

PhD in Development Studies

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The PhD in Development Studies is a 3rd cycle program of studies that aims to provide high quality training and produce original research in the area of Development Studies, a field of interdisciplinary research on the process of economic, social and political changes in modern societies.

This PhD program was created in 2009 and accredited by the Portuguese national agency A3ES in 2015. In 2017/18 this program became a joint PhD involving ISEG (School of Economics and Management), ICS (Institute of Social Sciences), IGOT (Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning) and ISA (School of Agriculture) of the Universidade de Lisboa.

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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, agronomy and forestry, political science, international relations, history, anthropology, or any other area deemed appropriate can apply. 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 Board of the PhD programme will choose candidates on the basis of the following criteria:

- Masters degree (final grade)
- First degree (undergraduate) (GPA)
- Academic and relevant professional experience
- Research proposal
- Motivation letter
- Information on two persons for recommendation letters

Non-native English speakers must hold a proficiency certificate of a level equivalent to B1 or higher according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

For the purposes of the proficiency certification, placement test results from an authorized language school equivalent to or greater than B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages are also accepted.

Note that the Admissions Board reserves the right to request an interview using Skype or a similar software.

What kind of topics can I study in the Program?

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 equity issues; development economics and aid finance; sustainable development and transitions; development cooperation, policy and political issues; geography and urbanization; migration and gender; security-development nexus; sustainable consumption, agriculture and contemporary agrarian transformation; food production and ecosystem services; and modernity theoretical challenges to development.

As a Development Studies programme, interdisciplinary links are established between economics, sociology, geography, social and economic history, political science and law, thus providing an integrated perspective on development and sustainability issues in contemporary societies. Great attention is paid to the improvement of students' skills on research methods and techniques 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 themes are explored through course units including: theories of development and modernity, the policy and politics of development, sustainability transitions and a focus on urban and rural development. Through these units we encourage dialogue and team work to maximise the benefit of diverse backgrounds and worldviews.

One of the programme orientations focuses on development issues in Portuguese-speaking contexts (Portugal, Brazil, East Timor, Portuguese-speaking African countries), given that research in these geographical areas offers a comparative advantage for participation in international research networks.

How the Program is structured?

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

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

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

1st semester

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

2nd semester

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

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

How to prepare a doctoral thesis?

Applicants should present a research proposal, outlining their chosen theme, which will be evaluated by the coordinating scientific committee. Upon acceptance into the 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 of the Program, a specially appointed committee nominated by the Program 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 thesis proposal 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 prepare the PhD thesis?

There are Research Centres at all Schools where the students are expected to initiate their research activities. After the research proposal has been approved, the students will register as PhD students at their supervisor's Research Centre.

RESEARCH CENTRES

CSG - ISEG (*Research in Social Sciences and Management, School of Economics and Management*)

Ciências Sociais e Gestão, CSG (Research in Social Sciences and Management, <http://csg-iseg.blogspot.pt>) is the R&D 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*), CEaA (*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 by them 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-ISEG (*Research Unit on Complexity and Economics, School of Economics and Management*)

UECE (<https://pascal.iseg.ulisboa.pt/~uece/index.shtml>) produces research, both theoretical and applied, mainly in Economics, but also in the Sciences of Complexity and in inter-disciplinary 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 da Universidade de Lisboa (<http://www-ics.ulisboa.pt>) 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. The disciplinary areas involved in this project are: Social and Cultural Anthropology, Political Science, Economics, Human Geography, History, Social Psychology, and Sociology.

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: *Análise Social*, *Imprensa de Ciências Sociais* and *Working Papers*; it also undertakes projects intended to disseminate scientific knowledge to a non-academic audience.

Currently, the Institute has about 80 researchers and 150 postgraduate students and is engaged in 60 research projects. Close to sixty per cent of its activities are financed from its own funds, which are obtained on a competitive basis.

CEG-IGOT (*Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning*)

The Instituto de Geografia e Ordenamento do Território da Universidade de Lisboa (IGOT-UL) is the School of Geography and Spatial Planning of the University of Lisbon (<http://www.igot.ulisboa.pt>). IGOT's mission is to ensure university-level education, research and knowledge dissemination in the fields of geography, spatial planning and territorial development. The Centre for Geographical Studies (www.ceg.ulisboa.pt) is the research unit of IGOT. Established in 1943, CEG is the main Portuguese institution conducting research in the field of Geography.

Currently, around 150 researchers, of which 82 have a PhD degree, develop their research at CEG. The work is global in scope and addresses cutting-edge subjects of contemporary human and physical geography and planning and territorial development, aiming at contributing to theoretical, methodological and empirical knowledge on the field. CEG owns and publishes continuously since 1965 the prestigious journal *Finisterra*. CEG is involved in several collaborative research partnerships and networking activities, both at international and national scales.

Due to the high quality of research environment and facilities, such as a specialized library and a vast map and photography collections and the new GeoMod Lab (geocomputation laboratory), CEG hosts numerous visiting Scholars and Researchers as well as graduate students from around the world, including from some of the most prestigious research centers in the field.

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

LEAF (www.isa.ulisboa.pt/en/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 vines 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.

CEF-ISA (*Research Centre Forest Research Center - School of Agriculture*)

CEF (www.isa.ulisboa.pt/en/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.

Fees (ISEG)

1st year	3000 €
2nd year	2000 €
3rd year	2000 €
4th year and after	1000 €/year

Coordination team

ISEG

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His main research interests are focused on complexity, cycles and long-term dynamics and evolution of modern economies. He published "As Time Goes By", with Chris Freeman (2001, Oxford University Press), "The Years of High Econometrics" (2007, Routledge) and "Shadow Networks: Financial Disorder and

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His research interests are focused on the political economy and systems of capital accumulation in Africa, with emphasis on Mozambique and Southern Africa. He has studied and written extensively about extractive modes of accumulation, linkages, economic porosity and state expropriation, interactions between domestic and international capital, finance and financialization in Mozambique, and the economic relationship between Mozambique and South Africa. He is currently working on how the dependence on the interactions with international private finance has shaped the patterns of class formation, capital accumulation and deindustrialization in Mozambique. His article “*Growth, capital accumulation and economic porosity in Mozambique: social losses, private gains*” ([https://www.researchgate.net/publication/273340949 Growth capital accumula](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/273340949_Growth_capital_accumula)

[tion 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.

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As an interdisciplinary ‘policy-engaged’ researcher, her research interests include exploring notions of progress, future and sustainability through a critical analysis of the paradigm of growth, of the changing humans-nature relationships and of recent debates on happiness and wellbeing, with a focus on urban contexts. She has published widely, including in Ecological Economics, EIA Review, Environment and Planning C, Jn of Cleaner Production, Futures, and Foresight.

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His main area of research is citizen participation in urban policymaking. His interdisciplinary approach includes also socioeconomic transitions in the peripheral Eurozone during the recent sovereign-debt crisis, and new forms of decision-making on local and supra-local scales. His work has been published in peer-reviewed journals such as Policy Studies, Urban research and Practice, and Radical Housing, international books, policy reports, as well as two Encyclopedias

(“Sustainable Cities and Communities. Encyclopedia of the UN Sustainable Development Goals” and “Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance”, both edited by Springer). 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.

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Latest publications:

What is Urban Violence? PiHG (2018) (link) / From capitalist-urbanisation as politics-of-refuge to planning as planetary-politics-of-care PTP (2019) (link) / Generalization, epistemology and concrete Fennia (link) webpage / academia.edu / twitter.

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His research is dedicated to the economic valuation of the environment, relationships agriculture, biodiversity and ecosystem services and evaluation of agricultural, rural and environmental policies; integrated in Forest Research Centre (CEF). Teaches at the BSc, MSc and PhD levels, being a member of the Scientific Committees of two PhD Programmes (PhDP) of an interdisciplinary and inter-university nature: PhDP in Climate Change and Sustainable Development Policies and PhDP in Interdisciplinary Landscape Management.

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Research topics have focused on critical issues of the internationalization, innovation and regional development policies in European peripheral regions, supported by national and international research projects. 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 Fellow of the Regional Studies Association.

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