

PhD in **Economic and Organisational Sociology**

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The PhD in Economic and Organisational Sociology is a 3rd cycle degree, launched in 1991, which aims to further knowledge and produce original research in this specific field of study. It is hosted by SOCIUS – the Research Centre in Economic and Organisational Sociology, a unit integrated into the wider CSG-Research in Social Sciences and Management consortium, which was evaluated as Very Good by the FCT – the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology.

Scientific Board

Sara Falcão Casaca (Coordinator)
Associate Professor

Daniel Seabra Lopes
Assistant Professor

Marta Varanda
Assistant Professor

Target Audience

Students seeking to obtain a PhD degree with the aim of working in a highly qualified position in the public, private or social economy sector, in either a national or an international context. Such roles might include teaching and research, leadership and management of organisations, consultancy, training journalism, planning project development, and the design and evaluation of public policies, projects and programmes.

Study Methodology

Admission to the programme is dependent on the scientific board evaluating a brief proposal written by the applicant and relating to the PhD thesis research topic. Once the applicant has been accepted, a supervisor is appointed to guide the in-depth preparation of the thesis project throughout the first year, which is then presented and discussed at the Research Seminar.

At the end of the first year, a consolidated version of the thesis project is assessed by an examination panel comprising representatives from ISEG and other institutions, who may suggest improvements or even the project's discontinuation from the programme. When the thesis project is accepted, it is then registered and the supervisor confirmed.

According to the Rules and Regulations for ISEG PhD Programmes, the process of preparing, researching and writing a thesis lasts for two academic years.

Admission to the PhD programme includes registration for the International Workshop on Economic and Organisational Sociology, which takes place at the beginning of each academic year.

Admission and Selection Criteria

Applicants must hold a Master's Degree qualification in the fields of Sociology, Economics, Management or other Social Sciences ruled acceptable by the Scientific Board. Applicants holding only a Bachelor's degree in one of these subjects may also apply whenever having graduated with a minimum grade of 16 (on the Portuguese scale) or, exceptionally, with a lower grade when submitting a curriculum that demonstrates an appropriate scientific background or professional experience. The selection process is carried out by the PhD Programme Scientific Board in accordance with the following criteria:

- > Master's degree and the respective final grade;
- > Bachelor's degree and the respective final grade;
- > Academic curriculum and relevant professional experience;
- > A preliminary draft of the research proposal, indicating the theme, theoretical background and methods.

Themes and Topics

What are the effects of a rapidly changing global economy? What is the role of states, markets, institutions, organisations and individuals in shaping economic and financial practices? What explanatory links may we find, both in the past and today, between the economy and politics, culture, technology or the environment? Why are only some markets ethical? How are global citizens involved in decision-making processes regarding their daily economic and financial lives? How are organisations reshaped to cope with a VUCA world? How does work balance with other dimensions of life in the 21st century? What are the main social and economic determinants of labour market segmentation in the global and digital economy? These constitute some of the questions discussed during course work and currently under research at SOCIUS-CSG. The themes and topics of this PhD revolve around the economy, finance and organisations in our contemporary societies. The programme proposes looking at markets and organisations as nuanced, complex and sometimes conflicting social realities, thus challenging students to put forward new readings of the rationalist paradigm of neoclassical economics that focuses on the optimal behaviour of economic agents. Highlighting the interplay between economic, social and cultural dimensions in the constitution of individual agents and their societies, this programme contributes to enriching the existing array of social science accounts of the economy through multidisciplinary approaches. PhD students might undertake research in the fields of economic sociology, organisational studies, sustainable development, science and technology studies, social studies of finance, classical sociological theory, cultural economy, migration studies, gender studies and value theory, among others. Therefore, a corresponding variety of research objects are open to consideration, including public policies, corporate social responsibility, corporate governance, formal and informal markets, alternative economies and the DIY culture, property rights, cultural industries, money and payment systems, professions and work or third sector organisations. This also involves different methodological approaches, from statistical analysis (descriptive and inferential), to experimental studies, participant methodologies, ethnography and social network analysis. The programme benefits from a dynamic environment of discussion and active feedback from the student academic community, the researchers and lecturers of SOCIUS/CSG, the Research Centre in Economic and Organisational Sociology. For instance, the PhD comprises a series of annual conferences, workshops and seminars, where students may present and discuss their work before an audience composed of other national and international researchers, policy-makers and members of civil society.

The programme also benefits from the range of links between SOCIUS/CSG and other national and international research networks as well as from its location in the historical centre of a vibrant city, Lisbon.

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When I decided to start the PhD Programme in Economics and Organisational Sociology, I wanted to invest in my professional career and increase my research skills. So far these objectives have been accomplished since the program provides a challenging educational experience within a multicultural research environment. It includes seminars, conferences, workshops, teaching and project opportunities in cooperation with other national and international research centres. Besides that, ISEG stands out for the seriousness and scientific quality of its teaching staff, which is distinguished by its supportive, integrated and human approach.”



Helena Gata

PhD Student in Economics and Organisational Sociology
Strategic Management Consultant and ESLIDER Portugal President



Faculty and Subject Areas

Amílcar Moreira
PhD from University of Bath
Social Policies, Pensions, Poverty and Income Distribution

Daniel Seabra Lopes
PhD from Universidade Nova de Lisboa and Universidade de Lisboa (ISEG)
Social Studies of Finance, Economic Sociology, Organisational Ethnography

Idalina Sardinha
PhD from University of Amsterdam
Corporate Social Responsibility and Development

João Carlos Graça
PhD from Universidade de Lisboa (ISEG)
Sociological Theory

João Peixoto
PhD from Universidade de Lisboa (ISEG)
International Migration, Demography and Economic Sociology

Maria João Santos
PhD from Universidade de Lisboa (ISEG)
Organisational Theories and Sociology of Work

Marta Varanda
PhD from Université des Sciences et Technologies de Lille, France
Organisational sociology, Social Network Analysis, Water Governance

Rafael Marques
PhD from Universidade de Lisboa (ISEG)
Sociology of Morality, Social Theory, Economic Sociology and Political Sociology

Rita Raposo
PhD from Universidade de Lisboa (ISEG)
Urban Studies, Sociology of Culture and Social Theory

Sara Falcão Casaca
PhD from Universidade de Lisboa (ISEG)
Sociology of Work, Gender Studies and Research Methods

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PhD from École des Mines de Paris, France
Social Studies of Science and Technology and Participatory Research Methods

Guest Speakers from Previous Editions

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PhD from Università di Milano-Bicocca

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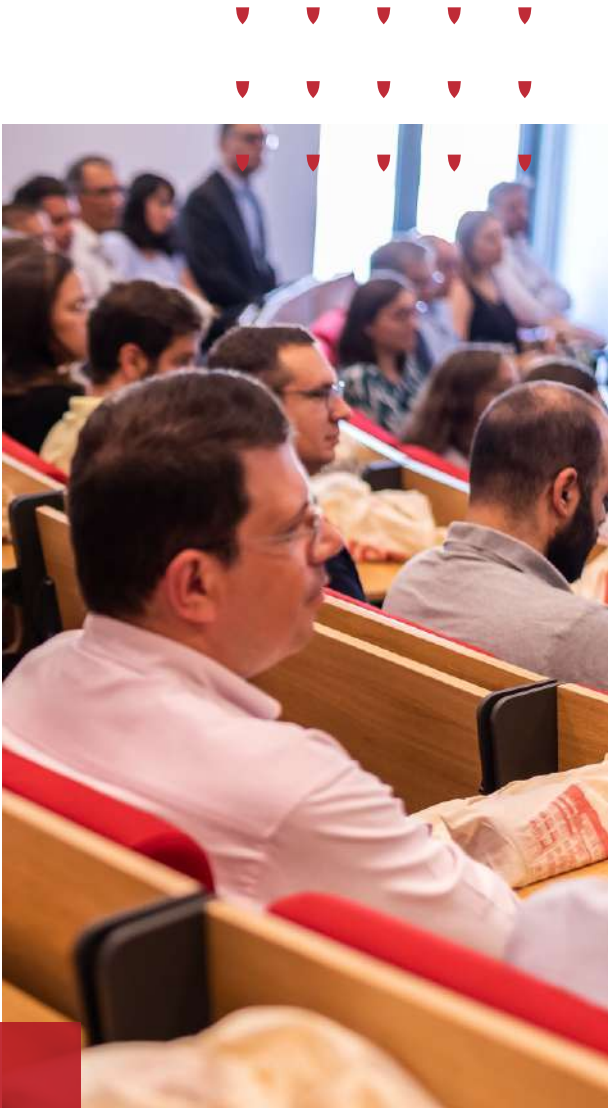
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PhD from Université de Paris IV

Richard Swedberg
PhD from Cornell University

Roberto Herranz González
PhD from Universidad de Santiago de Compostela



Details and Study Plan

Schedule:
Evening Lectures

Participating Centres:
Economic Sociology (SOCIUS/CSG)

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
	Economic Sociology	-	7.5	1
	Work and Organisations	-	7.5	1
	Research Methods and Techniques	-	7.5	1
	Research Seminar I	-	7.5	1
	Topics and Debates about Economic Sociology	-	7.5	2
	Topics and Debates about Work and Organisations	-	7.5	2
	Elective	-	7.5	2
	Research Seminar II	-	7.5	2

year 2	Course Units	Professor	Credits	Semester
	Thesis (Research Seminar III)	-	60.0	-

year 3	Course Units	Professor	Credits	Semester
	Thesis (Research Seminar IV)	-	60.0	-

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