



PhD Economic
and Organizational Sociology

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The course

The PhD Economic and Organizational Sociology was established by the Technical University of Lisbon in 1991 and adapted to the European Higher Education Area in 2009. This 3rd cycle course aims to provide high quality academic training in economic and organizational sociology and produce original research in this field. The course is taught in scientific partnership with the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon (ICS/UL) and the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of the New University of Lisbon (FCSH/UNL).

Where is the course taught?

In Lisbon, at the School of Economics and Management (ISEG), one of the seven autonomous institutes making up the Technical University of Lisbon.

ISEG is an institute that undertakes teaching and research, whose mission is to contribute to pushing the boundaries of knowledge in the areas of economics, finance and business. ISEG also seeks to contribute to the economic and social development of Portugal and establish its international presence by means of teaching and research, providing the community with services and fostering scientific and inter-cultural exchange among students, teaching faculty and researchers.

Founded in 1911, ISEG currently offers 5 undergraduate degree courses, 23 masters programs and 6 doctoral programs in addition to an MBA, a wide range of post-graduate courses not leading to a degree, and courses for executives. Post-graduate studies play a major role: about 40% of ISEG's 4000 students are enrolled in post-graduate courses (doctorate or masters programs or post-graduate diplomas).

150 of ISEG's teaching staff hold PhDs and most are active members of ISEG's research centres, which have been evaluated as very good or excellent by the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT). Research is undertaken in the scientific areas of economics, management, mathematics applied to economics and management, economic and social history, economic and organizational sociology, and law.

Host centres

The research undertaken in ISEG's research centres provides important support for students in PhD programs. For the PhD Economic and Organizational Sociology the main host research centre is SOCIUS – Research Centre in Economic and Organizational Sociology (Centro de Investigação em Sociologia Económica e das Organizações - <http://pascal.iseg.utl.pt/~socius/home.html>). SOCIUS is a research unit accredited by the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) which, since 1999, has been classified as “Excellent” under the Foundation's

Pluri-annual Programme for the Funding of Research and Development Units. Its principal area of scientific activity, economic and organizational sociology, is considered in its broadest sense, favouring the numerous points of contact between contemporary sociology and economics, besides other social sciences involved in the study of economic and organizational reality.

Who is the PhD Economic and Organizational Sociology for?

Anyone interested in obtaining advanced academic training and doing research with a view to working in jobs in the public sector, the private sector, or the non-profit sector, either in the international or national context.

PhD graduation will enable students to work in teaching and research posts, managerial and executive positions in organisations, consultancy, training, research projects, journalism, planning, development projects, public policy planning and assessment, and social projects and policy.

Who can apply?

Anyone holding a masters degree in the areas of sociology, economics, management and other social sciences considered adequate by the scientific committee, and anyone showing capabilities to accomplish the programme. Students who obtained a GPA of 16 or more (out of 20) or, in special circumstances, students whose GPA is lower than 16 but have demonstrated appropriate scientific preparation or professional experience may also apply.

What criteria are used to select candidates?

The scientific committee for the doctorate programme will choose candidates on the basis of the following criteria:

- **Masters degree**
and its final grade
- **First cycle**
(undergraduate) degree (GPA) and its final grade
- **Academic and relevant professional experience**
- **Research proposal**



How can I apply for the PhD Economic and Organizational Sociology?

Applications for the PhD Economic and Organizational Sociology are made online on the ISEG website. Applicants must provide proof that they meet the admission requirements. They should also attach a research proposal for their doctoral dissertation project. Acceptance of an applicant is dependent on the assessment of their academic and professional experience and approval of the research proposal. Accepted applicants will be assigned a supervisor and be integrated in SOCIUS as host research centre.

What kind of themes or topics can I study in this course?

Students may develop projects in the areas of specialization of the teaching faculty and the host research centre. These coincide with SOCIUS' research lines:

- **Work, Employment, Gender and Organizations**
- **Science, Technology, Health and Professions**
- **Sustainable Development, the Tertiary Sector and Social Networks**
- **Globalisation, Economics, Space and Culture**

How is the course structured?

The PhD Economic and Organizational Sociology is a three-year programme in which students must obtain a total of 180 ECTS (credits), corresponding to a three years full time work. It comprises:

1st year

- **Advanced Training Seminars**
(40 ECTS)
- **Research Seminars**
(20 ECTS)

2nd and 3rd years

- **Dissertation**
(120 ECTS)

The purpose of the advanced training seminars will be to further knowledge in themes pertaining to the scientific area of economic and organizational sociology, as well as research methodology. They will be given by teaching staff of ISEG – SOCIUS and other research units –, besides teaching staff from other Portuguese and foreign universities. Some of these seminars consist in basic training modules, whilst others are thematic conferences indicated annually. Some seminars will take place at ICS/UL and FCSH/UNL.

The research seminar will serve to present and discuss the individual doctoral projects. The doctoral students are expected to present the thesis project with which they applied for the Doctorate by the end of the second semester of the first academic year, and submit the results of the ongoing research once a year, in the course of the subsequent academic years.

How to prepare a doctoral thesis?

Applicants should present a research proposal, outlining their chosen theme, which will be evaluated by the scientific committee. Upon acceptance into the programme, the student will be assigned a supervisor, under whose supervision the student will design a detailed research proposal towards the thesis during the first year. The research proposals will form the basis for discussion in the Research Seminar classes.

At the end of the first year of the programme the revised research proposal will be evaluated by a specially appointed committee comprising elements from ISEG, ICS/UL and FCSH/UNL, who may approve the proposal, suggest alterations or recommend that the student discontinue the programme. Upon approval of the research proposal, the thesis proposal will be registered and the supervising professor will be confirmed. The student then has two academic years in which to research and write the thesis, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations governing Doctorate programmes in ISEG.

When and how do I apply?

The application deadline for the first phase is 10 May. Application is made online on the ISEG website, where all details of the necessary information and documents to submit for entry to the programme are given. Applicants will be informed of the success of their applications by 17 May. Applicants who are accepted in the first phase should officially register for the programme by 27 May.

The application deadline for the second phase is 14 July, and applicants will be notified of the success of their applications by 19 July. Applicants admitted in the second phase should officially register for the programme by 30 July. Applicants admitted in the first and second phases should enrol between 1 and 15 September.

There may be a third application phase from 1 to 15 September. In this case applicants will be informed about the success of their applications by 17 September, and both registration in the programme and enrolment in classes will be between 20 and 24 September.

Tuition fees

Application fee is 100€. The tuition fee for the first year of the programme is 3000€, and 2000€ for each of the following two years. On registration a down-payment of 500€, deductible from the 1st year fee, must be paid.

Scholarships and grants

Once registered in the programme, an applicant may apply, in a compatible opening phase, to the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) for a study grant.



Who is responsible for the study programme? Scientific Committee

João Peixoto, (Coordinator)
Professor

Ilona Kovács,
Professor

Maria João Santos,
Professor

Helena Serra,
Professor

Faculty

Carlos Farinha Rodrigues,
PhD Technical University of Lisbon
Income Distribution. Inequality and Poverty Analysis. Quantitative Methods.

Helena Jerónimo,
PhD University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
Social Studies of Science and Technology. Environment and Sustainability. Modernity and Risk. Organisational Behaviour.

Helena Serra,
PhD Technical University of Lisbon
Health Studies. Organisation Studies. Work, Professions and Employment. Research Methods.

Ilona Kovács,
PhD University of Economic Sciences, Budapest, Hungary
Work and Employment in the Information Society. New Forms of Work Organization. New Skills and Training Needs. Research Methods.

João Carlos Graça,
PhD Technical University of Lisbon
Political Sociology. Sociology of Development. Economic Sociology. Historical Sociology. Social Theory.

João Peixoto,
PhD Technical University of Lisbon
International Migration. Demography. Economic Sociology.

Manuela Arcanjo,
PhD Technical University of Lisbon
Government Expenditures and Welfare Programs. Social Security and Public Pensions. Unemployment Insurance.

Margarida Chagas Lopes,
PhD Technical University of Lisbon
Economics of Education and Training. Human Resources and Labour Economics. Gender Studies.

Maria João Santos,
PhD Technical University of Lisbon
Sustainable Development and Social Responsibility. Knowledge Management. Creativity and Innovation. Organization Studies. Sociology of Work.

Rafael Marques,
PhD Technical University of Lisbon
Moral Sociology. Social Theory. Economic Sociology. Political Sociology.

Rita Raposo,
PhD Technical University of Lisbon
Urban Studies. Sociology of Culture. Social Theory.

Sara Falcão Casaca,
PhD Technical University of Lisbon
Sociology of Work. Gender Studies. Research Methods.

Sofia Bento,
PhD École des Mines de Paris, France, and Technical University of Lisbon
Social Studies of Science and Technology. Researchers Trajectories. Water Resources Governance and Participation. Organisational Behaviour

Other SOCIUS researchers and other faculty and researchers from ISEG may also collaborate with the programme.

Visiting conference speakers

Some of the visiting conference speakers in previous years were:

Enzo Mingione, Università di Milano-Bicocca, Itália
Ilse Scherer-Warren, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil

João Arriscado Nunes, Faculty of Economics, University of Coimbra

João Freire, ISCTE - Lisbon University Institute (IUL)

José Maria Carvalho Ferreira, ISEG/Technical University of Lisbon

Juan José Castillo, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain

Maria da Conceição Cerdeira, ISCSP/Technical University of Lisbon

Marta Varanda, ICS/University of Lisbon

Mike Saks, University Campus Suffolk, United Kingdom

Neil Fligstein, University of California, Berkeley, USA

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