

Doctoral Programmes



Lisbon School
of Economics
& Management
Universidade de Lisboa

PhD

“ Welcome to ISEG Lisbon

At ISEG you will find an environment that is supportive of research, with a friendly atmosphere of sharing and interaction between faculty, researchers and PhD students. We bring together all the necessary means and resources to carry out advanced research in the most cutting-edge research topics.

Furthermore, a comprehensive programme of seminars and conferences takes place throughout the year, which you can attend, selectively choosing according to your interests. We thank you for your interest in our PhD Programmes, which cover different areas of specialization, each targeting a special profile of student. Hopefully we will meet you soon here in Lisbon! But, first, let us highlight three good reasons to choose ISEG for your PhD:



Clara Raposo
Dean of ISEG
Full Professor of Finance



João Peixoto
Associate Dean
for Research of ISEG
Full Professor of
Sociology

01. An Experience at the Leading Edge of Knowledge

Unlike all other academic degrees, the main objective of a PhD is to produce new knowledge – in original research which is relevant to society and respected by the scientific community.

In our school you will find members of faculty who are producing world-class research that is published in top international journals – our PhD students are also expected to present their work at reputed international conferences and publish in high quality scientific journals or in edited books. This is already happening, and you can be next!

02. Learning Advanced Skills

Whether from a more theoretical or from a more applied perspective, a PhD thesis should involve knowledge which is relevant to the economy and society as a whole. In any case, it must incorporate advanced research techniques and methodologies.

With several decades’ experience in educating PhD students, at ISEG we know how to identify and develop the critical skills required by these students: analytical skills, technical skills, confidence to be creative, and even soft skills associated with effective communication.

Many of our PhD alumni play important roles in academia and in the public and private sectors, as well as in the social economy area.

03. Excellent Faculty and Graduates

The scientific research carried out by our research units provides an essential support for our offer of PhD Programmes. Based on many consecutive years of experience, ISEG is the School of Economics and Management that produces the largest volume of scientific publication in refereed academic journals (WoS, SCOPUS) in its scientific areas in Portugal.

The “António Simões Lopes prize”, for the best PhD thesis in the field of Economics carried out in Portuguese universities, was first awarded to Sara Proença for her PhD thesis at ISEG in the field of energy. This prize is sponsored by the Order of Economists, in partnership with PwC. Again in 2020 it was awarded to a PhD thesis from our school (Jorge Faria Silva).

Why ISEG Lisbon

ISEG is the oldest School of Economics and Management in Portugal, with a tradition of over 100 years in educating the Portuguese business and technical elite. With an experienced and well-prepared faculty, ISEG is also recognised for the extraordinary spirit of mutual understanding that is cultivated between its students and faculty. With an ever-increasing focus on internationalisation, ISEG offers a number of programmes taught in English, including three Bachelors degrees and eleven Masters, which attract more international students each year.

ISEG offers ten PhD Programmes, six in key fields of study, and another four in partnership with other schools and universities. A PhD enables students to learn up to the limits of knowledge in an academic environment where research experiences are shared, and ideas and methods are discussed, and where you can always find someone who has common interests. This is what ISEG has to offer in its PhD Programmes. Find out about these topics – and much more – in this brochure, or at iseg.ulisboa.pt.

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01.

ISEG is accredited by AACSB, a distinction earned by only 5% of business schools in the world. ISEG's international standards have recently been acknowledged by the reputed Global Financial Times Rankings with the Master in Finance in 2020.

02.

ISEG is a School of the Universidade de Lisboa, a leading university as recognized by the selective Shanghai ranking (ARWU).

03.

As part of the Universidade de Lisboa, ISEG belongs to UNITE! – University Network for Innovation, Technology and Engineering – a network that aims to foster cooperation between higher education institutions in Europe.

04.

ISEG is located in downtown Lisbon, a vibrant, multi-cultural, cosmopolitan, and sunny European city.

05.

ISEG's high quality research centres are engaged in a diverse array of international research projects.

06.

ISEG has a large, diversified, global network of talented alumni.

07.

ISEG students are highly sought after by top employers in government, private industry, and higher education around the world.

08.

ISEG' students and faculty win awards and recognition for best case studies, best dissertation and research output, and applied projects.

09.

ISEG is committed to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2030.

10.

ISEG students benefit from a collegiate and open-minded atmosphere with many opportunities to interact with their peers and with faculty.

PhD in Economic and Organisational Sociology

Taught in Portuguese and English

Scientific Committee

Sara Falcão Casaca
(Coordinator)
Associate Professor

Daniel Seabra Lopes
Assistant Professor

Marta Varanda
Assistant Professor

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.

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 can 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.



Helena Gata

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

“When I decided to start the PhD Programme in Economic 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 programme provides a challenging educational experience within a multi-cultural 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 faculty, which is distinguished by its supportive, integrated and human approach.”

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 Dias 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

Guest Speakers from Previous Editions

Alfonso Sousa-Poza
PhD from University of Hohenheim

Bruce Carruthers
PhD from Northwestern University

Enzo Mingione
PhD from Università di Milano-Bicocca

Ezra W. Zuckerman
PhD from MIT Sloan School of Management

Juan José Castillo
PhD from Universidad de Madrid

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

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

Maurício Serva
PhD from Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina

Mike Saks
PhD from University Campus Suffolk

Neil Fligstein
PhD from University of California, Berkeley

Philippe Steiner
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

	Course Units	Professor	Credits	Semester
YEAR 1	Economic Sociology	Rafael Marques, João Carlos Graça	7.5	1
	Work and Organisations	Maria João Santos, Marta Varanda	7.5	1
	Research Methods and Techniques	Daniel Seabra Lopes, Amílcar Moreira	7.5	1
	Research Seminar I	João Peixoto, Sara Falcão Casaca	7.5	1
	Topics and Debates about Economic Sociology	Sofia Bento	7.5	2
	Topics and Debates about Work and Organisations	Sara Falcão Casaca, Marta Varanda, Daniel Seabra Lopes	7.5	2
	Elective	-	7.5	2
	Research Seminar II	João Peixoto	7.5	2

YEAR 2	Course Units	Professor	Credits	Semester
	Thesis (Research Seminar III)	Daniel Seabra Lopes	60.0	-

YEAR 3	Course Units	Professor	Credits	Semester
	Thesis (Research Seminar IV)	Daniel Seabra Lopes	60.0	-

Funding Opportunities at ISEG

PhD Scholarships

Applicants for the School's PhDs can apply for a variety of scholarships, namely FCT scholarships (granted by FCT or by ISEG research centres) and, in some cases, ULisboa scholarships. The criteria, rules and regulations for applying for scholarships are detailed on our website.

GTA Programme

The GTA (Graduate Teaching Assistants) Programme recruits every year a number of PhD students to teach and grade in the undergraduate or masters' programmes at ISEG. A good opportunity for a first contact with teaching and also to help finance the PhD programme tuition fees. For further information, contact the PhD coordinator.

Research Centres

In some cases, PhD students can be enrolled in projects hosted by the research centres or be supported by them. For further information, contact the PhD coordinator.



Rankings:



Member:



Accreditations and Partnerships:



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