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Why choosing the IU PhD in Social Work?

The Inter-university PhD in SOCIAL WORK provides a dynamic academic environment with an international component, combining advanced training with quality research in the area of Social Work, Social Policies and Social Sciences and Humanities. This research is based on three central dimensions articulated with Social Work - Public Policies; Human Rights; Vulnerabilities and Risk.

GRAB THE OPPORTUNITY OF:

AN INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE – With internships at partner universities and research centers, international conferences (in person and online), training modules in Portuguese and English, possibility of a European PhD and comparative studies

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT – with a PhD that articulates with the professional career and allows to respond to the challenges that it continually generates

LIVING THE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT OF TWO OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS PORTUGUESE UNIVERSITIES AND OBTAINING A JOINT DIPLOMA - the University of Coimbra, the oldest university in the country (get to know it better here: [UC Institutional Video](#)); the Catholic University (get to know it better here: [UCP Institutional Video 2016](#)), the first to provide a PhD in Social Work in Portugal, since 2003/4.

Research and Training Excellence

- The Doctoral Program in Social Work is offered conjointly by the University of Coimbra and the Portuguese Catholic University, two of the most recognized Portuguese Universities.

- The scientific merit of the IU PhD professors is recognized both nationally and internationally as evidenced by the participation of several of their professors in international research networks within the scope of Social Work, Social Policies and Sociology

- The program combines a doctoral course with thematic seminars and seminars and annual lectures with international experts and the PhD students' integration in the R&D Units of this program's professors and researchers, namely the CICS/Nova, CEIS 20 and CEDH-UCP.
- The course's professors and researchers have an extensive experience in teaching as well as in conceptual and empirical work.

A Rich and Diverse Academic Environment

- The dynamic and international environment of the University of Coimbra and the Portuguese Catholic University offers a great diversity of opportunities for the participation in scientific and cultural events, which are a fundamental element of curricular enrichment.
- It is available to students a set of specific resources, among them the access to the bibliographic resources, as well as the digital databases of both universities, the tutorial accompaniment throughout the entire course, from the integration phase to the Research process leading to the PhD thesis.

Studying in the IU PhD

The Inter-university PhD in SOCIAL WORK, in its 3rd edition, arises in the continuity of the PhD Program of the Catholic University, which in its various editions has given rise to the fulfillment of 15 PhD theses and realized 8 International seminar with outstanding social work academic scholars.

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Marta Mascarenhas | 2nd Year IU PhD

Thesis: Construction of the Professional Judgment and Decision on Social Intervention with Children and Young People at Risk

My choice for the Program was firstly due to the collaboration of two reference universities: the University of Coimbra and the Portuguese Catholic University. The proposed doctoral program, although demanding and complex, is rich in content and puts us in contact with a panoply of professors that captivates any researcher to embark on this journey.

The IU PhD is not just a classic PhD program in Social Work: it starts with a curricular year in which all subjects are designed to sharpen our scientific curiosity, consolidate knowledge and open new research horizons. The remaining years of the program are based on an interactive logic of knowledge and ideas' exchange, which allow students to feel more closely involved in the solitary path of scientific research and at the same time to reinforce their skills and to refine the research design they intend to develop. Last but not least, IU PhD is a program in which the individual has his intrinsic value, in which affects are a recognized component of the interaction among subjects, and in which

all students are treated equally, without neglecting their specificities. The professors embrace an attitude of intellectual humility, openness to the reciprocal exchange of ideas and knowledge among all, building a community. It is this dialogue between what is common and transversal to all, and each uniqueness that students and professors bring to the program, that make it unique and relevant in the national scientific landscape.



Hana Daher | International Student| 1st Year

Project: Protected treatment in Mental Health: The protective role of the State in the reintegration of the mentally ill in Brazil and Portugal

The choice for the Program was passionate! I was finishing my master degree and realized that the investigation ought to be continued. When looking for PhD programs through which I could continue my research, I found the IU PhD. Even before my application I had an exceptional welcome from the program's professors and I was able to see their dedication and ability. During the first semester my expectations were completely overcome, I was able to broaden my understanding of Social Work and today I know that I have a comprehensive view of the professional theories and practices. I am sure that when I return to Brazil my skills and abilities will be much more solid for a professional action committed towards the guaranteeing of rights.

Studying in the IU PhD



Teresa Alves | 1st Year IU PhD

Project: Social Work, Social Professions and Gender

The Doctoral Program is a PhD with a great rigor and theoretical development, which opens possibilities for improving my critical professionalism on social work.

I feel that in the teams I am a heard interlocutor, and that my process of professional and personal growth has allowed me to be a more critical and sustained person as a citizen and as a professional.



Catarina Vieira da Silva | 2nd Year IU PhD

Thesis: "Uncertain" Lives: Dynamics of Economic Vulnerability and Social Disqualification of the Middle Class in Portugal

I graduated in Social Work at the University of Coimbra and took my Master's Degree in Social Work at the Portuguese Catholic University. I cannot imagine a more suitable PhD program for me than this!es

Besides the fantastic opportunity to meet notable social work professors, it is gratifying to see all the support, encouragement, confidence and availability that they provide and that determines my entire path.



Duarte Azevedo da Silva | 1st Year IU PhD

Project : Families' participation in the intervention of the system of promotion and protection

The choice of the PIUDSS/IUPSW was due to the solidity of the program presented and to the trust that I have in both universities that promote it.

The participation in it has met my expectations and the PhD Program has benefited from the competence and availability of the professors who are tireless in supporting the students, instilling the capacity for reflection and promoting their interaction.

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Vanessa Nunes | 2nd Year IU PhD

Thesis: At the Crossroads of (Un)Employment: The impacts of active employment policies on the risk society

The option to embark on the IU PhD is essentially due to the fact that it provides a meeting opportunity between knowledge and scientific knowledge shared by two of the most prestigious Portuguese universities, the University of Coimbra and the Portuguese Catholic University.

This doctoral program presents enriching and diverse programmatic contents and competent and eclectic professors that stimulates critical reflection and the search for new paths in scientific investigation in Social Work.



Marta Ferreira | 2nd Year IU PhD

Thesis: The place of spirituality in the social work's intervention as an aid profession

Nothing in life is done through a completely unique way. Studying, researching and investigating implies individual perseverance, but also sharing and companionship in the discovery of new knowledge. It implies dedication to knowledge, fostered by the professors, who encourage us to climb every step.

Although the PhD is a particularly demanding training process, the IU PhD is based both on the scientific rigor and theoretical solidness that characterize it, and on the constant and personalized support that each of us feels from the first moment.

The complementarity of two of the most prestigious Portuguese institutions of Higher Education, the University of Coimbra and the Portuguese Catholic University, allows an integrated support structure that assists us in the management of the research process from the beginning.

It was based on the happy conviction that learning, studying, producing and building knowledge are embodied in a process of shared training, supported by teaching quality, that I chose this doctoral Program

Estudar no PIUDSS



Maria João Paixão | 2nd Year IU PhD

Thesis: Social support to families with dependent elderly. Limits and potentialities in a social capital perspective

I applied for the Inter-university PhD in Social Work of the Portuguese Catholic University and University of Coimbra, with the objective of developing research and scientific production tools on current social issues. My participation in this program is completely in line with the expectations created from the beginning, and I consider this PhD the

most suitable due to my residency status in Madeira, allowing me to contact the professors through video calls when I am not able to be in class.

I believe that I have acquired new scientific learning tools and developed research and scientific analysis skills on social issues and Social Work giving me personal and professional growth

The PhD has allowed me to contact other colleagues, fostering intellectual interaction, sharing knowledge, as well as meeting renowned Professors and Researchers from the Social Work area in a dynamic and accessible environment in which each student is considered unique throughout the research process.

Syllabus

The PhD course seeks to combine training of scientific research methodologies with curricular units that focus on the challenges and trends of Social Work today. It also associates framework curricular units reflecting on the field of public policies and sociological theories, as well as discussion seminars, scientific meetings, tutorials and thesis monitoring seminars. Since the 1st year, students are encouraged to publish scientific articles, to participate and organize events and to promote a critical and open reflection on the topics under discussion.

The theses are accompanied by lecturers with extensive experience in the monitoring of scientific work, and theses in cooperation with foreign universities and European doctorates are also allowed.

ENGLISH MODULES*

- Comparative studies in social work and social policy
- New political and research agenda for social work
- Diversity, Risks and Human Rights: international perspectives
- Social work research and professional applications

* Not all these modules will be open each year

Scientific Coordination

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Resident Professors

Manuel Braga da Cruz, Francisco Branco, Cristina Albuquerque, Fernanda Rodrigues, Helena Neves de Almeida, Clara Cruz, Isabel Vieira, Henrique Joaquim.

Guest Professor

Ian Shaw, University of York, United Kingdom.

Lecturers

Ana Cristina Brito Arcoverde (University of Pernambuco, Brasil); Aldaíza Sposati (Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo, Brazil); Annamaria Campanini (University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy); Idit Weiss-Gal (University of Tel Aviv, Israel); John Gal (University of Jerusalem, Israel); Fred Powel (University College Cork, Ireland); Marc-Henry Soulet (Fribourg University); Michel Messu (Paris-Descartes University); Yves Hurtubise (Laval University).

Applications 2017

1st Phase | Applications: from 6th February until 7th June

Results: 12th June

Enrolment: 19th and 20th June

2nd Phase | Applications: from 19th June until 24th July

Results: 27th July

Enrolment: 28th and 31st July

Application process in 2017: Faculty of Human Sciences - UCP

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