

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. It is hosted by SOCIUS/CSG (Research Centre in Economic and Organisational Sociology), a research unit belonging to ISEG and evaluated as Excellent by FCT, the national Foundation for Science and Technology.

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? Which explanatory links may be found, both historically and currently, between the economy and politics, culture, technology or the environment? Are all markets ethical? How are global citizens involved in decision-making processes regarding their economic and financial daily lives? How are organisations reshaped? How is work balanced with other dimensions of human life in the 21st century? And what is the role of knowledge production in the Anthropocene age? These are some of the questions discussed in the course units and around which consolidated research is being carried out.

The themes and topics for this PhD evolve around economy, finance and organisations in our contemporary societies. The program proposes to look at markets and organisations as nuanced, complex and sometimes conflicting social realities, thus challenging students for new readings of the rationalist paradigm of neoclassic

economics, that focuses on the optimal behaviour of economic agents. Making visible the interplay between economic, social and cultural dimensions in the constitution of individual agents and their societies, this program contributes to enrich the existing array of social science accounts of the economy through a multidisciplinary approach.

PhD students might conduct research in the fields of economic sociology, organisation studies, sustainable development, science and technology studies, social studies of finance, classic sociological theory, cultural economy, migration studies, gender studies and value theory, among others. Therefore, a variety of research objects can be investigated, namely 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. Different methodological approaches can also be deployed, from logistic regression models and statistical analysis, to experimental studies, participant methodologies,

ethnography and network analysis.

The program benefits from a dynamic environment of discussion and active feedback among the academic community of students, 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 and expose it to other national and international researchers, policy-makers and members of the civil society. The program also benefits from several 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.

TARGET

Anyone who wants an advanced education and who wishes 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 an international or national context. Such roles might include teaching and research, leadership and management of 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.

ADMISSION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates must hold a Masters in the scientific fields of Sociology, Economics, Management and other Social Sciences considered acceptable by the Scientific Board. Anyone who only holds a Bachelors in one of these subjects may also apply, as long as they have a minimum grade of 16, or exceptionally a lower grade, alongside a curriculum that proves an adequate scientific background or professional experience. Other candidates who demonstrate an ability to study for this degree may also be admitted. The selection is made by the Scientific Board of the PhD program, based on the following criteria:

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

STUDY METHODOLOGY

A brief proposal regarding the research topic of the PhD thesis is presented by the candidate upon admission. After being accepted for the program, a supervisor is appointed to tutor the student during the in-depth preparation of the thesis project during the 1st year, which is presented and discussed during the Research Seminar. At the end of the 1st year, a consolidated version of the thesis project is assessed by an examination panel comprised of representatives from ISEG and other institutions, which may suggest alterations, or recommend that the student discontinue their studies. When 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 Programs.

→ *The admission in the PhD in the academic year 2019/2020 includes registration for the 1st International Workshop on Economic and Organisational Sociology, «Contestation over Markets and Industries: Moral Shifts, Power Struggles and Senses of Repulsion», 26-27 September 2019, ISEG, Lisbon (organized by the PhD in Economic and Organisational Sociology, SOCIUS/CSG).*



FACULTY MEMBERS AND SUBJECT AREAS

AMÍLCAR MOREIRA

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

DANIEL SEABRA LOPES

PhD from Universidade Nova de Lisboa
Social Studies of Finance, Economic Sociology and Organisational Ethnography

IDALINA SARDINHA

PhD from University of Amsterdam, Holland
Corporate Social Responsibility and Development

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PhD from ISEG, Universidade Técnica de Lisboa
Sociological Theory

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PhD from ISEG, Universidade Técnica de Lisboa
International Migration, Demography and Economic Sociology

MARIA JOÃO SANTOS

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Organisational Theories and Sociology of Work

MARTA VARANDA

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Public Policy Implementation and Hydrological Resources Management

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PhD from ISEG, Universidade Técnica de Lisboa
Sociology of Morality, Social Theory, Economic Sociology and Political Sociology

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Urban Studies, Sociology of Culture and Social Theory

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PhD from ISEG, Universidade Técnica de Lisboa
Sociology of Work, Gender Studies and Research Methods

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Social Studies of Science and Technology

GUEST SPEAKERS FROM PREVIOUS EDITIONS

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PhD from Northwestern University, USA

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PhD from Universidad de Santiago de Compostela, Spain

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 AND 3RD YEARS; €1,000 - 4TH - 6TH YEARS

YEAR 1	COURSE UNITS	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	CREDITS	SEMESTER
	THESIS	55.0	-
	RESEARCH SEMINAR III	5.0	-
YEAR 3	COURSE UNITS	CREDITS	SEMESTER
	THESIS	55.0	-
	RESEARCH SEMINAR IV	5.0	-



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My acceptance to read for a PhD in Economic and Organisational Sociology (PDSEO) constitutes first and foremost a three-year project of my life which fulfils my personal and professional objectives. In this context, my initial expectations were naturally high, but they have largely been exceeded.

As a result of my experience, I would like to highlight the following as being distinctive factors of PDSEO: i) the scientific quality of the faculty, as well as their willingness to individually support students, and; ii) the onboarding procedure provided by SOCIUS/CSG, which offers a wide range of high quality further education opportunities. Additionally, I applaud the cooperation with other higher education institutions, which, in my opinion, greatly enhances the quality of this PhD.