

*PhD in*  
**Economic and  
Social History**

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The PHD in Economic and Social History was created by the Universidade Técnica de Lisboa in 1991, and was subsequently adapted to the European Higher Education Area standards in 2009. It is a 3rd Cycle degree that aims to teach and produce original research in the field of economic and social history. The degree aims to train specialists who have a high capacity of interpretation and response to the economic and social transformations over time and in the interaction between the chronological, geographical and social aspects of these transformations.

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## Scientific Board

**Nuno Valério (Coordinator)**  
Full Professor

**Maria Paula Fontoura**  
Full Professor

**Leonor Freire Costa**  
Associate Professor

**Pedro Neves**  
Assistant Professor

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## Target

Those who want an advanced education and who wish to carry out research with the aim of working in a highly qualified position in the public sector, the private sector and the social economy sector, in the area of national and international development. Such positions include teaching and research, leadership and management of national and international organisations, consulting, training, research study and projects, journalism, planning, project development, and the design and evaluation of public policies and of social projects and policies.

## Study Topics

The study topics are chosen from the following fields:

- > Economic History;
- > Business History;
- > Social History;
- > History of Economic Thought.

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## Entry Conditions And Selection Criteria

Graduates may be admitted to study for the PhD in Economic and Social History if they hold a Masters in fields of Social Sciences (Economics, Sociology, Management and Finance) or Arts and Humanities (History). Graduates who only hold a Bachelors in one of the these subjects may also apply, as long as they have a minimum grade of 16, or exceptionally a lower grade, together with a curriculum that proves an adequate scientific background or professional experience. The selection of candidates is made by the Scientific Board of the PhD Programme, based on the following criteria:

- > Masters and respective final grade;
- > Bachelors and respective final grade;
- > Scientific curriculum and relevant professional experience.



## Study Methodology

A proposal regarding the research topic of the PhD thesis is presented by the candidate before an examination panel. After being accepted for the programme, a supervisor is appointed, to tutor the student during the in-depth preparation of their thesis project during the 1st Year. The thesis project is presented and discussed during the first-year Seminars. At the end of the 1st Year, a consolidated version of the thesis project is assessed by an examination panel appointed by the Programme Coordinator. The panel will confirm its recommendation and may suggest alterations, or recommend that the student discontinue their studies. If the thesis project is accepted, it is then registered and the name of the supervisor is confirmed. The process of preparing, researching and writing a thesis lasts for two academic years, according to the Rules and Regulations for ISEG PhD Programmes.

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*I understand that the evolution of a career must be accompanied by a continual improvement of one's academic education, especially as we live in a world where the labour market is becoming increasingly competitive. Thus, given my interest in issues related to the Economic and Social History of Portugal, in particular those relating to the 'Estado Novo', I chose to study for a PhD in this area. I chose the ISEG PhD in Economic and Social History, not only because of the indisputable experience and quality of its professors, but also on account of the fact that ISEG is the oldest and most traditional School of Economics in Portugal.”*



**Ricardo Ferraz**

PhD in Economic and Social History  
Economist



# Faculty and Subject Areas

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**Amélia Branco**

PhD ISEG, Universidade de Lisboa  
Economic and Business History and  
Quantitative Finance

**Ana Bela Nunes**

PhD ISEG, Universidade de Lisboa  
Economic History

**António Goucha Soares**

PhD European University, Florence, Italy  
European Law

**Leonor Freire Costa**

PhD ISEG, Universidade de Lisboa  
Economic History, Financial History and  
Colonial and Maritime History

**Nuno Valério**

PhD ISEG, Universidade de Lisboa  
Economic History, History of Economic  
Thought and Economic Systems

**Pedro Neves**

PhD ISEG, Universidade de Lisboa  
Business History

**Rita Martins de Sousa**

PhD ISEG, Universidade de Lisboa  
Monetary and Financial History and  
Business History



# Details and Study Plan

**Schedule:**

Evening Lectures

**Participating Centres:**

GHEH – ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY  
RESEARCH UNIT

**Start Date:**

September

**Tuition Fees:**

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



## year 1

Course Units	Professor	Credits	Semester
Research Methodology	Nuno Valério	10	1
Elective I	-	10	1
Seminar I	Leonor Freire Costa	10	1
Elective II	-	10	2
Elective III	-	10	2
Seminar II	Pedro Neves	10	2

## year 2

Course Units	Professor	Credits	Semester
Thesis (Research Seminar)	-	60.0	-

## year 3

Course Units	Professor	Credits	Semester
Thesis (Research Seminar)	-	60.0	-

## elective I

Course Units	Credits	Semester
Any course of PhD Programs of the ISEG	10	1

## elective II

Course Units	Credits	Semester
Any course of PhD Programs of the ISEG	10	1

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