

## RITA REIS

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Rita Reis is a PhD candidate in Social Anthropology at the Institute of Social Sciences – University of Lisbon. Through the case of Sahrawi refugees, Reis' research focuses on contexts of refugees and forced migrations, with special emphasis on youths' perspectives. Her research project focuses on Sahrawi student mobilities, from the refugee camps to Algiers (Algeria) and Badajoz (Spain). By analysing the subjective and moral dimensions of prolonged forced migrations, her research aims to understand the notions of normality/exception and future perspectives. Reis' PhD is financed by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (SFRH/BD/128517/2017).

**Research interests:** Western Sahara Conflict, Subjectivity and religious morality, Middle East and North Africa, Refugees and Forced Migrations, Students' Migrations, Borders, Youth perspectives and future, Humanitarian aid and development.

## EDUCATION

**2010 | BA in Social Anthropology**

ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon (Portugal)

**2012 | MSc in Social Anthropology – Globalization, Migrations and Multiculturalism**

ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon (Portugal)

(1<sup>st</sup> year specialized in Anthropology of Health: cultural competence in the clinical setting)**(since 2016) | PhD Doctoral Program in Anthropology of the University of Lisbon**

Institute of Social Sciences – University of Lisbon (Portugal)

**Complementary education**

**2020 |** I Course on *Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in perspective: the European, African and Inter-American systems* in NOVA School of Law (Portugal);

E-course *Immigration and asylum law* in NOVA School of Law (Portugal);

Summer course *Doing Ethnography: methodological practice and writing* in Institute of Social Sciences – University of Lisbon (Portugal) (5 ECTS);

**2017 |** *84<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Persian Language and Culture Course* (100 hours), Sa'di Foundation, Allameh Tabataba'i University (Iran);

**2016 |** Summer Course *The Middle East and North Africa today: Crisis and paths to the future* in Institute of Social Sciences – University of Lisbon (With School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS – University of London) and Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO – Berlin) (Portugal) (5 ECTS);

**2015 |** Translation Workshop Persian – Portuguese: Literature Anthology – Poetry in Faculty of Arts and Humanities – University of Lisbon (Portugal);

**2014 |** Free Course *Springs and other seasons, anthropological perspectives on Arab and Muslims* in Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities – New University of Lisbon (Portugal) (6 ECTS).

## GRANTS &amp; SCHOLARSHIPS

**2017 |** Bolsa Individual de Doutoramento (PhD full Scholarship) – Foundation for Science and Technology, Portugal (SFRH/BD/128517/2017)

2017 | 84<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Persian Language and Culture Course, Sa'di Foundation, Iran

2016 | Bolsa de Apoio ao Doutorado (PhD Tuition fees Scholarship) – University of Lisbon, Portugal

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

### 2014 | National Survey on Gipsy Communities (CIES – IUL, Portugal)

Surveys on members of the Gipsy communities in the regions of Lisbon and Setúbal (CIES – IUL: Center for Research and Studies in Sociology, ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon)

### 2011 – 2014 | Research fellow, ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon (Lisbon and Algarve, Portugal)

Research Project “Arquitecturas do Mar” (PTDC/AUR-AQI/113587/2009), funded by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology. Multidisciplinary research project focused on the development of constructions in the Portuguese coastline.

## ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

2020 – 2022 | Seminar series for the Research Group Identidades, Cultura e Vulnerabilidades, Institute of Social Sciences – University of Lisbon, coordinator with Ana Margarida Santos and João Baptista;

2015 | Steering Committee of the International Seminar “Refugiados, Mobilidades e Confinamentos”, organized by Dr. Cristina Santinho, in partnership with the Lisbon City Council (Lisbon, 25 and 26 May).

## PUBLICATIONS

### Master thesis

Reis, Rita Marcelino dos. 2012. *Quotidianidade da Fronteira na Experiência de Vida dos Saharauís Refugiados em Tindouf*. Dissertation in Social Anthropology – Globalization, Migration and Multiculturalism, Lisbon, ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL)

### Articles

de Barros, Antonio Pedro, Ana Daniela Guerreiro, Mafalda F. Mascarenhas, and Rita Reis. 2020. “And Now What? Changing Fields and Methodologies During the Covid-19 Pandemic: From International Mobilities to Education” in *Fennia - International Journal of Geography* 198 (1-2), 234-38. <https://doi.org/10.11143/fennia.99236>

Reis, Rita. 2020. “Sahrawi student mobilities: exile routes among young refugees” in *L'Ouest Saharien* 12: 55-74.

### Book Chapters

Reis, Rita. 2023. “‘Elders say that those who go to Spain don’t come back’: transnational trajectories and social change among Sahrawi exiled youth” in Baikady, Rajendara et al. (eds.). *The Palgrave Handbook of Global Social Change*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan. DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-87624-1\\_370-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-87624-1_370-1).

Reis, Rita. 2022. “Student Migration as an Escape from Protracted Exile: The Case of Young Sahrawi Refugees” in Bloch, Natalia and Adams, Kathleen M. Adams (eds.). *Intersections of Tourism, Migration, and Exile*. Oxford: Taylor & Francis/Routledge. ISBN: 978-1-032022-80-2;

Reis, Rita. 2020. “Vacaciones en Paz: los refugiados saharauis entre el activismo político y la solidaridad española” in Schuster, Paulette K. and Karla Angélica Valenzuela-Moreno (eds.).

*Trayectorias y jornadas: Transnacionalismo en acción*. London: Transnational Press London. ISBN: 978-1-912997-27-5;

**Reis, Rita**. 2019. “Mobilities from the Exile: the Sahrawi student migrations” in Khalil, Rania M. R. and Foilan T. Malit Jr. (eds.). *Recent Migrations and Refugees in the MENA Region*. London: Transnational Press London. ISBN: 978-1-912997-17-6;

**Mendes, Carlos and Reis, Rita**. 2013. “‘Guetos turísticos’ na Ria Formosa: o Sítio do Farol e a Quinta do Lago” in Gorjão Jorge, José Duarte (coord.). *Para uma Ética do Território*. ISBN: 978-972-9346-37-6.

### Book Review

Reis, Rita. 2023. The Best of Hard Times Palestinian Refugee Masculinities in Lebanon by Barbosa, Gustavo. In *Majallat al-Dirasat al-Filastiniyya*, Vol. 134: 218-220 [in Arabic].

### COMMUNICATIONS IN SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

**2023** | “Migrações ou mobilidades? Os percursos educacionais transnacionais dos jovens saharauís” in *Open Day ICS* (31 May – 1 June, ICS-ULisboa);

“Um salto para a piscina: quotidianidades das crianças saharauís refugiadas em vacacioneiras na Estremadura” in *9th Congress of AIBR – Network of Iberoamerican Anthropologists* (8 – 11 de August, online);

“Don’t forget that you’re Sahrawi’: Young refugee-students becoming migrants in Spain”, virtual talk in *AAA/CASCA Annual Meeting* (15 – 19 November, online);

**2022** | “Geração do Futuro: o papel da educação na construção de novos sujeitos e aspirações entre os refugiados saharauís” (Panel 900) in *8th Congress of AIBR – Network of Iberoamerican Anthropologists* (12 – 15 July 2021, Salamanca, Spain);

(with Pereira, Raquel Mendes). “‘Where is your husband?’: the role of husbands in social dynamics in the field” (Panel 35) in *VIII Congresso da Associação Portuguesa de Antropologia* (6 – 9 September 2022, Évora, Portugal);

“(Un)Inhabit the Wait: Sahrawi Student Trajectories in Badajoz and Algiers” (Panel 2 - Sahrawi Diaspora, Communication and Mobilities) in *2<sup>ème</sup> Journée d’étude Internationale Sahara Occidental*, OUIISO 2022 (30 November 2022, Paris, France – online).

**2021** | “Bil-bunduqyia al-hurryia: Sahrawi students between pens and rifles” (Panel 6C: Youth Migration) in *The Migration Conference 2021 – London* (6 – 10 July, online);

“Mudando (com) o terreno: adaptações metodológicas e conceituais a alterações (in)esperadas” in *I Rede de Investigação em Fronteiras e Migrações’ Workshop* (30 April, ISCSP – ULisboa);

“Volver: Transgenerational student migrations among Sahrawi refugees and future perspectives concerning the return” (Panel no. 48 – “Twice migrants” in the context of Nationality, Nationalism and Nationhood) in *IUAES Congress* (9 – 14 March 2021, Šibenik, Croatia – online);

“Ano Zero: transitoriedade e perspectivas de futuro dos jovens saharauís no regresso à guerra” in *7th Congress of AIBR – Network of Iberoamerican Anthropologists* (27 – 30 July 2021, Vila Real, Portugal, online);

**2020** | “(Des)Habitar a Espera: os percursos estudantis saharauís em Badajoz e Argel” (Session 1 - Incorporar a Crise Pandémica na Investigação) in *Open Day ICS 2020* (17th June, Institute of Social Sciences – University of Lisbon, Portugal);

“Não é um muro, são seis muros, um atrás do outro!” - Muros, fronteiras e (i)mobilidades nas experiências de vida dos refugiados saharauís” (Panel: Fronteiras e mobilidades: processos, políticas e novos actores na migração contemporânea) in 6th Congress of *AIBR – Network of Iberoamerican Anthropologists* (28 – 30 July 2020, Vila Real, Portugal – online);

“From the Refugee Camps to the World: Sahrawi student unions in Spain and Algeria” (Session 4A: Education and Skilled Migration) in *The Migration Conference* (8 – 11 September, Tetovo, North Macedonia – online);

“Un hijo más’: solidarity, humanitarian and family relations among Spanish host families” (Panel 17 – Humanitarianism in the Context of Forced Migration) in *Vienna Anthropology Days – VANDA* (28 September – 1 October, Vienna, Austria – online);

“Sahrawi student mobilities: exile routes among young refugees” (Session 2: Espace, Mobilité, Réseaux) in *Journée d’étude Internationale Sahara Occidental, OUISO 2020* (12 November 2020, Paris, France – online).

**2019** | “«Bajar a los campamentos»: movimentações juvenis saharauís entre a casa e a *khayma*” (Panel 016 – A casa: deslocamentos, temporalidades e pertencimentos) in *VII Congresso da Associação Portuguesa de Antropologia* (4 – 7 June, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities – NOVA University of Lisbon, Portugal);

“Vacaciones en Paz: Sahrawi refugees between political activism and Spanish solidarity” (Panel: 11F Transformations with Migration) in *The Migration Conference* (18 – 20 June, University of Bari, Italy);

**2018** | “Migrações estudantis saharauís: preparação de uma pesquisa transnacional” in *I Annual Seminar of the Doctoral Program in Anthropology of the University of Lisbon* (DANT.Ulisboa) (ISCSP – University of Lisbon, May, 2);

“Mobilities from the Exile: the Sahrawi student migrations” (Ref. 1935 – Panel: Refugees and Asylum Seekers) in *The Migration Conference* (26 – 28 June, ISEG – University of Lisbon);

“(Des)Habitar a Espera: os percursos dos estudantes saharauís em Badajoz e Argel”, poster presented in Encontro Ciência 2018;

**2017** | “Sahara Ocidental: perspectivas sobre um futuro (in)certo” in Workshop “After the revolt. The Middle East and North Africa between continuity and change”, (5-6 September, Institute of Social Sciences – University of Lisbon);

**2015** | “Mobilidades e imobilidades dos Refugiados Saharauis em Tindouf” in *International Seminar “Refugiados, Mobilidades e Confinamentos”* (25 – 26 May, CRIA/ISCTE-IUL);

**2013** | “Dinâmicas Narrativas em Áreas Protegidas: o Parque Natural da Ria Formosa” in Para uma Ética do Território, *III International Seminar “Arquitecturas do Mar”* (25 – 26 March, Faculty of Architecture – Technical University of Lisbon);

**2012** | “Quotidianidade da Fronteira na Experiência dos refugiados saharauís” (Panel 7: Identities and Borders in Africa) in *VIII Iberian Congress of African Studies* (Autonomous University of Madrid).

### PANELS IN SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

**2022** | APA's VIII Congress (Portuguese Association of Anthropology), "Lonely ethnographers? Mediation and balance of family relationships in the field" (Panel 35), co-convenor with Raquel Mendes Pereira (6 – 9 September 2022, Évora, Portugal);

**2021** | SIEF's Congress, "Marriage in the Global South: youth between love, rules, and desires" (Panel INT05 – sessions I and II), co-convenor with Raquel Mendes Pereira and Inês Lourenço as discussant.

### TALKS BY INVITATION

**2021** | "Going back, coming home? Future and return perspectives among Sahrawi youth abroad" in *Children, Media and Conflict Zones Lab Talk*, The Rock Ethics Institute – Pennsylvania State University College of the Liberal Arts.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**2023-24** | Invited Assistant Professor, "Social Analysis" course at the School of Communication and Media – Lisbon Polytechnic Institute.

### CLASSES BY INVITATION

**2015** | "Youth Perspectives on Gender on the Sahrawi Refugee Camps" in BA Anthropology Program, invited by Professor Maria Cardeira da Silva, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities – NOVA University of Lisbon;

**2014** | "Sahara Ocidental: fronteiras entre colónia e nação" PhD Anthropology Program, invited by Professor Professor Rosa Maria Perez, ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon;

"Trabalho de Campo e Metodologia: Pesquisa nos Acampamentos de Refugiados em Tindouf" in methodology session organized by CRIA – Centre for Research in Anthropology, ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon, invited by Professor Miguel Vale de Almeida;

Quotidianidade da fronteira na experiência de vida do Saharauís refugiados em Tindouf in BA Anthropology Program, invited by Professor Maria Cardeira da Silva, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities – NOVA University of Lisbon;

**2011** | "Introduction to anthropology" in BA Architecture Program, invited by Professor José Duarte Gorjão Jorge, Faculty of Architecture Arquitectura – Technical University of Lisbon;

"Anthropological Methodology" in BA + MSc Architecture Program, invited by Professor José Duarte Gorjão Jorge, Faculty of Architecture Arquitectura – Technical University of Lisbon.

### AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

**2024** | Portuguese Association of Anthropology Awards 2023, Scientific Text, "Student Migration as an Escape from Protracted Exile – The Case of Young Sahrawi Refugees";

**2023** | Anthropology Photo Contest 2023, American Anthropological Association;

Honorable Mention, MES Photo Prize, Middle East Section – American Anthropological Association;

Estímulo e Reconhecimento da Internacionalização em Ciências Sociais Award (ERICs), Institute of Social Sciences – University of Lisbon (ICS-ULisboa), sponsored by Caixa Geral de Depósitos;

**2022** | Honorable Mention, Portuguese Association of Anthropology Awards 2021, Scientific Text - Young Anthropologists (Social/Cultural Anthropology), “Sahrawi Student Mobilities: Exile Routes Among Young Refugees”.

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

**(since) 2017** | APA - Portuguese Association of Anthropology

**(since) 2020** | EASA - European Association of Social Anthropologists

OUIISO – International Academic Observatory on Western Sahara

AAA – American Anthropological Association

AES – American Ethnological Society

### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

**Portuguese** | Mother Tongue

**English** | C1    **Spanish** | C1    **French** | B1    **Danish** | B1    **Persian** | A2    **Arabic** | A2