

Curriculum Vitae

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After completing a BA in Sociology at Sorbonne University, I earned my MRes in Environmental Humanities at the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences of Paris (EHESS). As of March 2024, I'm a PhD student in Anthropology at the Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon, and a member of the ABIDE ERC team and the Human-Animal Hub. My research focuses on the relationship with fire and the consequences of wildfires on the multispecies quilombolas communities living in the Brazilian biome of Cerrado.

Education

2024 - Ongoing : PhD in Anthropology at the Institute for Social Sciences, University of Lisbon. I work under the supervision of Verónica Policarpo and Susana Matos Viegas on a thesis entitled *The Fire Next Time. A Multispecies Ethnography of Conflagration with the Quilombola Communities of the Brazilian Cerrado*.

2021 - 2023: MRes in Environmental Humanities at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, France. I worked under the supervision of Frédéric Keck and Laura Centemeri on my Master thesis, entitled "*Acque operaie, fumi liberi*": *la mobilisation sociale des communautés alpines italiennes contre les petites centrales hydroélectriques*.

2018 - 2021: BSc in Sociology at Sorbonne University, Paris, France.

Oral Presentations

17 July 2025: "Incendiary Insurgences. An ethnography of quilombolas cosmologies in the Brazilian savannah" at the 9th Congress of the Association of Portuguese Anthropology (Viana do Castelo, Portugal).

30 May 2025: “An exploratory ethnography of multispecies encounters in the burning Brazilian Savannah” at the V encounter of the Political Ecology Network “Territorios e Resistencias” (University of Lisbon, Portugal).

28 May 2025: “Antropologia, Antropoceno e Apocalipse: reflexões sobre a crise ecológica e cultural a partir das experiências quilombola” at the ICS Open Day (University of Lisbon, Portugal).

22 May 2025: “How can multispecies encounters challenge mainstream narratives about wildfires? The case of Quilombola more than-human communities in Mato Grosso” at the ABIDE Symposium entitled *(In)visible Animals: exploring narratives and counter narratives of wildfires* (University of Lisbon, Portugal).

7 May 2025: “Fim do mundo, fim do povo: explorações etnográficas mais que humanas nos quilombos matogrossenses” at the HUMANIMALIA Research Group Seminar (Federal University of São Carlos, Brazil).

2 October 2024: "Preparing for fieldwork: reflexions on trust, loss and how to stay with the pain of others" at the Conference *Perspectivas Etnográficas: Colóquio de Estudantes de Doutoramento* (University of Lisbon, Portugal).

5 August 2023: "Flowing Narratives. Sketches from blasted waterscapes" at the *Conference Narrating the Multispecies World. Stories in Time of Crises, Loss* (Hope Julius-Maximilians University of Würzburg, Germany).

14 July 2023: "A leaf a gourd a shell a dam. Experimenting with Multispecies Storytelling and Speculative Anthropology in Entangled Waterscapes" at the Conference *Relationality and more than human storytelling* (University of Augsburg, Germany).

19 June 2023: "Les fleuves silencieux dans les Alpes Italiennes: 'Ils nous volent le bruit de la rivière'" at the *Journée d'études du master Etudes Environnementales* (Collège de France, France).

Published Papers

Beneduce, C.. "Flowing Narratives. Sketches from Blasted Waterscapes". In *Narrating the Multispecies World Stories in Times of Crises, Loss, and Hope*, edited by Michaela Fenske, 211-219. Germany: Transcript, 2025.

Event Organization

28 February 2025: I organised the session "Safety on fieldwork" at the weekly Seminário de Investigação em Antropologia (SIA) of the DANT PhD program at ICS (University of Lisbon, Portugal).

4 October 2024: I co-organized the conference "Animals included: Relationality and companionship in more than human worlds" at ICS (University of Lisbon, Portugal).

2 October 2024: I co-organized the first Doctoral Students' Colloquium of the Research Group Diversidades entitled "Ethnographic Perspectives" at ICS (Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal).

Event Participation

September 2025: I attended the EDGES (Entrelaçar conhecimentos indígenas na universidade) Residency entitled "Ressurgências da paisagem" in Colmeosa, Portugal.

September 2024: I attended the IV Encontro Internacional da Rede de Antropologia Ambiental at the Nova University of Lisbon, Portugal.

May 2024: I attended the EDGES Symposium (Entrelaçar conhecimentos indígenas na universidade), entitled "Pensar/agir através de entrelaçamentos", at the ICS (University of Lisbon, Portugal).

Grants

2024 - 2028: “Animal ABidings: recoverIng from DisastErs in more-than human communities” PhD Student Fellow (101043231) from the European Research Council, Belgium.

Internships and Professional Experiences

January-April 2023: I was an intern at the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society (LMU), Munich, Germany.

Association Member

2025/02 - Ongoing: Member of the Associação Portuguesa de Antropologia (APA)

Languages

Italian: Native speaker

French: Advanced level

English: Advanced level

Portuguese: Intermediate level