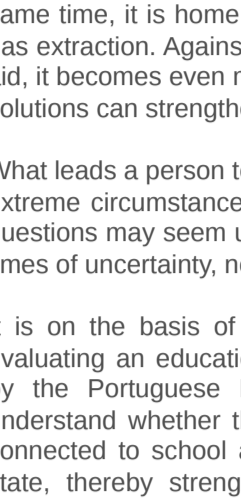




In this week's edition of the newsletter, these are the main highlights:

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Henrique Pita Barros ISEG Professor

From research to public policy: partnerships that transform the Global South

Addressing the major issues of development requires more than academic research carried out in isolation. It requires collaboration between universities, multilateral organisations, governments and NGOs. It is this combination that enables scientific rigour to be applied to the concrete problems faced by communities and transforms knowledge into public policy.

It is with this aim in mind that ISEG has been deepening its collaboration with UNU-WIDER, the United Nations University institute dedicated to development economics. One example of this collaboration has been the recent workshop 'Navigating Climate Change Challenges in Developing Countries', organised by UNU-WIDER and hosted by ISEG, which brought together researchers from around the world to discuss the economic challenges posed by climate change.

This collaboration, however, is not limited to creating spaces for debate and academic exchange. It also takes the form of applied research into some of the most difficult problems facing international development. It is here that Cabo Delgado, in northern Mozambique, takes centre stage.

A few regions face so many challenges simultaneously. Cabo Delgado is grappling with an armed insurgency, forced displacement, natural disasters and widespread poverty. At the same time, it is home to one of the largest private investments in Africa, linked to natural gas extraction. Against a backdrop of scarce public resources and declining global foreign aid, it becomes even more important to recognise that simple, community-led and scalable solutions can strengthen social cohesion and the resilience of local populations.

What leads a person to trust the state, to cooperate with their neighbours or, in extreme circumstances, to align themselves with an armed group? At first glance, these questions may seem unrelated to the economy. However, they concern decisions made in times of uncertainty, notably incentives and consideration of opportunity costs.

It is on the basis of these questions that, in collaboration with UNU-WIDER, we are evaluating an educational initiative delivered via community radio stations, implemented by the Portuguese NGO Helpo in partnership with local authorities. We want to understand whether this type of intervention can, at the same time, help keep children connected to school and reinforce the implicit social contract between citizens and the state, thereby strengthening social cohesion and reducing the incentives for violent behaviour.

In a parallel project, with additional funding from J-PAL and the International Growth Centre - research centres based at MIT and the London School of Economics respectively - we are also investigating whether community dialogues can help rebuild cooperation and trust following the return of populations displaced by conflict. We have also recently launched a study on financial literacy, natural resources and social cohesion, focusing on how households save, invest and manage large payments in a context of rapid economic transformation.

As part of this wider agenda, we have collected thousands of individual surveys. This work requires a continuous presence on the ground, local teams, knowledge of the communities and the ability to conduct rigorous research under particularly complex conditions.

This work has only been possible because it is based on a collaborative model that brings together institutions with distinct and complementary capabilities. Universities ensure scientific rigour; multilateral organisations link knowledge production to international projects to be implemented; local public institutions and funders create the conditions for debate and public policy; and NGOs offer unique on-the-ground knowledge. It is from this coordination that more effective, scalable policies, tailored to the specificities of fragile contexts in the Global South, can emerge.

More than just a set of projects, this research agenda reflects ISEG's commitment to producing rigorous, relevant knowledge geared towards solving concrete development challenges. Through high-calibre international partnerships and applied research in complex contexts, ISEG reinforces its role as an institution that links science to public policy-making and contributes to finding solutions to the challenges of global development.

What's Up @ ISEG

Applications for Higher Education Graduates - 2026/2027



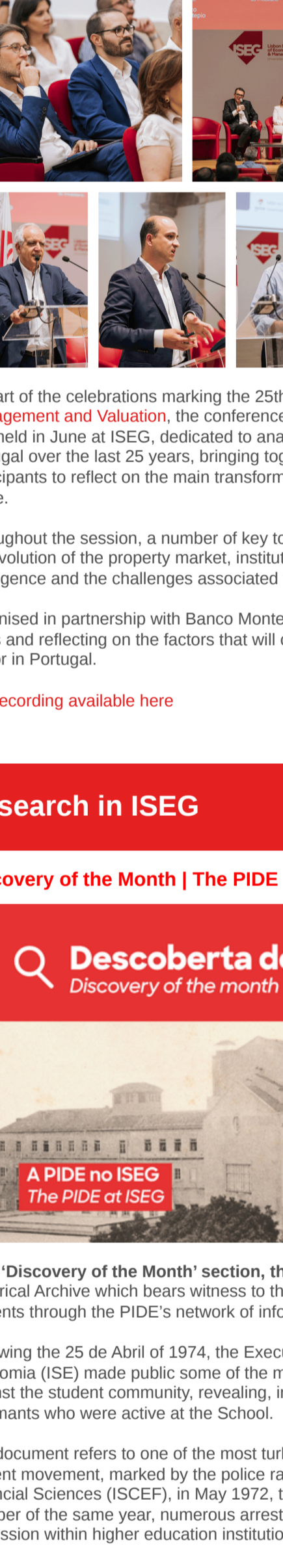
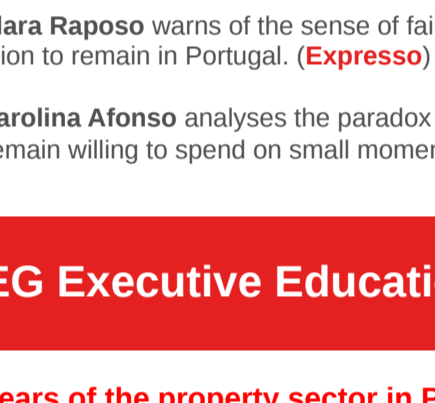
Applications are now open for the **Special Selection Process for University Graduates for the 2026/2027 academic year**.

This scheme is aimed at university graduates who wish to continue their studies, acquire new skills, change their field of study or enhance their academic qualifications.

📅 Application period: 1 to 20 July 2026.

👉 [Further information here](#)

CIP/ISEG Economic Outlook Barometer - June 2026



The Portuguese economy is expected to return to quarter-on-quarter growth in the second quarter of 2026, after Gross Domestic Product recorded virtually no change in the first three months of the year. According to the **June CIP/ISEG Economic Outlook Barometer** report, consumer and business confidence indicators recovered in May, halting the downward trend observed in previous months. The ISEG Confidence Index rose from 48.1 to 48.7 points, reversing three consecutive months of decline.

The report also highlights positive signs from the services, construction, retail trade and investment sectors. In the first quarter, gross fixed capital formation grew by 10.6 per cent year-on-year, driven mainly by investment in machinery, equipment and transport equipment. Despite geopolitical uncertainty, rising energy costs and the negative impact of external demand, **the Barometer anticipates an overall favourable performance by the Portuguese economy between April and June**.

👉 [Further information here](#)

AI in Law - Launch of JurisVis



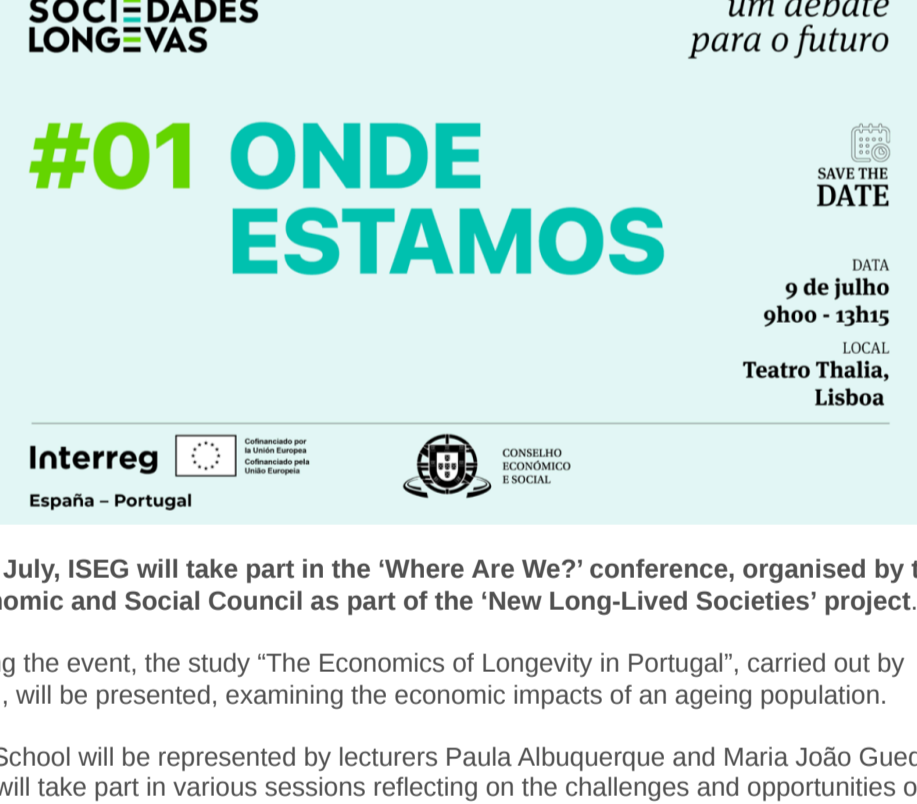
On **7 July**, ISEG will host the event **"AI in Law - Launch of JurisVis"**, dedicated to the public presentation of a new legal research platform based on Artificial Intelligence.

The session will include a live demonstration of the tool and a discussion on the application of AI to law, with a focus on the reliability of information, the verification of sources and the challenges of digital transformation in the legal sector.

📅 **Date:** 7 July, from 2.00 pm to 6.30 pm

📍 **Venue:** ISEG

👉 [Further information and registration here](#)



ISEG in the Media



>> **Augusto Mateus** and **Miguel St. Aubyn** comment on the impact of the increase in Portugal's resident population on GDP. (**Expresso**)

>> **Ricardo Cabral** criticises the National Statistics Institute (INE) for its slowness in revising the figures for Portugal's resident population. (**Expresso**)

>> **João Tovar Jalles** argues that "Democracies do not enter a crisis merely when free elections cease to exist or when constitutions are suspended." (**ECO**)

>> **João Duque** considers that, against the backdrop of the increasing transfer of family businesses to *private equity* funds and foreign investors, many Portuguese business owners view succession as an issue that goes beyond the financial dimension, with fears that these investors prioritise maximising returns at the expense of the long-term preservation and continuity of businesses. (**Jornal Económico**)

>> **João Duque** highlights the "enormous growth in investment expenditure" - which rose by 3 per cent year-on-year - attributing this trend to the Recovery and Resilience Plan (PRR). (**ECO**)

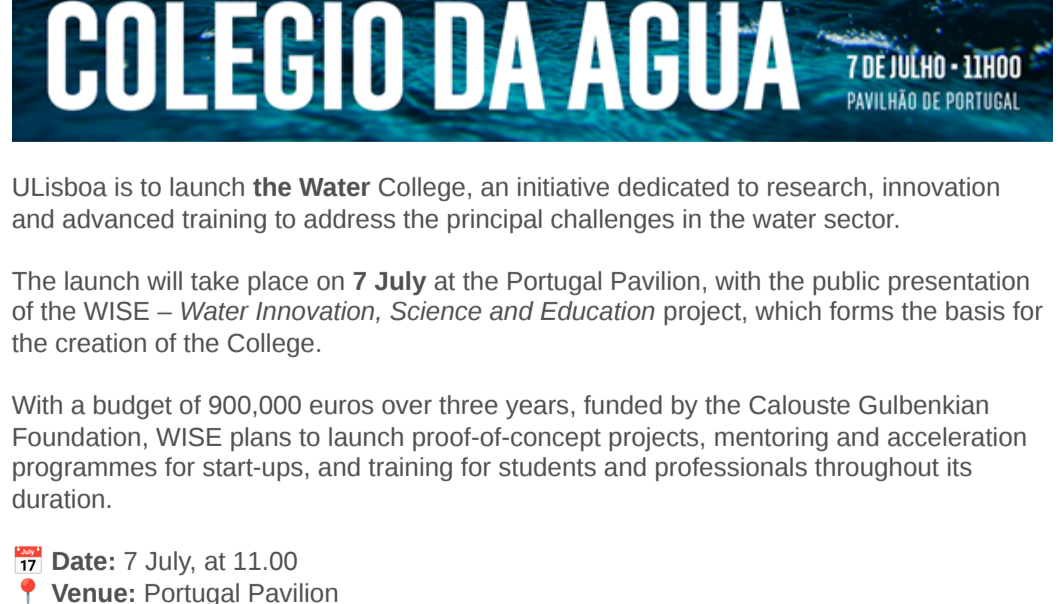
>> **Carlos Farinha Rodrigues** argues that the Single Social Benefit should promote people's integration, rather than forcing them to enter the labour market. (**Público**)

>> **Clara Raposo** warns of the sense of failure that many young people associate with the decision to remain in Portugal. (**Expresso**)

>> **Carolina Afonso** analyses the paradox of consumers who seek to save on essentials, yet remain willing to spend on small moments of pleasure. (**Jornal Económico**)

ISEG Executive Education

25 years of the property sector in Portugal: a reflection on developments, trends and future challenges



As part of the celebrations marking the 25th anniversary of the **Postgraduation in Property Management and Valuation**, the conference "25 Years of the Property Sector in Portugal" was held in June at ISEG, dedicated to analysing the evolution of the real estate sector in Portugal over the last 25 years, bringing together experts, industry leaders and participants to reflect on the main transformations in the market and the outlook for the future.

Throughout the session, a number of key topics for the sector were discussed, including the evolution of the property market, institutional investment, the impact of Artificial Intelligence and the challenges associated with financing in an ever-changing context.

Organised in partnership with Banco Montepio, this initiative provided a forum for sharing ideas and reflecting on the factors that will continue to shape the future of the property sector in Portugal.

📺 [Recording available here](#)

Research in ISEG

Discovery of the Month | The PIDE at ISEG

In its 'Discovery of the Month' section, the **ISEG Library** highlights a document from its Historical Archive which bears witness to the surveillance and repression imposed on students through the PIDE's network of informants.

Following the 25 de Abril of 1974, the Executive Committee of the Instituto Superior de Economia (ISE) made public some of the mechanisms of control and repression used against the student community, revealing, in this instance, the identities of several PIDE informants who were active at the School.

The document refers to one of the most turbulent periods in the history of the Portuguese student movement, marked by the police raid on the then Higher Institute of Economic and Financial Sciences (ISECF), in May 1972, the murder of the student Ribeiro Santos in October of the same year, numerous arrests of students, and a climate of growing political repression within higher education institutions.

More than fifty years on, this document stands as an important record of the history of ISEG and of the resilience of its academic community in the face of repression of the Estado Novo. Its value extends beyond the purely documentary, contributing to the preservation of institutional memory and to a better understanding of a defining period in the history of higher education in Portugal. This document forms part of the ISEG Historical Archive.

ISEG takes part in the CES conference on the Economics of Longevity in Portugal

On **9 July**, ISEG will take part in the **"Where Are We?" conference**, organised by the **Economic and Social Council** as part of the **"New Long-Lived Societies"** project.

During the event, the study "The Economics of Longevity in Portugal", carried out by ISEG, will be presented, examining the economic impacts of an ageing population.

The School will be represented by lecturers Paula Albuquerque and Maria João Guedes, who will take part in various sessions reflecting on the challenges and opportunities of an increasingly long-lived society.

👉 [Further information and registration here](#)

Paulo Bastos wins the Bhagwati Prize

Paulo Bastos (ISEG Research) was recently awarded the **Bhagwati Prize**, given to the best paper in the field of international trade published in the *Journal of International Economics* during the period 2023–2024. The prize recognised the article "Robots, Tasks, and Trade", co-authored with Erhan Artuc and Bob Rijkers.

José Alves honoured with the John P. Rust Best Paper Award

José Alves (ISEG Research) was awarded second prize in the **John P. Rust Best Paper Award**, sponsored by Springer Nature, for his paper "Private Investment and Public Investment: Total Rates of Return and Global Balances in the OECD."

The award was presented at the 55th Conference of the Eurasia Business and Economics Society (EBES), recognising the paper's contribution to advancing knowledge in the fields of economics and public policy.

Eduardo Moraes Sarmento elected as Portugal's representative to EADI

Eduardo Moraes Sarmento (ISEG Research) has been elected as Portugal's representative on the Executive Committee of **EADI** – the **European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes** – for the 2026–2029 term.

EADI is the leading European network in the field of Development Studies, bringing together more than 100 institutions in over 25 countries.

Alumni in the Spotlight

José Rui Meneses e Castro recounts his entrepreneurial journey in the construction sector

José Rui Meneses e Castro, founder and Co-CEO of MAP Group and former student of the Master's in Property Management and Valuation at ISEG, highlighted, in an interview on ECO's "E Se Corre Bem?" podcast, the importance of this education in his professional and entrepreneurial journey. It was during his studies for his Master's degree that he began to develop the idea that would later give rise to the group.

👉 [Interview available via this link](#)

Universidade de Lisboa

ULisboa establishes the Water College to drive innovation, science and talent in the water sector

ULisboa is to launch the **Water College**, an initiative dedicated to the research, innovation and advanced training to address the principal challenges in the water sector.

The launch will take place on **7 July** at the Portugal Pavilion, with the public presentation of the **WISE – Water Innovation, Science and Education** project, which forms the basis for the creation of the College.

With a budget of 900,000 euros over three years, funded by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, WISE plans to launch proof-of-concept projects, mentoring and acceleration programmes for start-ups, and training for students and professionals throughout its duration.

📅 **Date:** 7 July, at 11.00

📍 **Venue:** Portugal Pavilion

👉 [Further information and registration here](#)

End-of-Season Concert - Romantic Lyricism

The **Universidade de Lisboa Academic Orchestra** brings the **2025/2026 season** to a close with the concert **"Romantic Lyricism"** on 4 July in the Aula Magna.

Conducted by **Tiago Oliveira**, the concert will be dedicated to late Russian Romanticism.

The programme includes works by **Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov** and **Sergei Rachmaninov**, in an evening marked by the intensity and expressiveness of symphonic music.

📅 **Date:** 4 July, at 9.00 pm

📍 **Venue:** Aula Magna

👉 [Further information here](#)

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