

# David Pimenta

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## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

- 2021 - *present*      Researcher | RIGoP – Research Group on Regimes, Institutions, Governance and Policies, Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon
- 2024                    Visiting Researcher | Social Sciences Department and Juan March Institute, University Carlos III of Madrid
- 2022 - 2024          Researcher | OQD - Observatory of the Quality of Democracy, Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon

## **EDUCATION**

- 2026 (*expected*)    PhD in Comparative Politics (candidate) | Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon
- 2010                    MSc in Business Administration (Honors) | ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon
- 2008                    BA in International Relations and Political Science | Catholic University of Portugal

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Articles, peer-reviewed**

- 1) Pimenta, David. 2025. "Tocqueville's Democracy: The Promise and Perils of Equality". *Balkan Journal of Philosophy*, 17(2), 228-232. <https://doi.org/10.5840/bjp202517217>
- 2) Pimenta, David; Magalhães, Pedro C. 2025. "Shattering the Duopoly: The 2025 Portuguese Elections and the Rise of the Radical Right". *Más Poder Local*, 61, 167-177. <https://doi.org/10.56151/maspoderlocal.300>
- 3) Zúquete, José Pedro; Pimenta, David. 2025. "Portugal's New Kid in Town: the Populism of Chega". *Revista Española De Ciencia Política*, 67, 155-174. <https://doi.org/10.21308/recp.67.06>
- 4) Pimenta, David; Gonçalves, Eduardo; & Zúquete, José Pedro. 2022. "The Irregular Populist: André Ventura – The Leader of Chega". *Team Populism - Leader Profile Series*. <https://populism.byu.edu/00000184-efe4-dbcf-a595-fff4590a0001/the-irregular-populist-andre-ventura-the-leader-of-chega>

### **Books (edited)**

- 1) Camerlo, Marcelo; Lima, João Gabriel; Hanenberg, Lúcio; Pimenta, David; & Ruel, Teresa (Eds.). 2024. *Portugal Ingovernável? Da maioria absoluta à absoluta minoria*. Lisboa: Imprensa de Ciências Sociais (Coleção Observatórios). ISBN: 978-972-671-776-8.
- 2) Camerlo, Marcelo; Pimenta, David; Lima, João Gabriel; & Hanenberg, Lúcio (Eds.). 2023. *Democracia em Portugal 2022 – Caderno do Observatório da Qualidade da Democracia*. Lisboa: Imprensa de Ciências Sociais (Coleção Observatórios). ISBN: 9789726717423.

### **Book chapters and encyclopedia entries**

- 1) Pimenta, David; Hanenberg, Lúcio; Ferrinho Lopes, Hugo; & Magalhães, Pedro C. 2026. “Citizens’ tolerance *vis-à-vis* authoritarian alternatives”. In Freire, A.; Önnudóttir, E. H.; Pedrazzani, A. and Schmitt, H. (Eds.). *Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Representation*, 657-659. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781035324828.00138>
- 2) Ferrinho Lopes, Hugo; Hanenberg, Lúcio; Pimenta, David; & Magalhães, Pedro C. 2026. “Regime Support”. In Freire, A.; Önnudóttir, E. H.; Pedrazzani, A. and Schmitt, H. (Eds.). *Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Representation*, 738-741. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781035324828.00153>
- 3) Pimenta, David. 2024. “O ano de 2023 e o futuro próximo”. In Camerlo, M.; Lima, J. G.; Hanenberg, L.; Pimenta, D.; & Ruel, T. (Eds.). *Portugal Ingovernável? Da maioria absoluta à absoluta minoria*, 105-108. Lisboa: Imprensa de Ciências Sociais (Coleção Observatórios).
- 4) Hanenberg, Lúcio; Pimenta, David. 2024. “Politólogos na imprensa escrita”. In Camerlo, M.; Lima, J. G.; Hanenberg, L.; Pimenta, D.; & Ruel, T. (Eds.). *Portugal Ingovernável? Da maioria absoluta à absoluta minoria*, 199-204. Lisboa: Imprensa de Ciências Sociais (Coleção Observatórios).
- 5) Pimenta, David; Gonçalves, Eduardo; & Zúquete, José Pedro. 2023. “André Ventura, o Chega e o populismo irregular”. In Camerlo, M.; Pimenta, D.; Lima, J. G.; & Hanenberg, L. (Eds.). *Democracia em Portugal 2022 – Caderno do Observatório da Qualidade da Democracia*, 69-76. Lisboa: Imprensa de Ciências Sociais (Coleção Observatórios).
- 6) Pimenta, David; Hanenberg, Lúcio. 2023. “Politólogos na imprensa escrita”. In Camerlo, M.; Pimenta, D.; Lima, J. G.; & Hanenberg, L. (Eds.). *Democracia em Portugal 2022 – Caderno do Observatório da Qualidade da Democracia*, 165-169. Lisboa: Imprensa de Ciências Sociais (Coleção Observatórios).
- 7) Pimenta, David; Hanenberg, Lúcio. 2023. “Uma visão dos mais jovens”. In Camerlo, M.; Pimenta, D.; Lima, J. G.; & Hanenberg, L. (Eds.). *Democracia em Portugal 2022 – Caderno do Observatório da Qualidade da Democracia*, 183-187. Lisboa: Imprensa de Ciências Sociais (Coleção Observatórios).

### **Working papers (completed manuscripts)**

- 1) Pimenta, David. 2025. “Hobbes' Timeless Concept of Representation”. SSRN. <https://doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5429414>. Also available at *ADV – A Different View*. <https://iapss.org/hobbes-timeless-concept-of-representation-david-pimenta/>
- 2) Pimenta, David. 2025. “Basque Identity and Politics: The Lasting Legacy of Ethnonationalism”. SSRN. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5087987>
- 3) Pimenta, David; Guimarães, Gabriel; & Zúquete, José Pedro. 2024. “With God on Their Side: The Religious Populism of Bolsonaro and Ventura”. *Zenodo*. <https://zenodo.org/records/14182634>

### **Other academic publications**

- 1) Pimenta, David. 2023. "Two sides of the same 'West': the radical right wing in Australia and Portugal". *The Loop*. <https://theloop.ecpr.eu/two-sides-of-the-same-west-the-radical-right-wing-in-australia-and-portugal/>. Also available at *Zenodo*: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14549076>.
- 2) Pimenta, David. 2023. "Assessing the similarities between Scottish and Basque nationalism". *EUROPP – European Politics and Policy*. <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2023/03/27/assessing-the-similarities-between-scottish-and-basque-nationalism/>
- 3) Pimenta, David. 2023. "US presidentialism: no room for political deadlock". *The Loop*. <https://theloop.ecpr.eu/us-presidentialism-no-room-for-political-deadlock/>
- 4) Pimenta, David. 2022. "The Impact of the Russia-Ukraine War on European Nationalism". *E-International Relations*. <https://www.e-ir.info/2022/05/11/opinion-the-impact-of-the-russia-ukraine-war-on-european-nationalism/>

### **Book reviews**

- 1) Pimenta, David. 2025. "From Ancient to Modern Liberty: The Legacy of Benjamin Constant". *Revista Discusiones Filosóficas*, 26(46), 207-213. <https://doi.org/10.17151/difil.2025.26.46.10>
- 2) Pimenta, David. 2023. "VOX: The Rise of the Spanish Populist Radical Right, by José Rama, Lisa Zanotti, Stuart J. Turnbull-Dugarte and Andrés Santana". *Revista Española De Ciencia Política*, 62, 205-208. <https://recyt.fecyt.es/index.php/recp/article/view/99651>
- 3) Pimenta, David. 2022. "The Case for Scottish Independence: A History of Nationalist Political Thought in Modern Scotland, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2020". *Análise Social*, 242(LVII(1)), 191-194. <https://doi.org/10.31447/AS00032573.2022242.09>
- 4) Pimenta, David. 2021. "The Basque Contention: Ethnicity, Politics, Violence, by Ludger Mees". *Revista d'Estudis Autònoms i Federals – Journal of Self-Government*, 34. 455-459. <https://doi.org/10.2436/20.8080.01.80>
- 5) Pimenta, David. 2021. "Resenha dos livros *September 11, 2001 as a Cultural Trauma*, de Christine Muller; e *How Nations Remember: a narrative approach*, de James Wertsch". *Locus: Revista de História*, 27(2), 409-413. <http://dx.doi.org/10.34019/2594-8296.2021.v27.34649>

### **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS**

2022 - 2026	PhD Fellowship in Political Science from FCT – Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia
2024	Travel Grant from the Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon, to conduct research in Spain
2024	Travel Grant from FCT – Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, to conduct research in Spain
2023	Travel Grant from the Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon, to conduct research in Australia
2010	TOP Master   Award given to ISCTE Business School's Master's top performing students

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

<i>2025 - present</i>	Guest Columnist   Observador newspaper
<i>2019 - present</i>	Guest Columnist   Público newspaper
<i>2018 - 2021</i>	Secretary-General   APIP - Portuguese Plastic Industry Association
<i>2015 - 2017</i>	Product Manager and Media Relations   SIVA - Volkswagen
<i>2014 - 2015</i>	Assistant Manager   Católica-Lisbon School of Business and Economics
<i>2012 - 2014</i>	Consultant   KPMG
<i>2010 - 2012</i>	Consultant   Deloitte
<i>2009 - 2010</i>	Consultant   Hay Group (acquired by Korn Ferry)
<i>2008</i>	Consultant   Impresa Group
<i>2007</i>	Internship   AICEP - Portuguese Trade & Investment Agency

## **ACADEMIC MEETINGS**

<i>2026</i>	Speaker   Session in Honour of Professor José Manuel Sobral – “Trajetos, Legados e Memórias”, Roundtable “Nação e Regionalismos”.
<i>2026</i>	Participant   IAPSS (International Association for Political Science Students) Annual Research Seminar/Academic Convention – “Democracy, Democratization and Democratic Backsliding”, online.
<i>2025</i>	Participant   IAPSS (International Association for Political Science Students) World Congress – “Advocacy in a Fragmented World: Power, Voice, and Transformation”, online.
<i>2025</i>	Participant   XII Congress of the Portuguese Association of Political Science, Lisbon, Portugal.
<i>2025</i>	Chair   ICS-UL Regimes, Institutions, Governance and Policies, and Social and Political Attitudes: Resilience and Change Seminar: “Funding for PhD and Post-Doctoral Research”, by Luís de Sousa and Pellegrino Cammino.
<i>2024</i>	Speaker   ICS-UL Social and Political Attitudes: Resilience and Change Seminar: “Becoming a Visiting PhD”.
<i>2024</i>	Participant   Democratization and Autocratization: IPSA 75th Anniversary Conference, Lisbon, Portugal.
<i>2024</i>	Book presentation   Lisbon Book Fair 2024: “Portugal Ingovernável? Da maioria absoluta à absoluta minoria”, by Marcelo Camerlo, João Gabriel Lima, Lúcio Hanenberg, David Pimenta, Teresa Ruel.
<i>2024</i>	Discussant   ICS-UL Regimes, Institutions, Governance and Policies Seminar: “Do technocratic ministers enjoy longer cabinet careers? An analysis of 30 European countries”, by Elena Semenova.

- 2024 Chair | ICS-UL Regimes, Institutions, Governance and Policies Seminar: “How historical events affect class gaps and levels of political discussion”, by Sergio Galaz-García.
- 2023 Book presentation | ICS-UL Seminar, “Democracia em Portugal 2022 – Caderno do Observatório da Qualidade da Democracia”, by Marcelo Camerlo, David Pimenta, João Gabriel Lima and Lúcio Hanenberg.
- 2023 Chair | ICS-UL Regimes and Political Institutions Seminar: “Argentina elige o primeiro presidente liberal-libertário da história da humanidade. Porquê? E agora?”, by Andrés Malamud and Pablo Ariel Cabás.
- 2023 Paper presentation | ABRE – Associação de Brazilianistas na Europa - “Deus e Política: a religião em Ventura e Bolsonaro”, by David Pimenta, José Pedro Zúquete and Gabriel Guimarães.
- 2023 Paper presentation | IPSA - International Political Science Association World Congress - “With God on Their Side: The Religious Populism of Bolsonaro and Ventura”, by David Pimenta, José Pedro Zúquete and Gabriel Guimarães.
- 2023 Project presentation | ICS-UL Social and Political Attitudes Research Group Seminar: “How to measure ministers’ profiles? How to analyze ministers’ profiles?”, by David Pimenta, Marcelo Camerlo and André Paris.
- 2023 Chair | ICS-UL Regimes and Political Institutions Seminar: “A Conceptual History of Corporatism: Brazilian and Portuguese cases”, by Luciano Aronne de Abreu.
- 2022 Chair | ICS-UL Regimes and Political Institutions Seminar “Corporate Law: Corporatism as Cultural Transfer between Italian, Portuguese, and Brazilian Jurists (1930s-1950s)”, by Leo Pavesi.
- 2006 Paper submission | XIV International Annual Meeting in Political Studies - “Democracy and the Nation-State in a Global World”, organized by the Catholic University of Portugal, in association with Harvard University and Boston College.

## **TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 2022 Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon | MAPLE Spring School – a showcase of recent themes, methods and techniques employed to study European politics.
- 2022 Central European University | Workshop on Coding Political Discourse External – a collection of online training materials for coding populism, nationalism and social conservatism.
- 2009 - 2017 Professional training and certifications | Harvard Business School, KPMG, Deloitte, Volkswagen/SIVA, Hay Group (Korn Ferry) and Skill Soft – covering strategy, operations, project management, HR, financial services and leadership development.

## **SERVICE, OUTREACH AND EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES**

- 2021 - *present* Editorial Board Member | Politikon - International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS) Journal of Political Science.
- 2025 Responsible for managing PhD students' seminars | RIGoP – Research Group on Regimes, Institutions, Governance and Policies, Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon
- 2024 Coordination and dynamization of activities at the Portuguese Parliament, with the participation of political parties, designed for high school students | Summer at the University of Lisbon program (Verão na ULisboa).
- 2022 Coordination and dynamization of activities at the Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon, related to the quality of democracy and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, designed for high school students | Ciência Viva Internships.

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

I have produced opinion articles, or have been quoted, interviewed and mentioned in the following media venues:

- Observador (Portugal)  
<https://observador.pt/opiniao/autor/davidjdpimenta/>  
<https://observador.pt/programas/explicador/a-prova-do-chega-psd-favorito-e-o-ps- numa-situacao-dificil/>
- La Libre (Belgium)  
<https://kiosque.lalibre.be/data/33930/reader/reader.html?#!preferred/0/package/33930/pub/77223/page/21/content/3805071>
- Antena 1 (Portugal)  
<https://www.rtp.pt/play/p10093/e855171/consulta-publica>
- Expresso (Portugal)  
<https://expresso.pt/semanario/ideias/2024-11-21-os-tres-des-do-chega-deus-demografia-democracia-08104e3f>
- Público (Portugal)  
<https://www.publico.pt/autor/david-pimenta>
- Rádio Renascença (Portugal)  
<https://rr.sapo.pt/fotoreportagem/politica/2024/03/05/como-o-discurso-do-chega-mudou-e-o-que-isso-diz-da-sua-estrategia/368696/>  
<https://spotify.link/1R1sXdPAwIb>  
<https://rr.sapo.pt/noticia/amp/politica/2024/10/02/costa-abriu-a-caixa-de-pandora-dos-subsidios-de-risco-montenegro-colhe-proveitos-e-protestos/396010/>
- InfoLibre (Spain)  
[https://www.infolibre.es/internacional/chega-socio-vox-portugal-aspira-domingo-clave-futuro-gobierno-portugal\\_1\\_1737230.html](https://www.infolibre.es/internacional/chega-socio-vox-portugal-aspira-domingo-clave-futuro-gobierno-portugal_1_1737230.html)
- Handelsblatt (Germany)  
<https://www.handelsblatt.com/politik/international/rechtsruck-in-europa-wieso-die-angst-vieler-waehler-vor-rechtsausen-schwindet/100025691.html>
- Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (Germany)

<https://www.faz.net/aktuell/politik/ausland/wahl-in-portugal-rechtspopulisten-legen-deutlich-zu-110485295.html>

- Estado de S. Paulo (Brazil)  
<https://www.estadao.com.br/politica/joao-gabriel-de-lima/portugal-e-o-voto-no-bom-senso/>
- SAPO (Portugal)  
<https://desporto.sapo.pt/modalidades/mais-modalidades/artigos/ali-vs-frazier-ha-50-anos-o-combate-do-seculo-parou-o-mundo-e-fez-desta-rivalidade-uma-das-maiores-de-sempre-do-boxe>
- Revista Pontos de Vista (Portugal)  
<https://pontosdevista.pt/tag/david-pimenta/>

## **CONSULTANCY AND ADVISORY SERVICES**

- 2025 Briefings on political matters delivered to an EU Member State embassy (name withheld due to confidentiality).
- 2024 - 2025 Briefings on political matters delivered to the French Embassy in Portugal.
- 2024 Political consultancy provided for the project application submitted to the European Research Council (ERC) For-ELIN “For or Against and What Should Be Done? What Voters Think of Foreign Election Interventions”, led by Nikolay Marinov (Senior Lecturer at the University of Gothenburg).
- 2024 Team member of the election assessment mission for Election-Watch.EU, regarding the 2024 European Parliament Elections.

## **LANGUAGES**

- Portuguese - Native language
- English - Proficient user
- Spanish - Independent user
- French - Basic user
- German - Basic user

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Associação Portuguesa de Ciência Política (APCP)
- Association for Political Theory (APT)
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
- International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS)