PhD in Development Studies

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Target
— Anyone interested in obtaining advanced academic training and doing research with a view to working in jobs related to international and national development in the public sector, the private sector, or the non-profit sector. Out-going students can find employment in teaching and research posts, managerial and executive positions in international and national organisations, consultancy, training, research projects, journalism, planning, development projects, public policy planning and evaluation, and social projects and social policies.

This programme is lectured in English, but offers tutorials in both Portuguese and English. The PhD thesis may be written in Portuguese or English.

Entry Conditions And Selection Criteria
— Anyone holding a Masters degree in the areas of Economics, Management, Law, Sociology, Geography, Political Science, International Relations, History, Anthropology, or any other area deemed appropriate. Students who obtained a GPA of 16 or more (out of 20) or, in special circumstances, students whose GPA is lower than 16 but have demonstrated appropriate academic training or professional experience may also apply.

The Scientific Committee of the PhD Programme will choose candidates on the basis of the following criteria:
> Masters and respective final grade;
> First degree and respective final grade;
> Academic and relevant professional experience;
> Research proposal.

Study Topics
— Research topics for the doctoral thesis and course units are grounded in a broad range of issues related to the development of contemporary societies and its methodological variables and analytical tools. The emphasis is on poverty, inequality and equality issues; development economics and aid finance; sustainable development and transitions; development cooperation, policy and political issues; geography and urbanization; mobility and migration; gender studies; security-development nexus; sustainable consumption, agriculture and contemporary agrarian transformation; food production and ecosystem services; and theoretical critiques to development.

As a Development Studies Programme, interdisciplinary links are established between Economics, Sociology, Geography, Social and Economic History, Political Science and Law, and Environmental and Agrarian Studies - thus providing an integrated perspective of development and sustainability issues in contemporary societies. Great attention is paid to the improvement of students’ skills in research methods and techniques which are required for development studies. Successful candidates will have different disciplinary, cultural and experiential backgrounds, and this is considered a crucial part of the learning experience. The PhD programme’s topics are explored through course units which include: theories of development and modernity, the policy and politics of development, sustainability transitions and a focus on urban and rural development. Throughout these units we encourage dialogue and team work to maximise the benefit of diverse backgrounds and worldviews.
**Programme Structure**

The PhD Development Studies is a three-year programme in which students must obtain a total of 180 ECTS (credits). It comprises:

- Courses (60 ECTS credits);
- Preparation, submission and defence of thesis (120 ECTS).

Courses are taught in the first year of the Programme over 2 semesters. They are:

1st SEMESTER
- Theories of Modernity and Development (9.0 ECTS credits)
- Development in Transition (12.0 ECTS credits)
- Research Methods in Development Studies (6.0 ECTS credits)
- Research Seminar I (3.0 ECTS credits)

2nd SEMESTER
- Development Policy and Politics (7.5 ECTS credits)
- Research Essay (4.5 ECTS credits)
- Topics in Development Studies (3.0 ECTS credits)
- Elective Modules of Research Methods (6.0 ECTS credits)
- Research Seminar II (3.0 ECTS credits)
- Elective Unit (6.0 ECTS credits)

The classes are taught at ISEG (coordinating university) and at the other Schools (ICS, IGOT and ISA) according to a schedule to be announced.

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**I studied for the PhD in Development Studies after an experience of over seven years managing international development projects and programmes. With a background in Political Science and International Relations and an MSc in Development Studies, I felt the need to go back to academia and build new bridges between theory and practice. In development cooperation, especially in the current global transition context, strong research skills and the capacity to analyse complex systems are key for any professional in development cooperation, especially in the current global transition context. This PhD is a joint programme between ISEG and other three Schools of the Universidade de Lisboa (Agronomy, Geography and Urban Planning, and Social Sciences), providing the multidisciplinary perspective we need to approach global development challenges. A diverse body of faculty and researchers is available to provide input to our ongoing research, which I found especially useful. I will surely rely on this experience to continue growing as an international development researcher-practitioner.**

*Ana Luísa Silva*

PhD Student and Researcher at CEsA - Centre for African and Development Studies

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**The PhD in Development Studies is a multidisciplinary and heterodox programme that has enabled me to acquire distinctive aptitudes to understand socio-economic development phenomena. This programme is unique in that it offers a comprehensive approach that simply cannot be found in most advanced economics courses. In addition, having an after working hours regime and a particularly interesting offer for professionals from Portuguese-speaking countries or from the global south in general, this PhD is specially tailored for consultants like me in the area of development and multilateral cooperation. The teaching staff mirrors this multidisciplinary model and the fact that the PhD is developed by four different schools at the Universidade de Lisboa one of the strengths of the course. Overall, my experience has been very positive, with the PhD not only contributing to my growth as a professional, but also to my development as a citizen.**

*Diogo Maia*

Researcher at CEsA - Centre for African and Development Studies
Senior Economics Consultant at NEMUS - Gestão e Requalificação Ambiental
Faculty and Subject Areas

Coordination Committee

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PhD in Agronomic Engineering, ISA, Universidade de Lisboa

José Lima Santos (ISA)
PhD in Environmental Economics and Natural Resources, University of Newcastle, UK

Luis Mira da Silva (ISA)
PhD in Agricultural Systems, University of Reading, UK

Other faculty members involved in the PhD Programme

Carlos Loureiro (ISEG)
PhD in Marketing, University of Tilburg, The Netherlands

João Carlos Graça (ISEG)
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Leonor Costa (ISEG)
PhD in Social and Economic History, ISEG, Universidade de Lisboa

Luis Mah (ISEG)
PhD in Development Studies, London School of Economics, University of London

Andres Malamud (ICS)
PhD in Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute

Edalina Sanches (ICS)
PhD in Political Science (Comparative Politics), Universidade de Lisboa

José Luis Cardoso (ICS)
PhD in Economics, ISEG, Universidade de Lisboa

José Sobral (ICS)
PhD in Anthropology, ISCTE - I.U. Lisboa

António Lopes (IGOT)
PhD in Physical Geography, Universidade de Lisboa

Jennifer McGarrigle (IGOT)
PhD in Urban Studies, University of Glasgow, UK

Verónica Policarpo (ICS)
PhD in Social Sciences (Sociology), Universidade de Lisboa

Marco Allegra (ICS)
PhD in Political Science, University of Torino

Pedro Figueiredo Neto (ICS)
PhD in Anthropology, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales - Paris and ISCTE - I.U. Lisboa
Details and Study Plan

Schedule:
Evening Lectures

Participating Centres:
CSG – ISEG; UECE-ISEG
ICS – ULisboa, CEG-IGOT
LEAF–ISA; CEF–ISA

Start Date:
September

Tuition Fees:
€3,000 – 1st Year;
€2,000 - 2nd – 3rd Years;
€1,000 - 4th - 6th Years

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PhD Thesis

How to prepare a PhD thesis?

Applicants should present a research proposal, outlining their chosen theme, which will be evaluated by the coordinating scientific committee. Upon acceptance into the PhD programme, the student will be assigned a tutor, under whose supervision the student will design a detailed research project during the first year. The research proposals will form the basis for discussion in the Research Seminar classes.

At the end of the first year, a specially appointed committee nominated by the Programme Coordination team will assess the students’ research projects and may either approve the project, suggest changes or recommend that the student discontinue the programme.

Upon approval of the research project and confirmation of the supervisor, the student will enrol at the appointed supervisor’s school. The student then has two academic years in which to research and write the thesis.

Where to register for the PhD thesis?

After their research proposal has been approved at the end of year 1, the students will register as PhD students at their supervisor’s School and as researchers at their supervisor’s Research Centre. Usually the latter consists of one of the six research centres across ICS, IGOT, ISA and ISEG listed in the following pages.

Research Centres

CSG - Research in Social Sciences and Management (ISEG)

CSG is the consortium created in 2013 at ISEG by four of its Research Centres: SOCIUS (Centro de Investigação em Sociologia Económica e das Organizações), ADVANCE (Centro de Investigação Avançada em Gestão), CESa (Centro de Estudos sobre África e Desenvolvimento) and GHES (Gabinete de História Económica e Social). The purpose of this association was to bring together, under the same structure, a group of researchers who share a similar conception of the study of socio-economic and organizational reality, increasing the critical mass and enhancing the complementarity of approaches. The research carried out in this consortium integrates the social and behavioural variables in understanding complex phenomena, whose particularity also results from the space and time in which they are located. The combination of these researchers into a single unit enables the crossing of their research perspectives, articulating them in the same groups and lines, creating common events and generating more opportunities to work together – in a word, allowing scientific advancement in their areas and better dissemination and transfer of knowledge to society. This new research structure is assumed as openly interdisciplinary, bringing together the scientific areas of the associated R&D units: economic and organizational sociology, economics, management, finance, development studies, economic and social history and, to a lesser extent, other areas of the social sciences, such as demography, economic anthropology, social and organizational psychology, law and economics.

UECE - Research Unit on Complexity and Economics (ISEG)

UECE produces research, both theoretical and applied, mainly in Economics, but also in the Sciences of Complexity and in interdisciplinary areas. The main areas of research are macroeconomics and monetary economics, microeconomics, markets and finance and complex economic systems. The main UECE goals are: promoting research on dynamical systems and on complexity, with an emphasis on economic applications, and also on other economic fields, such as game theory and macroeconomics; developing new statistical methods applied to economics; studying the consequences of dynamic, non-linear and complex systems in what concerns economic analysis and forecasting; organizing seminars, conferences and other events to disseminate scientific results; participating in international research networks and promoting participation of researchers in international congresses and conferences; promoting and publishing papers, working papers and other documents to stimulate research in these recent economic theory areas.
ICS - Institute of Social Sciences

The Instituto de Ciências Sociais (ICS) is an internationally renowned multidisciplinary university institution that produces knowledge concerning individuals and the societies that they have succeeded in creating and whose operation is guided by scientific and ethical principles as well as by the idea of social responsibility. It is within the scope of this vision of the Institute and the values underlying it (scientific autonomy, intellectual openness, diversity, and institutional cooperation) that the ICS’s mission and major goals are defined: research, published in nationally and internationally renowned journals and books and disseminated in networks and scientific meetings; postgraduate programmes, framed within the research themes, the projects underway and international cooperation networks; outreach, with particular importance being granted to the Observatories on Portuguese society and research which affects public policy, not forgetting our readiness to respond to requests for studies from private and public bodies. The research that ICS undertakes focuses on contemporary societies and is currently organized into the following research areas: Environment, Territory and Society; Power, Society and Globalization; Empires, Colonialism and Post-Colonialism Societies; Regimes and Political Institutions; Socio-political Attitudes and Behaviours; Identities, Cultures, Vulnerabilities and Life course, Inequality and Solidarity; practices and policies.

Within the scope of its research projects and as an Associate Laboratory of FCT (Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia), the ICS also undertakes activities supporting the scientific community, including activities in the field of knowledge infrastructures such as the library, the archives, and the databases (Social Surveys and Political Surveys), as well as in the field of publications; it also undertakes projects intended to disseminate scientific knowledge to a non-academic audience.

CEF - Research Centre Linking Landscape, Environment, Agriculture and Food (ISA)

CEF develops research, post-graduate education, and outreach activities on issues dealing with forests, agro-forestry systems semi-natural areas, and forest-based industrial chains. CEF shares the EU Forest 2020 vision of forests and semi-natural areas as vital, productive and multifunctional ecosystems, contributing to sustainable development and human well-being, in a healthy environment. CEF is committed to an international perspective on research issues and fosters a diverse academic community. Most of the experimental research is located in Portugal, but it extends to the Mediterranean region and to tropical and sub-tropical regions and encompasses global approaches.

LEAF - Research Centre Linking Landscape, Environment, Agriculture and Food (ISA)

LEAF is uniquely positioned to develop research, post-graduate education and outreach activities on the whole agro-food chain, from cells and microorganisms to landscape design to promote effective solutions to meet conservation of resources and the need to increase food production and quality, contributing to sustainable development and competitiveness rooted in territorial approaches. LEAF research bridges scientific fields of Science and Agricultural Engineering, Natural Resources and Environment, Animal Science, Food Science and Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Biology and is organized in three research groups: Resources Management & Landscape Architecture, Plant Science & Crop Production, and Food & Feed. At national level a transversal focus is given to wines and wine, olives and olive oil and at the international level the Tropical Agriculture and Food Value Chains stands out. Global issues are also tackled in the Blue and Green Infrastructures thematic line.
Scientific Committee / Core Faculty

Francisco Louça
PhD in Economics, ISEG, 1996 and Habilitation also at ISEG, 1999.
Full Professor of Economics at ISEG. Researcher at UEEE - Unit of Research on Complexity and Economics. Teaches an introductory course on macroeconomics, a masters degree course on history of economic ideas and an optional course on cycles and crises.
His main research interests are focused on complexity, cycles and long-term dynamics and evolution of modern economies.
He welcomes PhD students interested in:
• economic cycles and crises;
• macroeconomic dynamics;
• financialization;
• economic impact of social institutions;
• complexity in economics.

Carlos Castel-Branco
PhD in Economics, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.
Visiting Professor at ISEG, Researcher at CESA - CSSEG and an associate researcher at IESE in Mozambique.
He is also a member of the Mozambican Academy of Sciences and of the board of reviews and of the editorial board of the Review of African Political Economy and of the Journal of Southern African Studies, respectively.
His article “Growth, capital accumulation and economic porosity in Mozambique: social losses, private gains” won the Ruth First Prize for the best article of the year by the Review of African Political Economy.
He welcomes PhD students interested in:
• research that are geographically located in Africa/Southern Africa/Mozambique, around the following topics: social systems of capital accumulation and political economy of economic and social transformation; industrialization, industrial policy and extractive economies and interaction with international finance and financialization.

Alexandre Abreu
PhD in Economics, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.
Assistant Professor at ISEG Researcher at CESA (Centre for African and Development Studies) - CSSEG/ISEG
His research interests revolve around various aspects of the political economy of development, including growth and distribution, poverty, inequality, and migration. His PhD research focused on migration and development in Guinea-Bissau and he has worked as an ODI Fellow (2013-15) and government adviser (2016-2017) in Timor-Leste. His latest publication, in the journal African Affairs, discusses the use of asset indices in Africa.
He welcomes PhD students interested in:
• migration and development;
• poverty and inequality;
• conflict and development;
• country specialisation Guinea-Bissau, Timor-Leste.

Olivia Bina
PhD and MPhil in Geography, University of Cambridge, 2004.
Principal Researcher at ICS and Adjunct Assistant Professor at Geography and Resource Management of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (GRM, CUHK).
At ICS she is convener the Urban Transitions Hub, and co-coordinator of the Research Group on Environment-Territory-Society.
She is a Fellow of the World Academy of Art and Culture. She has experience of research in Europe, China and Latin America. She has published widely, including in Ecological Economics, EIA Review, Environment and Planning C, Jnl of Cleaner Production, Futures, and Foresight.
She welcomes PhD students interested in:
• SDG/UN 2030 agenda – relationship between growth and wellbeing;
• anthropocene: rethinking development through humans and nature connectedness; urban nature based solutions (SDG#11);
• development transformations: post-development, green/smart economy and sustainability; sustainable/green/smart urbanization (SDG#11);
• development futures (scenarios, envisioning, utopian method);
• development and the future of higher education (SDG#4, ways of knowing for sustainability).

Roberto Falanga
PhD in Sociology, University of Coimbra, 2013.
Postdoc research fellow at ICS. He is currently co-PI of the financed EU project "ROCK - Regeneration and Optimisation of Cultural Heritage in Creative and Knowledge Cities". His work has been published in peer-reviewed journals, international books, policy reports, as well as two Encyclopedias.
He collaborated with the Council of Europe (Congress of Local and Regional Authorities) in 2017 and, since 2014, he has collaborated with the Municipality of Lisbon on participatory policies for urban regeneration and planning.
He welcomes PhD students interested in:
• participatory governance: local and supra-local narratives and devices of citizen engagement in policymaking;
• scaling off and scaling up of democratic innovations: global diffusion and transferance of innovative mechanisms in the decision-making;
• monitoring and evaluation of participatory policymaking; development of theories and methods in the assessment of citizen engagement;
• area-based initiatives of urban regeneration: critical approach to policy schemes aimed to upgrade built environment and living quality in deprived areas.

Simone Tulumello
PhD in Urban and Regional Planning, University of Palermo, 2012.
He welcomes PhD students interested in:
• critical urban studies, human geography and spatial planning;
• urbanisation and urban policy;
• urban violence and security policies;
• housing policies and systems;
• uneven spatial development and urban change in semi-peripheral regions.
Scientific Committee / Core Faculty

Mário Vale
PhD in Human Geography, Universidade de Lisboa, 1999.
Professor at IGOT. He is also the director of the Centre for Geographical Studies (CEG-IGOT). He was visiting professor in the Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies at University of Newcastle (2006) and Fulbright visiting professor at University of California, Los Angeles (2013).
He was President of the Portuguese Association of Geographers (2004-2008) and Vice-Chair of the Regional Studies Association (2008-2011). Currently he is a Member of the Board of the Regional Studies Association – Europe.

He welcomes PhD students interested in:
• technology, innovation and peripheral regions;
• city economies: change, adaptation and evolution;
• inclusive economies in cities;
• regional development policies and governance.

Margarida Queirós
PhD in Human Geography, Universidade de Lisboa, 2002.
Associate Professor at IGOT and researcher at the Centre for Geographical Studies (CEG-IGOT). She was a visiting researcher at Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), at University of Quebec à Montréal (UQAM), and a visiting professor at UNESP-Presidente Prudente (Brazil) and UNESP- Rio Claro (Brazil). She has collaborated in several projects with public entities: “National Programme for Spatial Planning Policy” (PNPOT), “Study of Seismic Risk and Tsunamis in the Algarve” (ERSTA), “GenMob, Gender and Mobility: inequality in spacetime” (EEA Grants, PT07, 2nd Open Call), etc.

She welcomes PhD students interested in:
• gender, space and development;
• planning for just, inclusive and sustainable cities;
• environment and development.

José Lima Santos
PhD in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, University of Newcastle. Habilitation in Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, ISA.
Full Professor at ISA. He is member of the Board of Universidade de Lisboa, of the National Council of the Environment and Sustainable Development (CNADS), of the Consultative Council of the National Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests (ICNF), of the core-group of the AGRO research network and of the Coordinating Council of the F3 College of Universidade de Lisboa. Teaches at the BSc, MSc and PhD levels, being a member of the Scientific Committees of two PhD programmes of an interdisciplinary and inter-university nature: PhD in Climate Change and Sustainable Development Policies and PhD in Interdisciplinary Landscape Management.

He welcomes PhD students interested in:
• food security measurement and policy evaluation;
• development and the future of European Union – African Union S&T&I cooperation in Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture;
• transitions in farming/agroforestry systems and sustainable intensification;
• interventions in agri-food “Value Chains for Development”; development of pro-poor smallholder value chains (local; domestic/regional markets);
• the nutrition transition; food systems transformation.

Jorge Malheiros
PhD in Human Geography, Universidade de Lisboa, 2001.
Associate Professor at IGOT and researcher at the Centre for Geographical Studies (CEG-IGOT). He is also member of the editorial board of the IMISCOE-Springer collection on Migration and correspondent or member of the scientific board of journals such as Rèvè Européenne des Migrations Internationales, Rèvè Beige de Géographie (Belgeo) and Finisterra – Revista Portuguesa de Geografía. He was the Portuguese correspondent for SOPEMI-OECD (Système d’Observation Permanente des Migrations Internationales) between 2001 and 2019. He has been visiting professor at Universidade de la Coruña, Universidad de Barcelona, Universidade Federal do Roraima (Brasil) e Colégio de la Frontera Norte (México).

He welcomes PhD students interested in:
• social urban studies;
• migration, forced migration and inclusion/exclusion processes;
• housing and socio-spatial segregation;
• spatial justice and urban inequalities.

Luís Goulão
PhD in Agronomic Engineering, ISA, 2006.
Professor at ISA and at ULisboa’s interinstitutional PhD programmes “Development Studies” and “Sustainability Science”, both as faculty and as member of the Scientific Committees. Member of the Coordination Board of the LEAF Research Centre. He represents ULisboa as Focal Contact Point for the Partnership Work Plan with FAO, worked as an EC expert for the High-Level Policy Dialogue Working Group on “Science, Technology and Innovation for Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture” in EU-Africa Union cooperation, and was researcher at the Tropical Research Institute (ICT, 2009-2013). His teaching and research areas are focused on food security, food policy and tropical agriculture for development.

He welcomes PhD students interested in:
• food security measurement and policy evaluation;
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Luís Mira da Silva
PhD in Agricultural Systems, University of Reading (UK). Executive MBA from London Business School.
Associate Professor at ISA. He is President of Inovisa, member of the Board of Agridinatura National Representative in the strategic subgroup Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS) of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR) of the European Commission, and Coordinator of the Mechanism of Liaison of the Universities to the Food Security and Nutrition Council of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CONSAN-CPLP). He is also coordinator of several national and international projects (in Europe and Africa) in the areas of innovation, technology transfer and entrepreneurship in the agri-food sector.

He welcomes PhD students interested in:
• agrifood value chains;
• agrifood innovation;
• agriculture technology / digitization;
• business model development;
• capacity development / advisory.

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