

# *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](https://iseg.ulisboa.pt).

## 10 reasons

### 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's 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 Social History

## Taught in Portuguese

### Scientific Committee

Nuno Valério (Coordinator)  
Full Professor

Maria Paula Fontoura  
Full Professor

Leonor Freire Costa  
Associate Professor

Pedro Neves  
Assistant Professor

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.

### 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 or 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.

### Entry Conditions and Selection Criteria

Graduates may be admitted to study for the PhD in Economic and Social History if they hold a Master's degree in fields of Social Sciences (Economics, Sociology, Management and Finance) or Arts and Humanities (History). Graduates who only hold a bachelor's degree in one of these subjects may also apply, as long as they have a minimum grade of 16, or excep-

tionally 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 Committee of the PhD Programme, based on the following criteria:

- Master's degree and respective final grade;
- Bachelor's degree 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 1st 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 presents 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.



André Costa

PhD in Economic and Social History  
Economist



*In my PhD in Economic and Social History (ISEG-UL) I found the ideal environment to study the most persistent problems of the modern world, but with a look rooted in history. This experience in an institution capable of building bridges between the Humanities and the Social Sciences has proved decisive in my education. The most advanced schools stimulate technical competence, mathematical reasoning, without neglecting the importance of creativity and critical thinking as tools of the scientific method. This is what I found in my PhD in Economic and Social History at ISEG.*

*The PhD programme insertion in the European network of PhD programmes in Economic and Social History, led by the Posthumus Institute of the Netherlands, favoured my international experience. Combining solutions and models with the uniqueness of human experience and the depth of historical problems has enabled me to develop the capacity to adapt to the most diverse environments. This is a decisive education for those who want flexibility and resilience to the fluctuations of the labour market. This qualification has made it easier to access a wide range of professional projects that I have undertaken.*



# Faculty and Subject Areas

**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:**  
GHES – 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

	Course Units	Professor	Credits	Semester
YEAR 1	Research Methodology	Nuno Valério	10.0	1
	Elective I	-	10.0	1
	Seminar I	Leonor Freire Costa	10.0	1
	Elective II	-	10.0	1
	Elective III	-	6.0	1
	Seminar II	Pedro Neves	4.0	1

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
	Any course of PhD Programs of the ISEG

Elective II	Course Units
	Any course of PhD Programs of the ISEG





# 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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