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EDUCATION

PhD in Comparative Politics ^{a b}

Institute of Social Sciences
University of Lisbon
Concluded in 2025

^a Approved with distinction and honours

^b Receiving the *Doctor Europaeus* Label

Master's degree in Political Science ^a

University of Aveiro
Concluded in 2016

^a Grade: 18/20

Bachelor's degree in Economics ^a

University of Brasília
Concluded in 2008

^a Accredited by the University of Aveiro as equivalent in level to a *Licenciatura* in Portugal.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN BRIEF

Invited Assistant Professor at UBI

2025 – Present

Associate Researcher at ICS-ULisboa

2025 – 2026

Doctoral Researcher at ICS-ULisboa

FCT Grant 2022.11518.BD / ULisboa Grant 746/2018
2019 – 2024

Economist at various Government institutions in Brazil

Administrative Council for Economic Defence (CADE) of the Ministry of Justice, Presidency of the Republic, and Alexandre de Gusmão Foundation (FUNAG) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MRE-Itamaraty)
2010 – 2018

SHORT BIO

I am currently an Invited Assistant Professor at the University of Beira Interior (UBI). I earned my PhD in Comparative Politics from the Institute of Social Sciences at the University of Lisbon (ICS-ULisboa). My research focuses on defining, measuring, and understanding the repercussions of corruption, particularly with respect to the quality of democracy.

RECENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Lecturer on [Research Methods in Political Science](#) for the Master's in Political Science at UBI (spring 2026).
- Lecturer on [Comparative Politics](#) (spring 2026), [Elections, Polls and Electoral Campaigns](#) (autumn 2025) for the BA in Political Science and International Relations at UBI.
- Lecturer on [Political Theory](#) for the BA in Communication Sciences at UBI (autumn 2025).

FEATURED PUBLICATIONS

- **Gouvêa Maciel & de Sousa** (2026). Survey research on corruption: challenges and advancements. In M. Johnston (Ed.), [Handbook of Research Methods for Corruption Studies](#). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing. [forthcoming].
- **Gouvêa Maciel & Santos** (2025). Citizens' and Politicians' Definitions of Corruption, Corruption Survey Quality, and Political Will for Anti-Corruption Reform: The Portuguese Case Put to the Test. *Public Integrity*, 27(4): 388–401. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10999922.2024.2322317>
- **Gouvêa Maciel & de Sousa** (2018). Legal Corruption and Dissatisfaction with Democracy in the European Union. *Social Indicators Research*, 140(2): 653–674. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s11205-017-1779-x>

PRIZES

- **Tágides "People who inspire us in the fight against corruption in Portugal" 2025 Award Winner** for outstanding scientific investigation on corruption. All4Integrity Association.
- **Stimulus and Recognition Award** for the Internationalisation of Science (2025 / 2022). ICS-ULisboa.
- **Professor Carlos Pimenta 2023 Award** for outstanding work on corruption in Portugal. Institutions: OBEGEF FEP-UPorto and MENAC.

CONTRIBUTION TO PROJECTS

Horizon Europe RESPOND–Rescuing Democracy from Political Corruption in Digital Societies (2024–2029), **FCT PESR**–Party Ethics Self-Regulation (2025–2026), **FCT EPOCA**–Corruption and economic crisis (2018–2023), and **FFMS ETHICS**–Ethics and Integrity in Politics (2019–2022).