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Doctoral Researcher in Philosophy and Ethics

PROFILE

I am a researcher specialising in Philosophy and Ethics, with expertise in Social and Political Philosophy, the History of Political Thought, and Bioethics. My doctoral thesis focused on the ethics of human enhancement and theories of well-being, and my prior research delved into issues of distributive justice and property rights.

My research interests include the philosophical and ethical challenges posed by emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence, the Internet of Things, and the Internet of Bodies.

My teaching expertise encompasses the following areas: Bioethics, Political Philosophy, the History of Political Thought, and the Theories of Well-being.

EDUCATION

- **PhD Philosophy | October 2019 – Present**
Institution: School of Arts and Human Sciences, University of Minho (Portugal).
Dissertation title: Well-Being and Human Enhancement: Towards Human Nature Developmentalism.
- **PhD Politics | September 2016 – July 2018 | Not Completed**
Institution: School of Social Sciences, University of Manchester (UK).
Dissertation title: What is the Point of Democratic Equality?
- **Master (M.Phil.) Political Philosophy | October 2013 – November 2015**
Institution: Institute of Arts and Human Sciences, University of Minho (Portugal).
Main skills acquired: Contemporary Theories of Justice; Political Philosophy.
Grade Achieved: Very Good with Distinction by unanimous vote (19 out of 20 points).
Dissertation title: A Libertarian Theory of Justice: Contributions by Nozick and Steiner.
- **Bachelor (BA) Political Science and International Relations | September 2010 – July 2013**
Institution: Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Beira Interior (Portugal).
Main skills acquired: History of Philosophy; Modern and Contemporary Political Thought; History of Political Ideas; Political Theory; Theories of the State; Political Systems; Ethics.
Grade Achieved: Very Good (16 out of 20 points).

PROFILE

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AFFILIATIONS

Doctoral researcher | Centre for Ethics, Politics, and Society (University of Minho) | 2019-

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Recognition of Merit Award
– 2013 –

Best finalist student award of the course of Political Science and International Relations: University of Beira Interior and Journal of Fundação



TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1. 2023 - Guest Lecture: "Editing and Flourish: Ethical Challenges of Human Enhancement" in the Political Philosophy (Masters) course at the University of Minho, Master's in Political Philosophy.
2. 2023 - Guest Lecture: "Theories of Well-Being" in the Political Philosophy course at the University of Minho, First-year Undergraduate in Philosophy.
3. 2023 - Guest Lecture: "The Ethics of Human Enhancement" in the Ethical-Political Thought course at the University of Minho, Master's in Philosophy Teaching.
4. 2023 - Guest Lecture: "The Ethics of Human Enhancement, Part 2" in the Ethical-Political Thought course at the University of Minho, Master's in Philosophy Teaching.
5. 2023 - Guest Lecture: "Philosophy, Ethics, and Artificial Intelligence". ACE Famalicão.
6. 2023 - Guest Lecture "What ethical dilemmas does the construction of new Artificial Intelligences raise?". Escola Secundária Carlos Amarante (Braga).
7. 2023 - Guest Lecture: "From Proto-Socialism to Marxism" in the Philosophy and Political Science II course at the University of Porto, First-year Undergraduate in Philosophy.
8. 2022 - Guest Lecture: "The Ethics of Human Enhancement" in the Political Philosophy (Masters) course at the University of Minho, Master's in Political Philosophy.
9. 2022 - Guest Lecture: "Transhumanist Anthropology" in the Philosophical Anthropology course at the University of Minho, First-year Undergraduate in Philosophy.
10. 2022 - Guest Lecture: "Socialism: Utopian and Scientific" in the Political Theory course at the University of Minho, Second-year Undergraduate in International Relations.
11. 2019 - Guest Lecture: "Socialism and Anarchism: 19th-Century Social Philosophies" at the University of Beira Interior for the First-year Undergraduate Course in the History of Political Ideas of Political Science and International Relations.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

PhD Philosophy | October 2019 – Present

- **Project Description:** Research in the areas of political philosophy and the ethics of human enhancement. Special interest in the areas of Bioethics, Artificial Intelligence, the Internet of Things and Bodies, Transhumanist Anthropology and Philosophy.

PhD Politics | September 2016 – July 2018

- **Project Description:** Research in the areas of distributive theories of justice and relational egalitarianism.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Dissertation

1. 2017. *Uma teoria da justiça libertarista: contribuições de Nozick e Steiner*. In DISS-E Collection N.º 1 (ed. Centre for Ethics, Politics, and Society), (pp. 1-204).

Book Chapters [in portuguese]

1. MATEUS, J. & MOREIRA, P. (2020). Political Philosophy. In. A. Malamud, M. Camerlo & R. Pinto (Eds.), *Political Science in Portugal: The Discipline Told by its Protagonists*.

Scientific Articles (Peer-Reviewed) [in Portuguese]

1. 2017. The Binomial Relationship of *Virtù* and *Fortuna* in Machiavelli's Ethical and Political Thought. *Argumentos* 8 (16), pp. 137-144.
2. 2015. A reading of the *Discourse on Voluntary Servitude*. *Kairos. Journal of Philosophy & Science* 12: pp. 95-110.
3. 2014. Considerations about Representation: The Threshold of Sovereignty and Democracy in Rousseau and Sieyès. *Problemata: International Journal of Philosophy* 5 (2): pp. 68-77.

4. MATEUS, J. & RAMALHO, T. (2013). The Parties System in Portugal. *CIES-IUL e-Working Paper N. ° 151/2013*, Lisbon.
5. 2013. John Rawls: a New Paradigm of Political Ordination. 32 pp. Covilhã: *LusoSofia – Online Library of Philosophy and Culture*.

Dictionary Entry [in Portuguese]

1. 2019. Saga. In *E-Dicionário de Termos Literários*. <https://edtl.fcsh.unl.pt/encyclopedia/saga/>.

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Book

1. 2020. *A Saga de Aldir*. Maringá: Viseu.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (peer selection)

1. 2023. The Developmental approach to Human Enhancement. XII Simpósio Luso-Galaico de Filosofia. University of Minho, 29-06-2023.
2. 2023. The Politics of Gene Editing: A Developmental Approach. XI Congresso da Associação Portuguesa de Ciência Política, University of Beira Interior, 31-03-2023.
3. 2023. Gene editing, Politics, and Well-being. "Technopolitics: Charting the Unknown", University of Coimbra, 03-02-2023.
4. 2022. A Recipe to finish baking our Human Nature. "12th Braga Meetings on Ethics, Politics, and Society", University of Minho, 27-06-2022.
5. 2022. Why We Need to Genetically Enhance Our Human Nature. "II Conferência Internacional Novos Investigadores em Estudos Políticos", Universidade da Beira Interior, 28-04-2022.
6. 2016. Despised Freedom? Tension between principles in Hillel Steiner's thought. "VIII Conference of Portuguese Political Science Association", NOVA School of Social Sciences and Humanities, 10-02-2016.
7. 2015. Liberty and Property, an evil duality in *Anarchy, State, and Utopia*. "VI Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy", University of Minho, 9-06-2015.
8. 2014. Predistribution and Basic Income as the libertarian shortcut to replace the welfare state. "Summer-School in Political Philosophy & Public Policy: Predistribution and Property-Owning Democracy", Institute of Arts and Human Sciences of University of Minho, 15-07-2014.
9. 2014. Unconditional Basic Income: why can't it be a paternalistic policy? "Unconditional Basic Income: a new Human Right?", NOVA School of Social Sciences and Humanities, 11-07-2014.
10. 2014. Negative and Positive conceptions of Individual Rights: Nozick and Kropotkine. "1st Meeting of Post-graduates and Young Researchers of Philosophy, Communication and Information", Faculty of Arts and Humanities of University of Coimbra, 5-06-2014.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (invitation)

1. 2023. Artificial Intelligence: Threat or Opportunity? XXV Jornadas da Comunicação. Universidade do Minho (Braga). 14-03-2023.
2. 2023. Higher Education in the Era of Artificial Intelligence. 2.º Fórum + Educação Superior. Universidade do Minho e Centro IDEA UMinho (Guimarães), 15-02-2023.
3. 2013. The limitation of Local Authorities Mandates. Radio Cova da Beira, 31-05-2013.

PROJECTS

1. Arqus Community of Practice: "AI4FLTHE: Artificial intelligence for the future of learning and teaching in higher education", Arqus European University Alliance/UMinho. **Mar 2023 – Present**

2. Advanced Training Scholarship | Studentship for Doctoral Research | FCT – Foundation for Science and Technology | Oct 2019 – Nov 2023
3. “Political Science in Portugal: The Discipline Told by its Protagonists”. Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon | 2016 – 2020

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

1. 2023. Interviewed by Daniel Catalão, RTP on the Ethical Challenges of Artificial Intelligence and ChatGPT, 04-04-2023.

ORGANISATION

1. “The Ethics of Human Enhancement”. 12th Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy. 27-06-2022.
2. “The main features of the environmental movement”. Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of University of Beira Interior, 16-12-2013.
3. “Brief Observations on the need to Rethinking Citizenship, Democracy and Justice in the twenty-first century”. Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of University of Beira Interior, 12-04-2013
4. “Plural Identities in a Plural and Unequal World”. Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of University of Beira Interior, 14-03-2013.
5. “Democratization of Justice”. Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of University of Beira Interior, 12-03-2013.
6. “Alternative Views: another turn for Portugal”. Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of University of Beira Interior, 21-12-2012.
7. “Revolution: Freedom, Break, or Conservation”. Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of University of Beira Interior, 22-05-2012

CO-ORGANISATION

1. “Ethical challenges of biotechnologies”. 13th Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy. 16-06-2023.
2. “Libertarian Thought: Past, Present and Future III”. NOVA School of Social Sciences and Humanities, 17-03-2016.
3. “Unconditional Basic Income – Transition to a socially innovative alternative”. Portuguese Parliament & NOVA School of Social Sciences and Humanities, 15/16-02-2016. “The Other Rights”. Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon, 9-04-2015.
4. “Libertarian Thought: Past, Present and Future II”. NOVA School of Social Sciences and Humanities, 26-03-2015. “Debate European Elections 2014”. Faculty of Arts and Letters of the University of Beira Interior, 21-05-2014.
5. “Unconditional Basic Income? – Dignity and Liberty”. Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of the University of Beira Interior, 7-05-2014. “Libertarian Thought: Past, Present and Future I” Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of the University of Beira Interior, 27-03-2014.
6. “Celebration of the 500 years of the writing of Niccolò Machiavelli's The Prince”. Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of the University of Beira Interior, 26-02-2014.
7. “Il Open Day of Political Science and International Relations”. Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of the University of Beira Interior, 10-12-2013.
8. “Youth Participation in Policy Debate: new challenges for the future”. Faculty of Arts and Letters of the University of Beira Interior, 30-05-2013.
9. “Visit to the European Parliament” (Brussels). Brussels, 18/23-03-2013.
10. “Open Day of Political Science and International Relations”. Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of the University of Beira Interior, 10-12-2012.

11. "Exhibition of the documentary "Owners of Portugal" and discussion with director". Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of the University of Beira Interior, 23-10-2012.
12. "Exhibition of the documentary "48"". CINUBITECA - University of Beira Interior, 29-05-2012.

AFFILIATIONS

1. Doctoral researcher | Centre for Ethics, Politics, and Society (University of Minho) | 2019 – Present
2. Doctoral researcher | Manchester Centre for Political Theory (MANCEPT) | University of Manchester | 2016 – 2018
3. Member of CDCCA - Citizenship and Development Collective - Civic Association | 2013 – 2014
4. Founding Member of the Group of Political Studies | 2012 – 2016

AWARDS AND HONOURS

1. Best finalist student award of the course of Political Science and International Relations: University of Beira Interior and Journal of Fundação | 2013

SHORT COURSES (ONLINE)

1. Harvard University, September 2023-October 2023, "Bioethics: The Law, Medicine, and Ethics of Reproductive Technologies and Genetics";
2. University of Edinburgh, April 2021, "Data Ethics, AI and Responsible Innovation";
3. Oxford University, September 2018-November 2018, "Philosophy of Science";
4. Delft University of Technology, October 2028, "Electric Cars: Policy";
5. Delft University of Technology, February 2018, "Responsible Innovation: Ethics, Safety and Technology";
6. National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, September 2017-December 2017, "Ancient Greek Philosophy".

LANGUAGES

- **Mother tongue:** Portuguese.
- **Other languages:** English; Spanish; French.

	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken Production	
English	C1	C2	C1	C1	C1
Spanish	B2	B2	B1	B1	B1
French	A1	B1	A1	A1	A1

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user. Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.