **Almost!!** Rural Indonesia (Lombok and Kupang)

Variation	Variety	Tokens
Timor-Leste	Port.	100
Timor Leste	Port. “light”	95
East Timor	Eng.	9
Timor	--	5
TLS	--	4
TL	--	1
<i>Timor Lorosa'e</i>	<i>Tetun</i>	0
<i>Timor Timur</i>	<i>Indonesian</i>	0



- X Metropolitan Portugal, Mozambique, Brazil, Australia, Indonesia (Jakarta)
- X Rural Portugal, Mozambique, Brazil, Australia
- Almost!! Rural Indonesia (Lombok and Kupang)

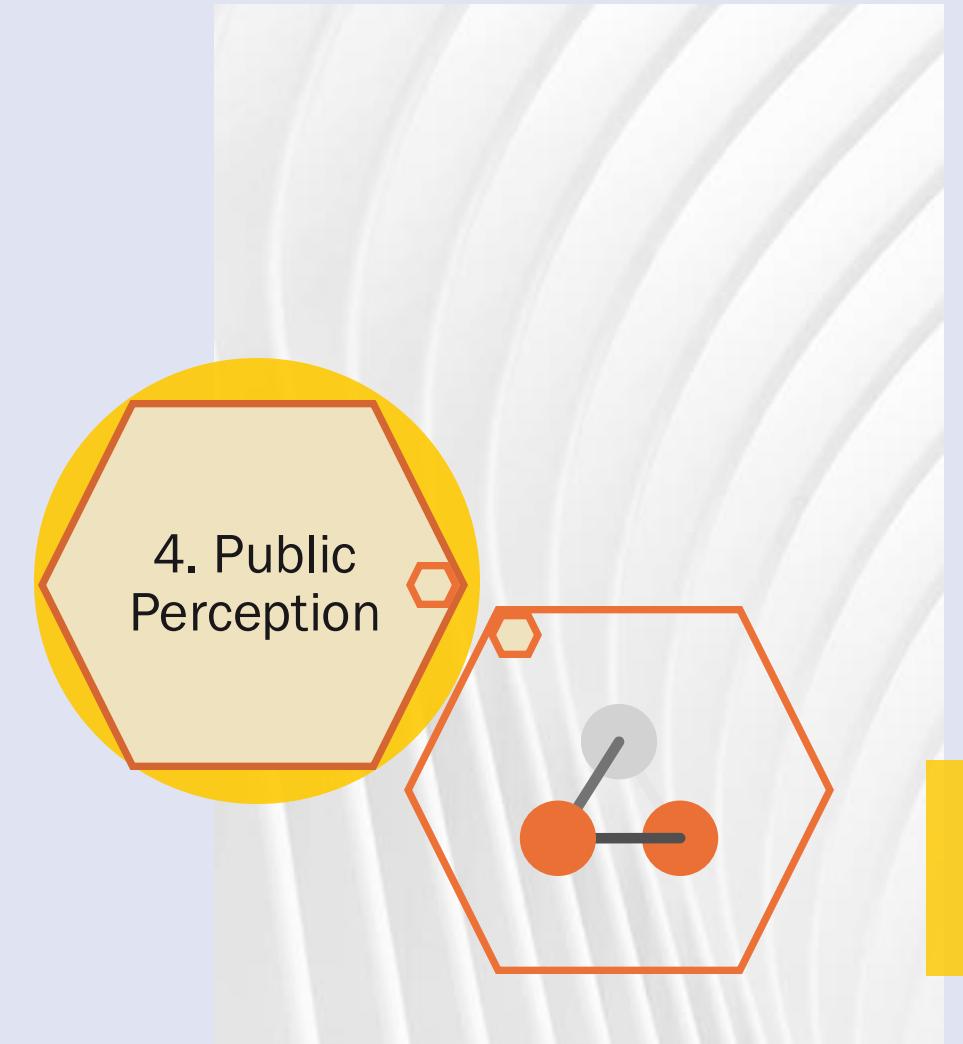




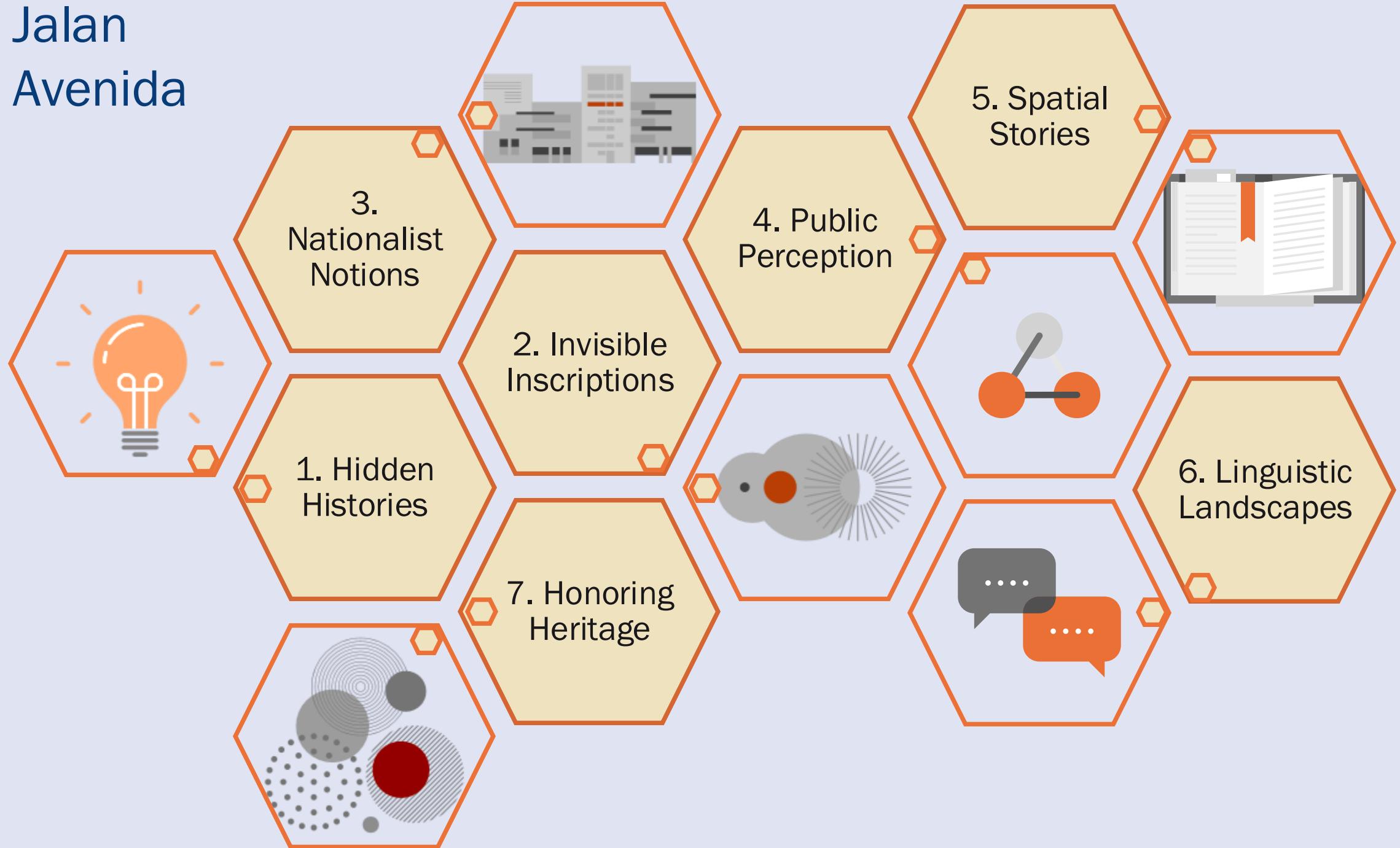
- What we observed here is variation which is *motivated*, but not necessarily *principled*
- Two kinds of identifiable variation:
 - *Locally-focused (streets)*
 - Contested narratives of history and memory
 - *Globally-focused (country)*
 - Enregisterment of nationalism
- This ideological place-framing wouldn't have been possible without the framework created to deal with all this data

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- **Data:** Signage in Dili
- **Methods:** Linguistic landscape analysis
'light'
- **Observations:** Self-reference prioritizes ideology as well as administration, but not 'accuracy'; unique data requires unique ways of analyzing
- **Possibilities:** This 'self-reference' phenomenon needs extensive investigation; principles (if they exist) underlying orthographic variation



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Street Names, Group Maintenance, and Identity-Construction

- How does colloquial knowledge of street-names strengthen or threaten group cohesion?
- How does colloquial knowledge of street-names strengthen or threaten individual identities?
- What patterns do speakers use in spatial narratives of ‘navigating’ Timor-Leste?



Street Names, Group Maintenance, and Identity-Construction

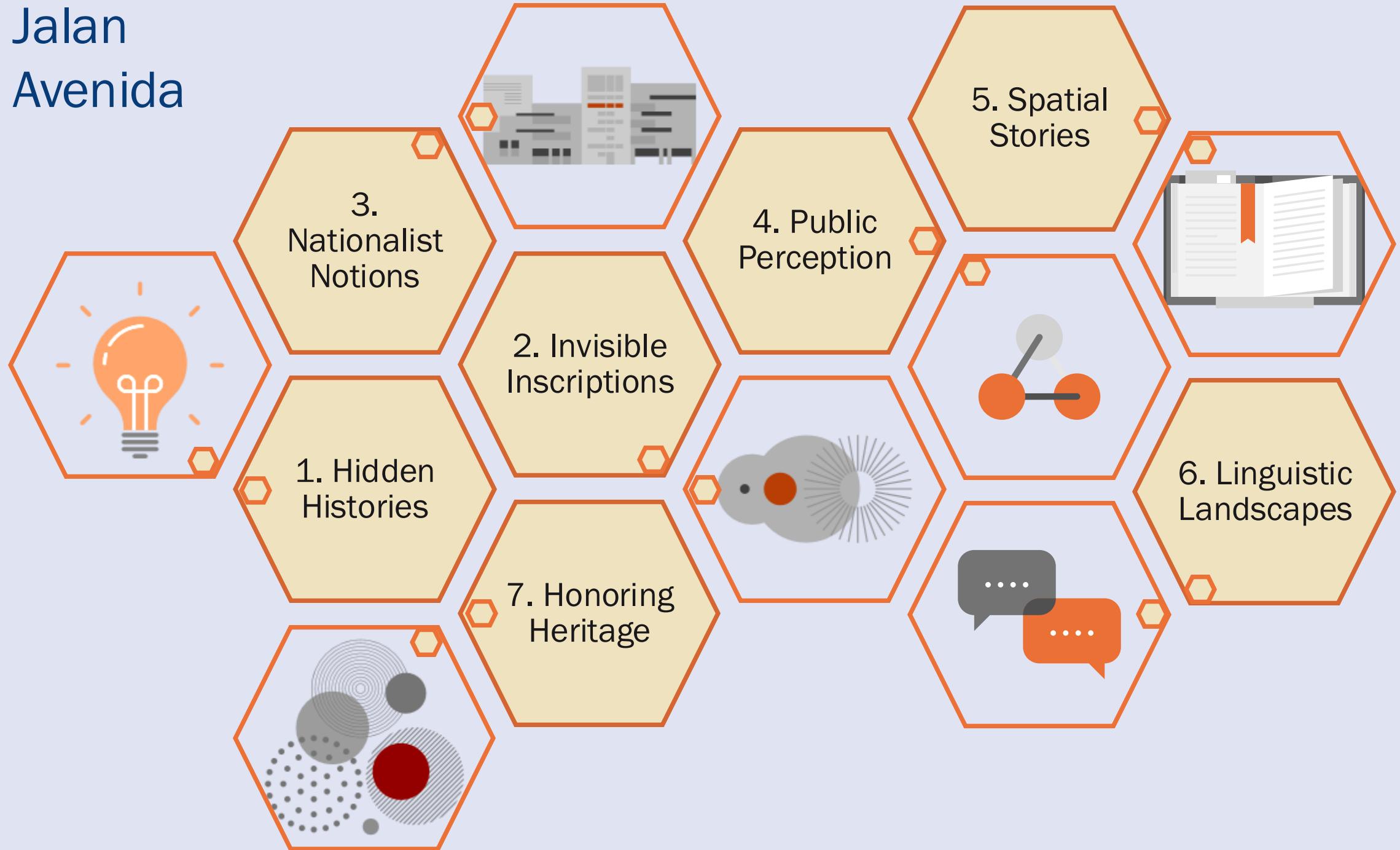
- Next phase of Jalan Avenida: collecting narratives from the UNAMET mission, 25 years later: *How did you get to your field office? What happened when you had to leave?*
- Directional tasks in Dili (Timorese and malae): *Where can I go to buy tickets for the ferry?*
- Travel stories, firsthand or otherwise: *How do you get to Jaco island?*

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- **Data:** Interviews and task-based narratives
- **Methods:** Narrative analysis, stance analysis
- **Observations/Expectations:** Distinct differences between participant groups; orientations to directional tasks variably 1st and 3rd – person
- **Possibilities:** Names of certain streets pattern along group orientations



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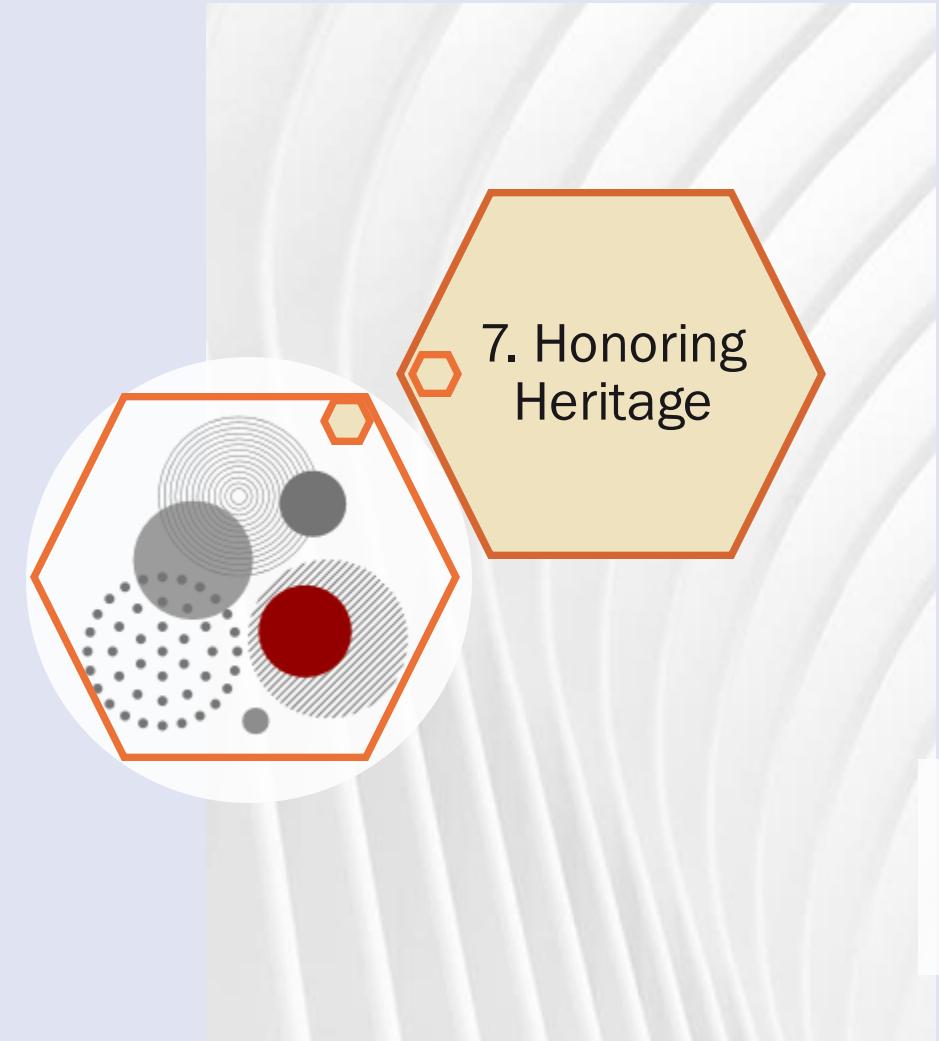
Street Names, Representation, and Identity

- To what degree is Timor-Leste's cultural identity represented in the streetscape?
- What are the structures that support this representation?
- How has this changed over time?

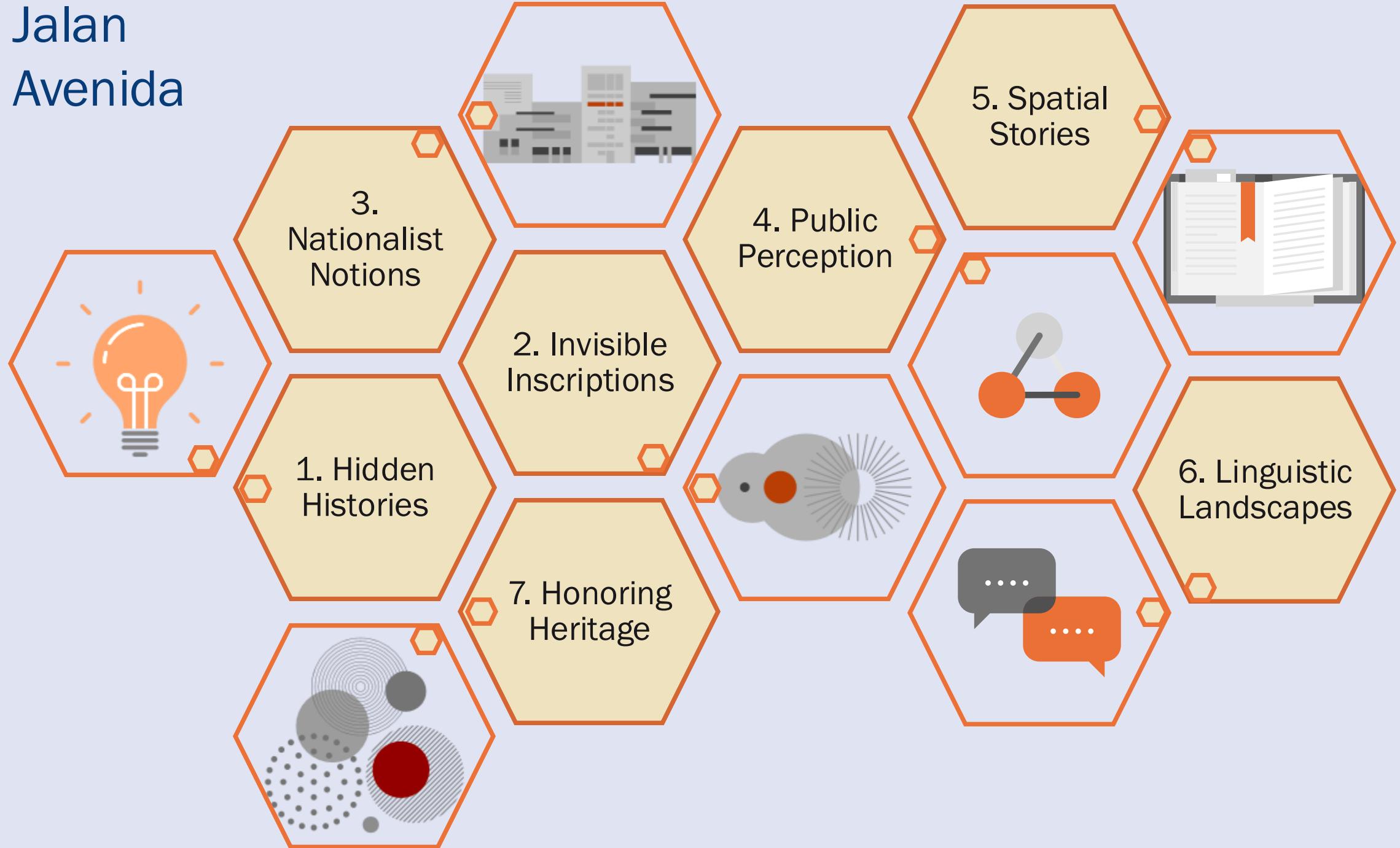


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- **Data:** Legal documents
- **Methods:** Chronological analysis, gradable ideology framework
- **Expectations:** Changes toward more inward-focused street names on the whole; extreme variation between municipalities
- **Possibilities:** Requires a team of Timorese RAs and lots of time to comb through even the ‘non-ideological’ street names



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2: Linguistic Legacy: **Laissezfairlingualism*

- Mixture within signs is common, seemingly unpredictable

Common Elements:

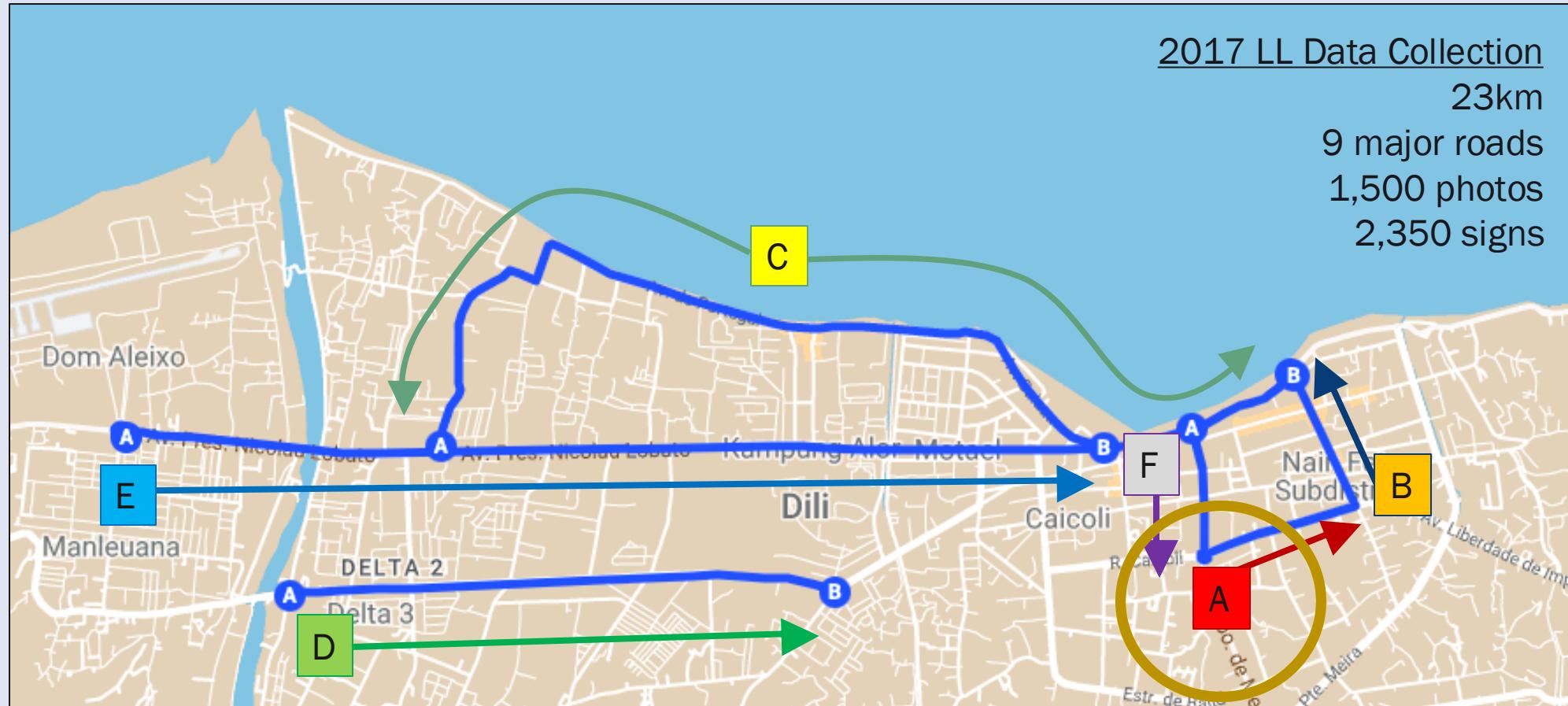
- Shop name (Port, Indo, ?Eng)
- Shop address and contact (Indo, Eng)
- Description of services (Tetun)



3: Unique Self-Reference Practices

- 9+ common levels of specificity (Country, Municipality, City, Subdistrict, Suco, Aldeia, Street, Number, Phone, [digital means])
 - A nationalist enregisterment via symbolic power
- Huge variation in spellings of street names
 - Variation which is **motivated**, but not necessarily **principled**
 - See Ross (*in prep*) in supplementary document for more on both observations

The Focus: 6(1) Major Streets



1. Portuguese Times

	1895	1909
A	✗	Rua 15 d'Outubro de 1896
B	T. do Lequecider	Avenida do Dr. Bellarmino Lobo
C	Rua da Praia Grande de Dilly	?
D	✗	✗
E	Rua de J. M. Marques	Rua Jose Maria Marques
F	Estrada de Lahane	Avenida do Bispo Medeiros

	1895	1909
A	✗	PT
B	TL	PT
C	?	?
D	✗	✗
E	PT	PT
F	TL	†

- Justification of exploitation via supremacy, sophistication; promoting Portuguese colonial doctrine of indirect rule, rather than assimilation (Bigon 2009)
- Here and elsewhere: Figures/places in Portugal, Dili or other colonial territories; Figures/places important to Catholicism (perhaps controversial, as the State as sometimes at odds with the proselytizing arm)
 - Note: At the end of this time, only 6km of paved roads as we think of them (most built during WWII for use by Australian soldiers) (Schlicher 1996)

2. Indonesian Times

- Here: ‘Quiet’ violence
 - Street names literally colonized by pre-posing ‘Jalan’
- Elsewhere: Justification of integration (suppression of unlicensed histories; *non-Indo-normative* histories; assertion of superiority, finality of scenario); unity with Indonesia
 - Some evidence of naming streets after Indonesian figures

East Timorese solemnly mark anniversary of Indonesian invasion

DILI, East Timor, Dec 7 (AFP) - A street named after the late wife of former Indonesian strongman Suharto was renamed here on Tuesday as East Timor remembered those who died after the Indonesian invasion 24 years ago.

Independence leader Jose Ramos-Horta cut a pink ribbon on the busy street just outside Dili's airport to officially change the name from Jalan Ibu Tien Suharto to Rua Dos Martires Da Patria, or Street of the Martyrs of the Motherland.