



# Jorge D. M. Mateus

Invited Assistant Professor

## PROFILE

**Birthdate:**

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## AFFILIATIONS

**Invited Assistant Professor**

University of Minho | 2024-

**Full Researcher**

Centre for Ethics, Politics, and Society  
(University of Minho) | 2024-

## 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

## 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 | Oct 2019 – May 2024**  
**Institution:** School of Arts and Human Sciences, University of Minho (Portugal).  
**Dissertation title:** Well-Being and Human Enhancement: Towards Human Nature Developmentalism.  
**Grade Achieved:** Very Good by unanimous vote.
- **PhD Politics | Sep 2016 – Jul 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 | Oct 2013 – Nov 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 | Sep 2010 – Jul 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).

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1. **Assistant Professor (Equivalent)** | Philosophy | **Oct 2024 - Present**  
**Institution:** University of Minho (Portugal)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**2023:** Delivered multiple guest lectures on ethics, human enhancement, and political philosophy at the University of Minho, ACE Famalicão, and Escola Secundária Carlos Amarante (Braga). Topics included:

- The Ethics of Human Enhancement (various courses and levels).
- Philosophy, Ethics, and Artificial Intelligence.
- From Proto-Socialism to Marxism.

**2022:** Guest lectures at the University of Minho and other institutions, covering subjects such as:

- Transhumanist Anthropology.
- Socialism: Utopian and Scientific.

**2019:** Lecture on 19th-century social philosophies (Socialism and Anarchism) at the University of Beira Interior.

## 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 Coleção DISS-E N.º 1 (ed. Centro de Ética, Política e Sociedade), (pp. 1-204).

### Book Chapters [in portuguese]

1. 2020. MATEUS, J. & MOREIRA, P. Filosofia Política. In: A. Malamud, M. Camerlò & R. Pinto (Eds.), *Ciência Política à Portuguesa: A Disciplina Contada pelos seus Protagonistas*, pp. 31-51.

### Scientific Articles (Peer-Reviewed)

1. 2024. Counselling as a procedural safeguard for Brain-Machine Interfaces. *Pandemos*, 2, pp. 1-24. <https://doi.org/10.13125/pan-6484>.
2. 2017. A Relação Binomial *Virtù-Fortuna* no Pensamento Ético e Político de Maquiavel. *Argumentos* 8(16), pp. 137-144.
3. 2015. Uma Leitura do *Discurso da Servidão Voluntária*. *Kairos. Journal of Philosophy & Science* 12: pp. 95-110.
4. 2014. Considerações sobre a Representação: No Limiar da Soberania e da Democracia em Rousseau e Sieyès. *Problemata – Revista Internacional de Filosofia* 5(2): pp. 68-77.
5. 2013. MATEUS, J. & RAMALHO, T. O Sistema de Partidos em Portugal. *CIES-IUL e-Working Paper N.º 151/2013*, Lisboa.
6. 2013. John Rawls: Um Novo Paradigma de Ordenação Política. 32 pp. Covilhã: *LusoSofia – Online Library of Philosophy and Culture*.

### Dictionary Entry

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. 2024. Should we be concerned about enhancing our nature? "Book workshop: *The Quest for Human Nature: What Philosophy and Science Have Learned* by Marco J. Nathan", CEPS, University of Minho, 10-12-2024.
2. 2024. No space for privacy in the era of brain-machine interfaces. "The Era of Artificial Intelligence and the Merging of Human and Machine: New Perspectives of Humanistic and Socio-Pedagogical Knowledge", University of Sassari, Alghero, Italy, 19-09-2024.
3. 2024. Towards a moral and political framework for genetic interventions: Balancing well-being and access. "Bioethics & Social Justice: Phenomenological & Analytical Perspectives", Czech Republic, 13-09-2024
4. 2023. The Developmental approach to Human Enhancement. "XII Simpósio Luso-Galaico de Filosofia". University of Minho, 29-06-2023.
5. 2023. The Politics of Gene Editing: A Developmental Approach. "XI Congresso da Associação Portuguesa de Ciência Política", University of Beira Interior, 31-03-2023.
6. 2023. Gene editing, Politics, and Well-being. "Technopolitics: Charting the Unknown", University of Coimbra, 03-02-2023.
7. 2022. Discussant: Re-Envisioning Freedom: Ethical and Political Agency in our Times of Ecological Disaster by Maeve Cooke. "CEPS Seminar Series in Ethics and Political Philosophy", University of Minho, 11-10-2022.
8. 2022. A Recipe to finish baking our Human Nature. "12<sup>th</sup> Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy", University of Minho, 27-06-2022.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 2014. Negative and Positive conceptions of Individual Rights: Nozick and Kropotkin. "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**

## INTERVIEWS & MEDIA

1. 2024. Estamos a moldar os animais à nossa imagem? *Notícias Magazine*, 09-06-2024.
2. 2024. "O Admirável e Inquietante Mundo Novo das Interfaces Cérebro-Máquina". *Observador*. 08-04-2024.
3. 2024. Interviewed by Catarina Silva, *Notícias Magazine*, on the Ethical Challenges of Brain-Machine Interfaces and cerebral implants, 11-02-2024.
4. 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". 12<sup>th</sup> 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. "Remembering Robert Nozick: 50 Years After the Publication of "Anarchy, State, and Utopia"". 14<sup>th</sup> Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy. University of Minho, 27-06-2024.
2. "14<sup>th</sup> Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy". University of Minho, 26/27/28-06-2024.
3. "Ethical challenges of biotechnologies". 13<sup>th</sup> Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy. 16-06-2023.
4. "Libertarian Thought: Past, Present and Future III". NOVA School of Social Sciences and Humanities, 17-03-2016.
5. "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.

6. "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.
7. "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.
8. "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.
9. "II Open Day of Political Science and International Relations". Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of the University of Beira Interior, 10-12-2013.
10. "Youth Participation in Policy Debate: new challenges for the future". Faculty of Arts and Letters of the University of Beira Interior, 30-05-2013.
11. "Visit to the European Parliament" (Brussels). Brussels, 18/23-03-2013.
12. "Open Day of Political Science and International Relations". Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of the University of Beira Interior, 10-12-2012.
13. "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.
14. "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. "Bioethics: The Law, Medicine, and Ethics of Reproductive Technologies and Genetics" | Harvard University | September 2023 – October 2023;
2. "Data Ethics, AI and Responsible Innovation" | University of Edinburgh | April 2021;
3. "Philosophy of Science" | Oxford University | September 2018 – November 2018;
4. "Electric Cars: Policy" | Delft University of Technology | October 2018;
5. "Responsible Innovation: Ethics, Safety and Technology" | Delft University of Technology | February 2018;
6. "Ancient Greek Philosophy" | National and Kapodistrian University of Athens | September 2017 – December 2017.

#### LANGUAGES

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

Understanding	Speaking	Writing
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	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.