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UpSkill Week - Unconfined minds!

"The **USW** is a week-long programme whose objective is to develop the transversal skills of ISEG students. Basically, the USW encourages and puts into practice the skills that we want develop in our students through the various modules which ISEG offers to all undergraduate students, namely: the energy to innovate; the ability to construct collaboratively; the competence and the background to look at the world systemically; an interest in the community and the collective body; and the maturity to understand the economic, social, environmental and global challenges (and others, such as spirit to transform problems into opportunities).

This programme took place a week before the start of this 2nd Semester in a different format this time – as you will see later on in this newsletter.

Basically, the feedback of students reflects how we work. The USW counts on the participations of faculty from different disciplines as well as ISEG researchers, external third parties who have connections with diverse disciplines, and staff from various services. The methodology employed includes interactive and active learning, is connected to the various research centres of and works towards developing the transversal of students, operates via small groups (which is one of the secrets of success), whilst creating a space for students to connect with ISEG and the research centres regarding pedagogical matters, as well as with other relevant stakeholders.



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The acquisition of skills for the 21st century based on cooperation, autonomy, critical thinking and analytical and technical capabilities is fundamental and we also know that other universities invest in more than just technical skills, by recruiting more faculty and by offering more teaching time in this area. ISEG equally stresses this priority in its mission and highlights these values in its recently-launched new image. **The UpSkill Week accordingly aims to grow more (to embrace more time, more study cycles, and more students) and to become completely transversal to the School.** We know that we have a lot of work ahead of us, however we rest assured that we can count on the collaboration of those colleagues (both internal and external to ISEG) who currently comprise the team, as well as that of new colleagues who are equally committed to the School's mission!".

In this edition of the Newsletter we highlight UpSkill Week, a virtual week of personal development. We note the research news from ISEG and our alumni, without forgetting ISEG's media coverage.

The following are cited in this number: **Alexandre Abreu**, **António Garcia Pereira**, **Carolina Afonso**, **Catarina Paiva**, **Carlos Farinha Rodrigues**, **Clara Raposo**, **Filipa Cristóvão**, **Francisco Louçã**, **Gilberto Jordan**, **João Duque**, **João Ferreira do Amaral**, **João Tomé Calado**, **Joaquim Sarmento**, **Jorge Gomes**, **Luis Cardoso**, **Luis Catão**, **Manuel Ennes Ferreira**, **Miguel St. Aubyn**, **Paulo Trigo Pereira**, **Paulo Soeiro de Carvalho**, **Ricardo Cabral**, **Sandra Maximiano**, **Sofia Santos** and **Susana Almeida Lopes**.



Waiting for Recovery?

>> The opinion of **Ricardo Cabral** regarding the fiscal stimulus programmes, in Público.



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>> Jomai de Negócios uses ISEG's forecasts to analyse the scenarios for the evolution of the economy in 2021.



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>> **Alexandre Abreu** is one of the subscribers of the call to the Portuguese Presidency of the European Union Council for the recognition of the Palestine State.



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>> **Carlos Farinha Rodrigues** comments on the indicators from Statistics Portugal on the poverty of deprivation, in Público.



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>> **Ricardo Cabral** and **Luis Catão** comment in Expresso on the reduction of external debt in 2020.



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>> The opinion of **Paulo Trigo Pereira** on the proliferation of professional orders, in Observador.



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>> **Sandra Maximiano** talks about distance learning in Expresso.



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>> The opinion of **Manuel Ennes Ferreira** on the political and economic situation in Angola, in Expresso.



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>> **João Duque** questions Tesla's business strategy in Expresso.



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>> The opinion of **Francisco Louçã**, in Expresso, regarding the reaction to the proposal to perpetuate the public debt.



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>> In an interview in Público, the Chair of the Portuguese Society of Mathematics comments on the increase in average grades for Mathematics, where MAEG stands out, to illustrate the growing demand in this area.



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>> **Joaquim Sarmiento** talks about the possible return to budget discipline in 2022 in *Journal Económico*.



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>> **Sofia Santos** analyses BlackRock's green investment portfolio, in *ECO*.



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>> **Susana de Almeida Lopes** presented the study entitled "Home, Sweet Office, Remote Work: Transient or a New Reality?" in an online conference organised by *Expresso*.



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>> **Alexandre Abreu** presents hints to understanding budgetary compliance, in *Expresso*.



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>> The opinion of **Francisco Louçã**, about Marcelino da Mata, in *Expresso*.



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>> The Consumer Debt Guidance Office, which count's with the collaboration of ISEG, is cited by *Deco Proteste* as being one of the consumers supports bodies which is in a situations of financial default.

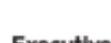
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>> A paper by **Miguel St. Aubyn** was published by the Board of Public Finances regarding the January lockdown and its impact on reducing contagion by Covid-19.



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>> CEO Talk with **Clara Raposo**, in *Executive Digest*.



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>> The opinion of **António Garcia Pereira** regarding the death of Marcelino da Mata.

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>> A webinar to present the ISEG MBA, with its executive director, **Paulo Soeiro de Carvalho**.

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>> The opinion of **Carolina Afonso** regarding executive training at ISEG.



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>> RH Magazine interviewed **Luis Cardoso, Filipa Cristóvão, and Catarina Paiva** about executive training at ISEG.



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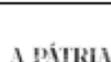
>> An interview with **Sofia Santos** about the "Women with Energy" event.

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>> A talk by Professor **Gilberto Jordan** in the Linking Up! Project.

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>> The opinion of **Jorge Gomes** on quality of life and the lessons learned from Covid-19.



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>> **João Ferreira do Amaral** discusses the economic news on *Rádio Observador*.



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>> A commentary by **João Tomé Calado** in *Visão* on the need to extend the moratorium term.



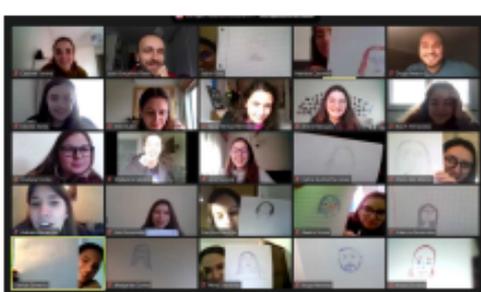
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>> **João Duque's** comments at the TSF Forum regarding the current and future situation of TAP.



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UpSkill Week: 5 days full of personal development



UpSkill Week took place from the 8th to 12th of February, an initiative focussed on developing individual and interpersonal skills, which is aimed for undergraduate students, who were able to improve skills such as teamwork, oral and written communication, ethics and social responsibility, and also listen to talks in the context of "life purpose and career development".

See what it was like, and read what some of the students have to say.

- "Almost everything was super relevant and very useful especially for me, I was able to understand my flaws in the entire program and changed my way of thinking, expressing and much more: as far learning, in addition to knowledge, I take motivation and courage, not only to face the public, but personal development, thank you!"
- "It was certainly the self-knowledge that gave me, because I thought of myself in ways I had never thought of and came to funny conditions, so I take with me the ability to introspect and comfort in the face of my own skills".
- "All the people were impeccable and the atmosphere was always genuinely comfortable, something I didn't expect. I leave the week with immense empathy for the people I come across and the feeling that I developed my skills at all levels."
- "After an intense week, I can say that, looking back, it was worthwhile to always wake up 'early' in my only week of vacation."



What's Up @ ISEG

ISEG at the largest virtual Masters fair

ISEG was present at the largest fair virtual Masters fair, which was held on the 25th and 26th of February, from 10.00 to 20.00.

This fair is already in its 6th edition, but this was the first time it has been held in a fully virtual format – an innovative concept which makes it much easier for you to determine the next step of your academic journey.

Free entrance, subject to [enrolment](#).



Professor Nuno Crato in a webinar on Belarus

An online presentation by **Nuno Crato** on the 2nd of March, at 10.30, at the Belarus National Institute of Education, on the topic of "Curricular ambition and aligned assessment can change a country: What a twentieth-century curriculum should be". Access the session [here](#).



Simone de Oliveira @ISEG

A RTP programme, where **Simone de Oliveira** recalls the beginning of her career, at the studios of the State radio in the Rua do Quelhas 2 building, which is now part of ISEG. Watch it, or watch it again [here](#).



Research news at ISEG

Springer published the first number of Volume 20 of the Portuguese Economic Journal. Read [here](#).

Don't miss the **February Newsletter** – which focusses on the annual PEJ conference. See [here](#).



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Alumni in the News: Sara Moreira, Professor at the Kellogg School of Management

Sara Moreira, a graduate of the ISEG Masters in Applied Econometrics and Forecasting, with a PhD from the University of Chicago, is currently an Assistant Professor of Strategic Management at the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University.

In *PEJ Talk*, Sara talks about her Carrera since her days at ISEG, up until she applied to study for a PhD in the USA. See the video here:



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