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CIES-Iscte



1.

1.1 Presentation and Guidelines

The Center for Research and Studies in Sociology / Centro de Investigação e Estudos de Sociologia (CIES-Iscte) is a R&D unit, recognised and evaluated by the FCT (Foundation for Science and Technology), in the area of social sciences dedicated to studying contemporary social problems from a multidisciplinary perspective.



Constituted in 1985, CIES-Iscte is an organic unit of the University Institute of Lisbon / Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (Iscte), as part of its School of Sociology and Public Policy, and is a member of the Iscte Knowledge and Innovation - Center of Valorization and Technology Transfer / Associação Iscte - Conhecimento e Inovação - Centro de Valorização e Transferência de Tecnologias.

CIES-Iscte's main scientific domain is sociology, developing relevant activity in the fields of public policy, political science, communication, education, modern and contemporary history and social work.

CIES-Iscte's activity is characterised by a demanding articulation between basic research, applied research directed at the design, monitoring and evaluation of public policies in various sectors and areas of intervention and advanced training.

The Centre's research and scientific production fosters diversity and the crossing of intensive and extensive approaches, aimed at deepening the analytical relationship between the study of social, political, and historic macro-processes and the social, cultural, and spatial micro-dynamics.

The research team is composed of **Researchers** (Integrated PhD holders who meet the Centre's scientific criteria and national research evaluation standards), **Associate Researchers** (other PhD holders and non-PhD members with recognized scientific competence), and **Research Assistants** (non-PhD members with grants or involved in research projects or other CIES activities). Along with these three categories of members, there are **Doctoral Students** enrolled in CIES-coordinated PhD programmes. In addition, the Centre hosts **Visiting Researchers**.

The scientific structure of CIES-Iscte is based on **7 Research Groups**: Inequality, Work and Social Well-Being; Migration, Mobility and Ethnicity; Education and Science; Media and Culture; Gender, Life Course and Health; Politics and Citizenship; Historical Dynamics and Global Integration of the World.

The development of the CIES-Iscte strategic plan is also anchored in a set of permanent **research platforms** which are transversal to the research groups and are one of the Centre's distinctive features:



Inequality
Observatory (OD)



Emigration
Observatory (OEm)



Portuguese Observatory
on Cultural Activities
(OPAC)



nascer.pt - Laboratory
for the Social Studies
on Childbirth



MediaLab Iscte



Observatory for
Democracy and Political
Representation



Laboratory of Innovative
Methodologies (LIM)



Public Sphere Lab

Advanced training is another fundamental pillar of CIES-Iscte, closely combined with research activities. The Centre is responsible for the scientific and administrative coordination of 8 PhD programs - [Sociology](#), [Public Policy](#), [Communication](#), [Social Work](#), [Political Science](#), [Public Administration](#), [Modern and Contemporary History](#) and [Policies of School Administration and Management](#) – and is associated with 3 others (Political Economy; Urban Studies; History: change and continuity in a global world - PIUDHist).

In the editorial field, CIES-Iscte publishes since 1986 the scientific journal [Sociologia, Problemas e Práticas](#) [Sociology, Problems and Practices] and, since 2020, jointly with CEI-Iscte, the journal [Ler História](#), both are indexed by several international databases as detailed further below. CIES-Iscte also supports the indexed journal [Observatory \(OBS*\)](#) and publishes the [CIES e-Working Papers](#). Since 2010, CIES-Iscte has its own publisher, [Mundos Sociais](#), that publishes the journal *Sociologia, Problemas e Práticas* and refereed social sciences' academic books.

In 2025, CIES-Iscte celebrated 40 years of research and distinction in the field of social sciences. To mark this anniversary, as will be further detailed, the Centre organised a series of initiatives open to the Iscte community and the public. [The CIES e-Working Papers Award 2025](#) promoted the visibility of research developed within doctoral programmes. A commemorative exhibition "[Memories and Horizons](#)" invited visitors to explore the evolution of CIES since its foundation, offering a broader look at the Centre's journey and the many dimensions that have shaped its identity and activity over the past four decades. In its annual edition, the [CIES Research Forum](#), was dedicated to the celebration of the Centre's 40th anniversary, reaffirming CIES-Iscte's enduring commitment to the production of knowledge and to the development of society.

Beyond this commemorative programme, 2025 was also a year of intense scientific activity across the Centre's research areas, with events organised within research projects, on the initiative of research team members and through regular seminar cycles that contribute to an environment of permanent and up-to-date scientific debate. Since its foundation, CIES has also been continuously developing activities to promote scientific culture, in close connection with several partners.

Further reinforcing the 40-year milestone, CIES-Iscte was awarded, in 2025, the classification of "Excellent" under the 2023/2024 evaluation of Research and Development (R&D) Units conducted by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), within the framework of the Multi-annual Funding Programme for R&D Units.

This evaluation involved international peer review and assessed the scientific and technological activities carried out by the Unit over the period 2018–2023, as well as its strategic objectives, research agenda, organisational model and activity plan for 2025–2029. Within a highly competitive context, the classification of Excellent places CIES among those Units recognised for high scientific quality, impact and societal relevance of the research produced, as well as the Unit's organisational capacity and collaborative dynamics.

In terms of institutional organisation at the macro level, the integration of CIES-Iscte into the SocioDigital Lab for Public Policy and Iscte Knowledge and Innovation - Center of Valorization and Technology Transfer, continues to play a central role in its activity and is expected to remain a defining feature in the coming years.



[The SocioDigital Lab for Public Policy](#) (SDLab) promotes a unique interdisciplinary approach to the study of public policy and contributes to the resolution of contemporary societal problems and global challenges. The complexity of the modern world requires new approaches integrating social sciences and digital technologies to address societal problems and contribute to public policy.

This Associate Laboratory, co-chaired by a researcher and former Director of CIES, builds on past collaborations, bringing together six R&D units at Iscte – BRU, CEI, CIES, CIS, DINÂMIA'CET and ISTAR – in a consortium of interdisciplinary collaboration with a new vision that integrates social science and digital technologies to address societal problems and contribute to public policy.

In 2025, the SDLab strengthened its role as an interdisciplinary research hub focused on evidence-based public policy across five thematic areas—regenerative territories for carbon neutrality, inclusion and citizenship, societal health, global governance, and digital transformation for public policies. Key activities included the launch of a seed-funding scheme to support innovative interdisciplinary research projects, the opening of doctoral scholarships aimed at fostering multidisciplinary public policy research, the publication of policy briefs, and the organization of scientific events and public debates. A major highlight was the [4th Annual Conference](#), which brought together researchers, policymakers, and civil society representatives to discuss the five-year implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights and its implications for future public policies.



Opening session of the 4th Annual SDLab Conference



The [Iscte Knowledge and Innovation - Center of Valorization and Technology Transfer \(CVTT\)](#) is a Technology Enhancement and Transfer Centre based on the combination of two of Iscte's benchmark research areas: social and human sciences and digital technologies, housing in one modern, state-of-the-art building, eight research units, including CIES, three associated laboratories, three collaborative laboratories, nine observatories and ten laboratories.

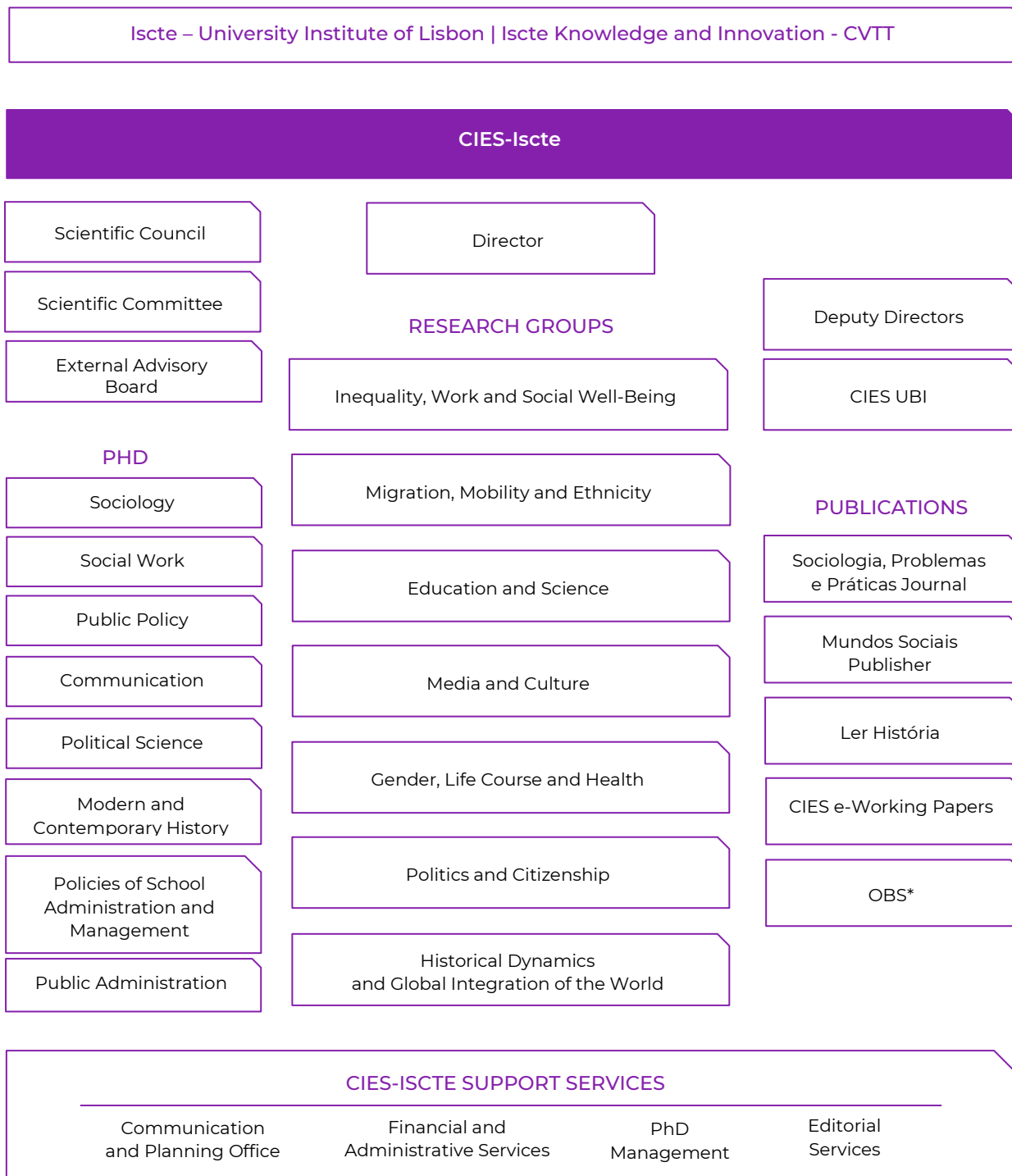
In 2025, Iscte Knowledge and Innovation reinforced its mission of connecting research, innovation, and societal impact through a wide range of scientific, technological, and knowledge-transfer activities. The center supported interdisciplinary research across its research units and observatories, promoted national and international funding opportunities, and strengthened technology transfer and collaboration with public institutions, companies, and civil society. Key initiatives included the Science and Technology Week 2025, featuring conferences, workshops, and training sessions for researchers and doctoral students, as well as events focused on research impact, evidence-based policymaking, and innovation in higher education. The center also contributed to the development of European research projects, fostered capacity building in emerging fields such as artificial intelligence and data science, and provided a collaborative environment for researchers, reinforcing its role as a hub where scientific knowledge is transformed into innovative solutions for societal challenges.



Training Session of the Science and Technology Week 2025

1.2 Structure and Organization

Organization Chart



Ethics Committee (School of Sociology and Public Policies) | Data Protection Officer | Research Support Office

Iscte Library | IT and Communications Infrastructure Services | Legal Office

Governing Bodies

The scientific management of CIES-Iscte is based on a close articulation between the Executive Board, the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Council, and the External Advisory Board.

Executive Board

The *Executive Board* is ensured by the Director and by two Deputy Directors.

JAN-NOV 2025



Teresa Patrício
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José Soares Neves
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Patrícia Ávila
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Elsa Pegado
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Renato Miguel do Carmo
Subdirector

Scientific Committee

The *Scientific Committee* is composed of the Director, who chairs, and four integrated PhD researchers (elected by the Scientific Council) and cooperates with the Executive Board in defining the Centre's scientific strategy and orientation.

A new Scientific Committee took office on 10 November 2025 for a three-year period. The committee now includes Violeta Alarcão, joining as a new member, alongside Cláudia Álvares, Helge Jörgens, and Sandra Mateus, who continue from the previous term.



Patrícia Ávila



Helge Jörgens



Cláudia Álvares



Sandra Mateus



Violeta Alarcão

Scientific Council

The *Scientific Council* includes all Integrated Researchers and is responsible for assessing the annual activity reports and plans, as well as proposals of amendments to the CIES-Iscte regulations. It also discusses other matters of the Center's scientific and organizational issues. This council elects the Scientific Committee and proposes to the Rector of Iscte the nomination of the Director of the Center, after an internal election.

External Advisory Board

The External Advisory Board is composed of four renowned scholars, external to CIES, who provide advisory and evaluation support, visiting the Centre and issuing reports on its activity.



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Research Groups

The Centre’s research activities are carried out within the framework of the Research Groups. In 2025, CIES-Iscte retained its structure of seven research groups:

RESEARCH GROUP		COORDINATION	
1	INEQUALITY, WORK AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING	 Renato Miguel do Carmo	 Rosário Mauritti
2	MIGRATION, MOBILITY AND ETHNICITY	 Raquel Matias	 Cláudia Pereira
3	EDUCATION AND SCIENCE	 Patrícia Ávila	 Susana da Cruz Martins
4	MEDIA AND CULTURE	 Gustavo Cardoso	 José Soares Neves
5	GENDER, LIFE COURSE AND HEALTH	 Elsa Pegado	 Magda Nico
6	POLITICS AND CITIZENSHIP	 Guya Accornero	 Ana Espírito-Santo
7	HISTORICAL DYNAMICS AND GLOBAL INTEGRATION OF THE WORLD	 Maria João Vaz	 Gonçalo Gonçalves

PhD Programs

As the articulation between research and advanced training is a fundamental dimension of the Center's activity, the Coordinators of the PhD Programs managed by the Center are CIES-Iscte members, that ensure liaison with the Executive Board and the Scientific Committee.

PHD	COORDINATION
COMMUNICATION	 Gustavo Cardoso
MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY HISTORY	 Maria João Vaz
POLICIES OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT	 Susana da Cruz Martins
POLITICAL SCIENCE	 Ana Belchior
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	 David Ferraz
PUBLIC POLICY	 Pedro Adão e Silva
SOCIAL WORK	 Jorge Ferreira
SOCIOLOGY	 Patrícia Ávila

Publishing Activities

Another organizational dimension concerns the publishing activity of CIES-Iscte. The Executive Board of the *Mundos Sociais* publisher, the Director of the journal *Sociology Problemas e Práticas* and the Coordinator of the Editorial Board of the CIES e-Working Papers, guarantee the necessary autonomy of these structures for their national and international affirmation.

MUNDOS SOCIAIS PUBLISHER



Susana da Cruz Martins
Director



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Deputy Director

SOCIOLOGIA, PROBLEMAS E PRÁTICAS
JOURNAL



António Firmino da Costa
Director

CIES E-WORKING PAPERS



Sandra Saleiro
Coord.

Support Services

CIES-Iscte has a set of support services which include the Communication and Planning Office, the Financial and Administrative Services, the PhD Programs Management and the services of the *Mundos Sociais* publisher and the journal *Sociologia Problemas e Práticas*.

In 2025, eleven full-time staff members were assigned to these services, supporting the research team and the Centre's governing bodies.

The functions performed by the Communication and Planning Office are threefold: to support the submission of applications for research activities and to monitor and manage the scientific activities in progress; the organisation of scientific events and other forms of dissemination, including the promotion of scientific culture; and the communication of activities and scientific results of the Centre including online platforms and through social media.

The Financial and Administrative Services ensure budget elaboration and justification for applications and the financial management of ongoing research projects and activities, ensuring compliance with the procedures of the host institution and the requirements of the various funding institutions. These services also ensure the execution of the funds and financial prizes granted to members of the research team provided by Iscte and other sources.

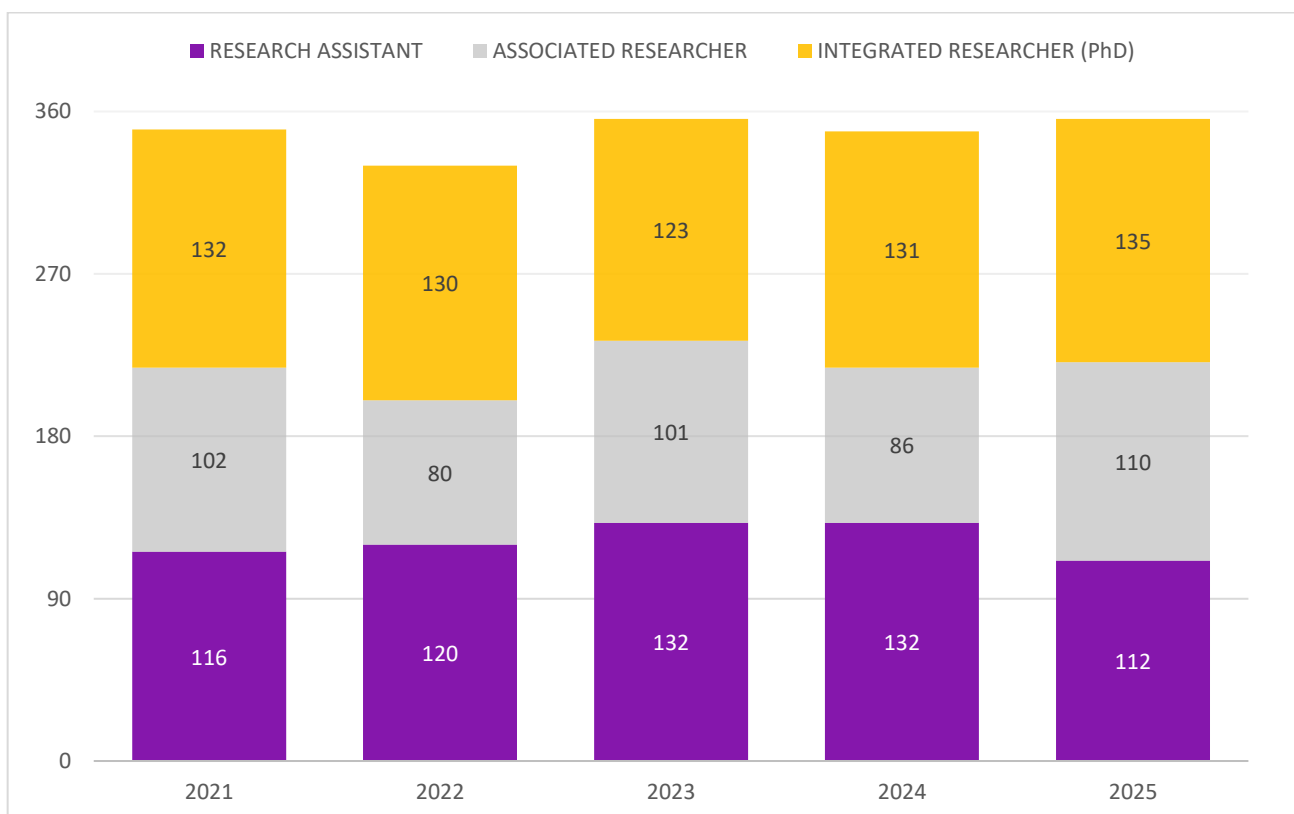
The PhD Management service accompanies the students in all phases of the PhD program, from the application to its conclusion, as well as guarantees support to the teachers and the teaching activities, also managing the International Cycle of PhD Conferences and other scientific meetings.

The supporting services of *Mundos Sociais* publisher and the journal *Sociologia, Problemas e Práticas* cover the entire editorial, publication and dissemination process of the books published by *Mundos Sociais*, the journal *Sociologia, Problemas e Práticas* and the CIES e-Working Papers. They also ensure compliance with the procedures for the inclusion of CIES-Iscte's publications in scientific repositories and in national and international indexation databases.

1.3 Research Team

The CIES-Iscte research team includes Researchers (integrated PhDs), Associated Researchers and Research Assistants. Together, in 2025, the CIES-Iscte research team consisted of 357 members.

Research team 2021-2025



There is close monitoring and updating of the categories of Integrated and Associated Researchers, implemented since 2023, resulting from the application of a set of activity and scientific production criteria, defined by the Board, in close articulation with the Scientific Committee. This ensures that the group of Integrated Researchers represents the core of the team, promoting the essential coordination of research activities. The Associated Researchers, while not having their main affiliation to CIES, collaborate and promote its activities.

The Research Assistant category is mainly composed of master's or PhD students, who are part of research projects or observatories/laboratories teams, through research grants, and PhD students, with grants to carry out the research work for their theses (69 PhD scholarships in 2025).

Regarding gender distribution of the team, as can be seen in the table below, the percentage of female researchers in each of these categories is around 60%, a little lower for the category of associate researchers (54%).

Team Members by Category and Gender (% Female) 2021-2025

	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	N	F	N	F	N	F	N	F	N	F
Researchers (Integrated PhDs)	132	58%	130	58%	123	59%	131	58%	104	60%
Associated Researchers	102	59%	80	54%	101	57%	86	52%	112	54%
Research Assistants	116	66%	120	68%	132	64%	132	62%	112	63%
Total of Team Members	350	61%	330	61%	356	60%	350	60%	356	58%

The total of 376 team members represents 191,05 FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) and the 135 Researchers (Integrated PhDs) correspond to 79,60 FTE.

Researchers (Integrated PhDs) in FTE 2021-2025

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
PhD Integrated Researchers (FTE)	76	72.8	74.7	77.8	79.6

CIES has been consistently pursuing a strategy aimed at enhancing and consolidating research career pathways, in line with national policies to strengthen scientific employment and promote professional stability within the scientific system.

The year 2025 marked a decisive turning point in this regard with the implementation of a new funding mechanism that promotes the recruitment of PhD graduates exclusively for permanent (tenured) positions (FCT Tenure), promoted by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology. The Centre successfully recruited 15 Assistant Researchers integrated into Iscte's Research Career, who joined the 3 Assistant Researchers previously recruited in 2020 and 2024. This substantial reinforcement of the scientific staff represents a fundamental step towards institutional stability, enabling the development of medium and long-term research agendas and the strengthening of CIES research teams.

Researchers (Integrated PhDs) with permanent positions 2021-2025

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Researchers (Integrated PhDs) with permanent positions	2	2	2	3	18

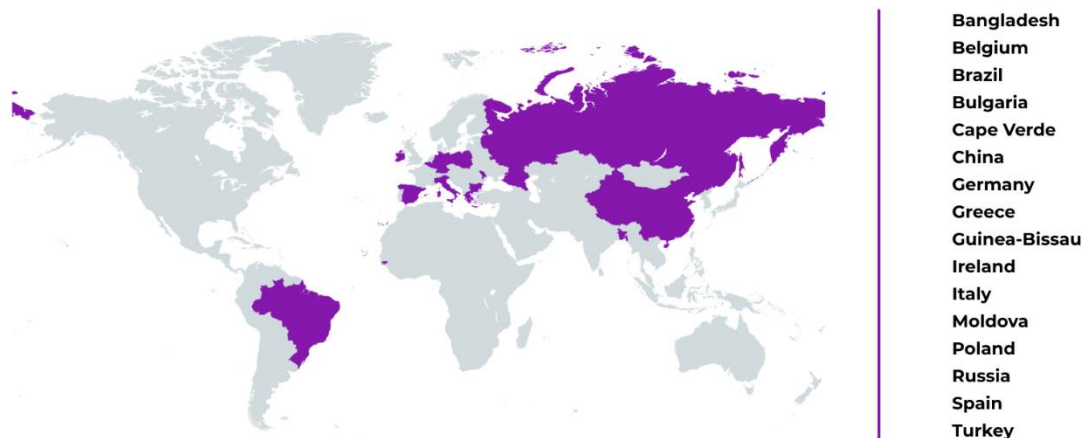


Meeting of the Board with Assistant Researchers

In addition to these tenured researchers (18 in 2025) and fix-term full-time hired researchers (11 in 2025), the overall group of Researchers (Integrated PhDs) includes many professors at Iscte – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa or at other national higher education institutions, among which the University of Beira Interior (UBI) and polytechnic institutes of different areas (Health, Tourism, Education) and regions of the country (North, Centre and Metropolitan Area of Lisbon). The Researchers (Integrated PhDs) from the University of Beira Interior (UBI) integrate the CIES-UBI Pole.

Regarding the nationality of the team members, in 2025, 16% of its members are foreign nationals, representing 16 different nationalities, as shown in the map below.

Research team members' nationalities in 2025



In 2025, CIES-Iscte welcomed 35 visiting researchers from 17 countries. Of these researchers, 24 hold a doctoral degree. Additionally, 10 PhD students, who have come to carry out research for their thesis, and one undergraduate student were hosted within the framework of Erasmus+ mobility programmes, cooperation between institutions or research projects taking place at CIES.

Research Activities

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2.1

Research Groups

The research activities are carried out within the Research Groups' framework. CIES-Iscte currently has the seven research groups listed below and researchers are assigned to them based on the themes of their research activities, which can be carried out in more than one group. There are also projects and other activities with cross-cutting themes that mobilise researchers from several groups.



Meeting of the Board and the Research Group Coordinators

RESEARCH GROUPS

1	<p>INEQUALITY, WORK AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING</p>	<p>COORDINATION Renato Miguel do Carmo Rosário Mauritti</p> <p>Keywords: Inequality and social classes; Poverty and social exclusion; Work, employment, economy; Territories, Welfare and social policies.</p>
2	<p>MIGRATION, MOBILITY AND ETHNICITY</p>	<p>COORDINATION Ana Raquel Matias Cláudia Pereira</p> <p>Keywords: Migration; Refugee population; Migration policies; Urban studies.</p>
3	<p>EDUCATION AND SCIENCE</p>	<p>COORDINATION Patrícia Ávila Susana da Cruz Martins</p> <p>Keywords: Education and schooling processes; Literacy and Skills; Science, technology and society; Education, science, and digital transformations.</p>
4	<p>MEDIA AND CULTURE</p>	<p>COORDINATION Gustavo Cardoso José Soares Neves</p> <p>Keywords: Communication; Media; Arts and culture; Cultural and creative sectors</p>
5	<p>GENDER, LIFE COURSE AND HEALTH</p>	<p>COORDINATION Elsa Pegado Magda Nico</p> <p>Keywords: Gender Equality and Diversity; Biographies, Life Course and Trajectories; Families, Generations and Transitions; Health, Illness and Medicine</p>
6	<p>POLITICS AND CITIZENSHIP</p>	<p>COORDINATION Guya Accornero Ana Espírito-Santo</p> <p>Keywords: Political representation; Political behavior; Citizenship and social movements; Public policies</p>
7	<p>HISTORICAL DYNAMICS AND GLOBAL INTEGRATION OF THE WORLD</p>	<p>COORDINATION Maria João Vaz Gonçalo Gonçalves</p> <p>Keywords: History of Science and Technology; of the Environment and Sustainability; History of the City, Tourism and Cultural Heritage; Social Dynamics, Politics and Citizenship</p>

RESEARCH GROUP

INEQUALITY, WORK AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING

KEY INDICATORS AND MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025

19

Researchers Integrated PhDs

7

PhD Students with grants/work contract

11

Ongoing funded research projects

2

New funded research projects

In 2025, this group's activities were organised around 11 ongoing research projects addressing major dimensions of inequality, social vulnerability, and labour market transformation in Portugal and in comparative contexts. These projects combine established research areas such as poverty, social exclusion, labour relations, and welfare policies with emerging themes including disability, inclusive education, artistic and cultural practices, and territorial inequalities.

Several projects focused on the evaluation and monitoring of public policies and institutional interventions, namely anti-poverty strategies, decentralisation of social policies, inclusion policies for people with disabilities, migrant integration, and initiatives promoting educational success in higher education.

Other projects examined new forms of work organisation, labour market dualisation and project-based work, analysing their implications for solidarity, regulation, and social cohesion.

The group also contributes to advanced training through research workshops actively promoted by PhD students. Across its activities, the group combines theoretical innovation, empirical research, and methodological development, with a strong commitment to socially relevant and policy-oriented knowledge production aimed at reducing inequalities and promoting social inclusion.



KEY INDICATORS AND MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025

23

Researchers Integrated PhDs

12

PhD Students with grants/work contract

11

Ongoing funded research projects

2

New funded research projects

In 2025, a dynamic scientific programme integrating research, action-research, training and impact on public policy was reinforced by international capacity-building partnerships and by integration into local, national, international, interdisciplinary and inter-institutional networks on a global scale (Europe, America, Africa, Asia and Afro-Asia).

Researchers were involved in 11 funded projects, covering areas such as urban studies, humanitarian action, the Roma population, intra-EU and Asian migration, with a particular focus on education, housing and the labour market; such as: Human Response (Erasmus Mundus), Know, Map, Include: the Roma/Gypsy Population in Portugal (FCT) and AspirE on the (re)migration decisions of Asian citizens (Horizon Europe).

The group also ensured the continuity of specialised seminar cycles and launched new thematic series, strengthening its participation in around twenty international networks (in Portuguese, English, French and Spanish), notably IMISCOE - International Migration Research Network and International WGNDV - Working Group on Pluricentric Languages and their Non-Dominant Varieties (e.g. the 2025 international conference “Pluricentric Languages and Power: At the Crossroads of Legacies”).



RESEARCH GROUP

EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

KEY INDICATORS AND MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025

20

Researchers Integrated PhDs

10

PhD Students with grants/work contract

16

Ongoing funded research projects

5

New funded research projects

During the past year, the research group has carried out a range of scientific activities focused on addressing specific research problems in the fields of Education and Science. The projects demonstrate a significant trend towards internationalisation, both in terms of the subjects of study, the teams involved, the organisational models – whether through networks or partnerships – and the respective funding. Contributions have been made to the analysis of schooling processes, inequalities and diversity in schools; scientific and technological dynamics and the role of the researcher within a context of digital transformation; higher education and its internationalisation and links with the labour market; and the strengthening of educational planning processes, in particular through applied research carried out in collaboration with local authorities. Of the research projects carried out in 2025, around a third began this year, ensuring the renewal and continuity of research in the fields of Education and Science. We highlight two of the projects approved through competitive research calls that exemplify the group's capacity for securing funding and achieving scientific recognition: the fAlces project 'Facial Recognition Technologies. 'Etho-Assemblages and Alternative Futures', which was awarded an ERC Advanced Grant; and the 'DIV_EQUAL' project – 'Pathways to Success for Immigrant Students in Portuguese Schools: Diversity and Equality' – funded by the FCT.



RESEARCH GROUP
MEDIA AND CULTURE

KEY INDICATORS AND MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025

19

Researchers Integrated PhDs

15

PhD Students with grants/work contract

22

Ongoing funded research projects

6

New funded research projects

The group’s research activity focused on the interconnections between communication and culture as key dimensions of contemporary social life, bringing together projects that examined media, information, cultural practices, artistic production, and public engagement. A significant share of the activity was carried out through research infrastructures hosted by CIES-Iscte: MediaLab and the Portuguese Observatory of Cultural Activities (OPAC). Together, these structures strengthened the Group’s capacity to produce socially relevant research, support evidence-based public policies, and promote informed civic and cultural participation.

Within MediaLab Iscte, combating disinformation and fostering media and information literacy remained central priorities through projects funded by European and national competitive calls (Upstream; IBERIFIER Plus, ALGOWATCH, MIL CC).

Within OPAC, research focused on cultural participation, artistic practices, cultural policies, and the development of cultural indicators and evaluation frameworks through institutional partnerships (PNL2027, DG Arts, CCDR-LVT) and projects funded through national public programmes (FCT and PlanAPP/S4Policy) and private foundations, that included the evaluation of the Gulbenkian Centre for Modern Art.



RESEARCH GROUP

GENDER, LIFE COURSE AND HEALTH

KEY INDICATORS AND MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025

21

Researchers Integrated PhDs

10

PhD Students (with grants/work contract)

14

Ongoing funded research projects

3

New funded research projects

The research group's team has remained stable, and 3 projects began during the course of 2025 while 3 reached their end out of a total of 14 projects; and 6 other projects were prepared and submitted to various scientific funding agencies (3 having been approved or in stage 2 of evaluation). The thematic diversity and the progressive nature of this research is evidenced by projects on, for example, (Trans)Gender Citizenship, Obstetric Violence, Adult Disability, and on Youth, Well-being and Digitalization. Funding is varied, ranging from Governmental, National Science Foundation, and, mostly, the European Commission, highlighting the internationalisation of this Research Group.

Researchers from this group present a wide-ranging type of publications during this year, most of which in collaboration with colleagues (from CIES, Iscte or other centres), and demonstrating a balance between national and international Journals/Publishers. Regarding scientific events, the Cycle Biographies and Trajectories held three conferences, the Laboratory nascer.pt promoted 16 scientific and methodological sessions and launched a new cycle of roundtables about Care and Reproductive Justice. Three international seminars connected to research projects were organised as part of Disability Studies.



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PhD Students (with grants/work contract)

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Ongoing funded research projects

3

New funded research projects

This multidisciplinary research group is dedicated to the study of the relationships between civil society, political institutions, and public governance, focusing on four main areas: political representation, political participation and protest, public policy and administration, and social rights and social services. Through these interconnected fields, the group seeks to understand how citizens, social movements, and institutions interact and how these interactions shape democratic processes and public policies.

In 2025, the group was involved in several research projects, including QUALREP, which examines the quality of women's political representation; CIPO, which investigates political realignment and public opinion trends in Portugal and Spain; and TRANSPACE, a project exploring transnational climate governance and the emergence of global administrative spaces.

Among its key initiatives are the Observatory of Democracy and Political Representation, which promotes research on democratic institutions and political representation, and the monthly Seminar Series on Social Movements and Political Action, fostering multidisciplinary debate on activism, political participation, and collective action.

RESEARCH GROUP

HISTORICAL DYNAMICS AND GLOBAL INTEGRATION OF THE WORLD

KEY INDICATORS AND MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025

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Researchers Integrated PhDs

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PhD Students (with grants/work contract)

2

Ongoing funded research projects

1

New funded research projects

In 2025, two funded projects were underway, including the coordination of the 'CINCRA – International collaborations: crime and police cooperation in the Ibero-American Atlantic (c. 1870–1940)'. The project 'CRIMJUR – The criminal jury in Portugal. History of a forgotten judicial and political institution (1822–1927)' was approved and will start in early 2026.

Several sessions of the seminar cycles 'New Perspectives in Modern and Contemporary History', and 'Revisiting the 19th Century' took place as forums for academic debate, the presentation of research findings and the strengthening of national and international collaboration networks.

The Encontros com a História initiative was launched in 2025, with its first edition dedicated to the theme "War and Peace: Portugal in a Global Context" (further developed at point 5 Scientific Events), promoted by the Núcleo de Divulgação de Estudos Académicos em História / History Academic Studies Outreach Unit (NDEAH) within this research group.

The group also developed close collaboration with institutional partners such as the 50th Anniversary of 25 April Commemorative Commission and the Torre do Tombo National Archives, participating in various activities of great scientific and social significance. Several researchers from the group were part of the editorial team of the journal *Ler História*.

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Overall Research Indicators

Research Projects

CIES-Iscte conducts basic research projects funded by public calls with scientific assessment issued by public and private, Portuguese, and European agencies and foundations and applied research projects directed at the design, monitoring and evaluation of public policies based on the Centers' consolidated scientific skills.

Researchers can propose projects and other scientific activities with much independence. This culture of initiative and cooperation is a firmly established practice. It is the source of the Center's ability to quickly react to the opportunities and challenges in research and enables it to place emerging, socially, and scientifically relevant issues on the research agenda.

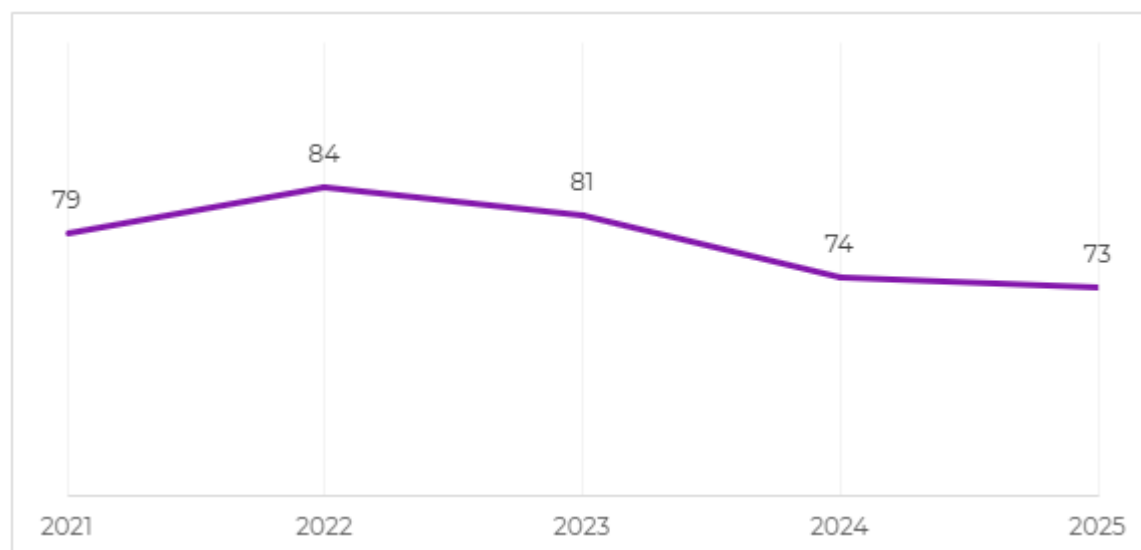
Concerning the overall number of ongoing funded projects, they amounted to 73 in 2025.

This figure doesn't include projects or work plans awarded through calls for proposals to fund researchers' employment contracts (e.g. the FCT's CEEC Programme to promote scientific employment), which for the record amounted to 15 in 2025.

Of the 34 projects with international funding, the following sources can be highlighted: Horizon Europe, Erasmus+, AMIF - Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HADEA), European Research Council, European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), International Centre for Migration and Policy Development (ICMPD), among others.

Considering projects with national funding, there are a variety of sources, demonstrating the ability to attract and obtain funding from sources other than the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT). The projects funded by the FCT accounted half of national sources in 2025, 18 projects out of 39, and in the other half there is a great diversity of funding entities observed, including public institutions such as: municipalities, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, *Agência para o Desenvolvimento e Coesão* (Development and Cohesion Agency), I.P. (AD&C), Camões – Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua (Camões – Institute for Cooperation and the Portuguese Language) I.P, *Fundo Ambiental* (Environmental Fund), and private organisations such as the Aga Khan Foundation, and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, among others.

Research Projects 2021-2025



Ongoing funded research projects in 2025

Research Group	Project	Coordinator at CIES	Source of funding
INEQUALITY, WORK AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING	Acompanhamento da Implementação, Monitorização e Avaliação da Operação Integrada Local da Freguesia do Milharado	João Sebastião	Municipality of Mafra
	ARECA - Art Education and Capacity-Building: Methodologies and tools used by artists to intervene in the school context	Luísa Veloso	European Commission / Creative Europe
	Coop4Int - Strengthening Migrant Integration through cooperation between Portugal and Cabo Verde	Ana Raquel Matias	International Centre for Migration and Policy Development (ICMPD)
	Análise dinâmica da produção de impacto decorrente de instrumentos de apoio às artes e cultura em territórios transfronteiriços e de baixa densidade	Sérgio Caramelo	PLANAPP / Science4Policy
	IN_Iscte 2 - Espaço para crescer	Rosário Mauritti	Directorate-General for Higher Education
	POV_LEVELS - Levels of decentralisation in the fight against poverty: new municipal powers in social action	Renato Miguel do Carmo	FCT & PLANAPP / Science4Policy
	PROWORK - Projectifying work: network organisation models in contemporary capitalist societies	Luísa Veloso	FCT / SR&TD Project
	SIPI - Indicators System of Inclusion Policies	José Miguel Nogueira	FCT & PLANAPP / Science4Policy

Research Group	Project	Coordinator at CIES	Source of funding
	SOLID-JOB - Rebuilding solidarity in an age of job dualisation	Renato Miguel do Carmo	FCT / SR&TD Project
	Radar.loc - Radar em análise: estudo e avaliação dos limites e potencialidades institucionais e locais do programa Radar Social	Renato Miguel do Carmo	PLANAPP / Science4Policy
	SYNCLUSIVE - System approach to close the employment gap and create a more inclusive labor market for vulnerable groups	Maria José Sousa	European Commission / Horizon Europe
MIGRATION, MOBILITY AND ETHNICITY	AspireE - Decision making of aspiring (re)migrants to and within the EU: the case of labour market-leading migrations from Asia	Sofia Gaspar	European Commission / Horizon Europe
	Cmi_Pop Roma - Conhecer, Mapear, Incluir:População Roma/Cigana em Portugal	Maria Manuela Mendes	FCT / Estudo Nacional das Comunidades Ciganas
	Erasmus+ as a site of trans-national class formation?	Thais França	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
	H:OUSE - Housing: to Overcome Unstable Situation in Europe	Sandra Mateus	European Commission / AMIF
	Human Response - Coordinated Humanitarian Response, Health and Displacement	Cláudia Pereira & Joana Azevedo	European Commission / Erasmus+
	Inclusion+ - Tackling the challenges of Erasmus+ mobility inclusion and diversity at higher education level	Thais França	European Commission / Erasmus+
	Knowing, welcoming, including: social and educational inclusion of refugee children and young people from Ukraine	Maria Manuela Mendes	FCT / SR&TD Project
	MIrreM - Measuring Irregular Migration	João Carvalho	European Commission / Horizon Europe
	PERICREATIVITY - Criatividades Periféricas: juventude, arte e políticas públicas em territórios segregados	Otávio Raposo	FCT / SR&TD Project
EDUCATION AND SCIENCE	Avaliação externa do Programa Schools 2030	Susana da Cruz Martins	Aga Khan Foundation
	Blockchain.PT - Decentralize Portugal with blockchain agenda	Marta Entradas	European Union Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)
	Carta Educativa de Cascais	Eva Gonçalves	Câmara Municipal de Cascais
	DIV_EQUAL - Pathways to success for immigrant students in Portuguese schools: diversity and equality	Teresa Seabra	FCT / SR&TD Project
	DTS - Digital Transitions in Science	David Cairns	FCT / Exploratory Projects

Research Group	Project	Coordinator at CIES	Source of funding
	Entre a escola e o trabalho: comportamentos políticos de trabalhadores/as em situação de precariedade	Maria Gilvania Silva	Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico (CNPq), Brazil
	fAlces - Facial Recognition Technologies. Etho-Assemblages and Alternative Futures	Helena Machado	European Commission / ERC Advanced Grant
	Lead to Change - Participatory Learning and Action Models for Enhancing Health and Welfare Behavior Change of Families with Disabled	Jorge Manuel Ferreira	European Commission / Erasmus+
	POIESIS - Probing the impact of integrity and integration on societal trust in science	Marta Entradas	European Commission / Horizon Europe
	PuRe-SC - Public Reception of Science Communication	Marta Entradas	FCT / SR&TD Project
	SCIGLO - Science for Global Challenges	Cristina Palma Conceição	European Commission / Horizon Europe
MEDIA AND CULTURE	A_C-IMPACTPP - Innovation in Arts and Culture Public Policies Evaluation	José Soares Neves	FCT & PLANAPP / Science4Policy
	ALGOWATCH - Developing algorithm literacy for all, to fight disinformation and foster e-inclusion with quality information for knowledge-based democratic societies	Vitor Tomé	European Commission / Creative Europe
	ARTHE – Arquivar o Teatro	Vera Borges	FCT / SR&TD Project
	Avaliação de Impacto do CAM da FCG	Rui Telmo Gomes	SUGGESTUS, Lda / Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian
	Caracterização e diagnóstico cultural da RLVT	José Soares Neves	CCDR LVT, I.P.
	CoMMPASS - Communicating Migration and Mobility – E-Learning Programs and Newsroom Applications for Sub-Saharan	Gustavo Cardoso	European Commission / Erasmus+
	Evolução das Práticas de Leitura dos Alunos dos Ensinos Básico e Secundário - Barómetro'25	João Trocado da Mata and José Soares Neves	PNL2027 / ARM - Associação de Restaurantes McDonald's
	Quadro de Indicadores para os Direitos Humanos Culturais – participação, acesso e contribuição para a vida cultural	José Soares Neves	PLANAPP / Science4Policy
	HERIC 2D Health Risk Communication: Design and digital communication of official public health sources to guide citizens in pandemic situations	Rita Espanha	FCT / SR&TD Project
	IBERIFIER Plus - Iberian Digital Media Observatory	Gustavo Cardoso	European Commission / EDMO
	Implementation of the 2025 Radão National Plan	Marta Entradas	Fundo Ambiental Portugal

Research Group	Project	Coordinator at CIES	Source of funding
	InMAP: Memórias e Arquivos: Mapear o (In)tangível	José Soares Neves	FCT & PLANAPP / Science4Policy
	La 'manosfera' en Redes Sociales. Produsage cultural para revertir los estigmas de género y la cultura del odio	Ana Pinto Martinho	Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica y de Innovación 2021-2023, Spain DMO
	LiFi - Living with Wildfire: imagining, narrating and acting upon a changing climate	Mali Üzelgün	FORMAS - Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development
	Linhas Invisíveis: uma análise das desigualdades no acesso à cultura em Portugal	José Soares Neves	FCT & PLANAPP / Science4Policy
	MIL CC - MIL Community Connections	Vítor Tomé	European Commission / EMIF
	Monitorização e despistagem de desinformação política – Legislativas 2025	Gustavo Cardoso	Comissão Nacional de Eleições (CNE)
	Os contextos familiares e as práticas de leitura dos alunos dos ensinos básico e secundário	José Soares Neves and João Trocado da Mata	PNL2027 / ARM - Associação de Restaurantes McDonald's
	Programa de Apoio em Parceria - Arte e Coesão Territorial	José Soares Neves	DG Artes
	PROCULTURA PALOP-TL - Promoção do Emprego nas Atividades Geradoras de Rendimento no Setor Cultural nos PALOP e Timor-Leste	José Soares Neves	Camões, I.P.
	Upstream - Desinformação a montante: Identificar e analisar os viveiros de falsidades	Gustavo Cardoso	Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian / European Media and Information Fund (EMIF)
GENDER, LIFE COURSE AND HEALTH	BeWell-Iscte	Elsa Pegado	DGES (Directorate-General for Higher Education)
	COORDINATE - COhort cOmmunity Research and Development Infrastructure Network for Access Throughout Europe	Magda Nico	European Commission / Horizon 2020
	EMASWHC - European Master of Advanced Social Work in Health	Jorge Manuel Ferreira	European Commission / Erasmus+
	EPDA - Prevalence Study of Disability in the Working-Age Adult Population	José Miguel Nogueira	EU - AD&C / Portugal 2030
	Equity and Inclusion in Public Administration	José Miguel Nogueira	FCT & PLANAPP / Science4Policy
	GUIDEPREP - Growing Up in Digital Europe Preparation Phase	Nuno de Almeida Alves	European Commission / Horizon Europe
	ICS - Innovation in Caregiver Support	José Miguel Nogueira	European Commission / Erasmus+

Research Group	Project	Coordinator at CIES	Source of funding
	IPOV-RESPECTFUL CARE - International Platform on Obstetric Violence (IPOV): an innovative tool for a respectful maternity and childbirth care	Dulce Morgado Neves	European Commission / Marie Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchanges (RISE)
	SDA - Self-determination Academy	José Miguel Nogueira	European Commission / Erasmus+
	SDIT - Self-determination and Inclusion by Theater	Luís Capucha	European Commission / Erasmus+
	Time-To-Engage - Intentions and behaviours of using digital health technology by older adults: collaborative research	Elsa Pegado	La Caixa Foundation
POLITICS AND CITIZENSHIP	Candidates Survey (MPs and non-elected candidates) for the 2024 Legislative Elections	Guya Accornero and José Santana Pereira	FCT / Multi-annual funding for R&D units
	CIPO - Comparing Iberian Public Opinion: a political realignment?	João Carvalho	FCT / Exploratory Projects
	COTRASO - Co-education in social work: issues and practices	Jorge Ferreira	European Commission / Erasmus+
	GreenDeal-NET - The European Green Deal: Governing the EU's Transition towards Climate Neutrality and Sustainability	Helge Jörgens	European Commission / Erasmus+
	QUALREP - The Quality of Women's Political Representation	Ana Espírito-Santo	UKRI - UK Research and Innovation
	Revhicon - Revolution, towards the history of the concept. Analysing portuguese parliamentary debates, 1821-2024	Goffredo Adinolfi	FCT / 25 April and Portuguese Democracy Initiative
	STUDIES-DIG - Models and Instruments for Transforming Higher Education Systems through Transnational Multi-Sector Links	David Ferraz	European Commission / Horizon Europe
	TRANSPACE - The Emergence of Global Administrative Spaces in Transnational Climate Policy-making	Helge Jörgens	DGF - German Research Foundation
HISTORICAL DYNAMICS AND GLOBAL INTEGRATION OF THE WORLD	CINCRA - Colaborações internacionais: criminalidade e cooperação policial no Atlântico ibero-americano, c. 1870-1940	Maria João Vaz	FCT / SR&TD Project
	Heritage of Hope: The Abolitionist Legacy in Europe	Maria João Vaz	European Commission / GOPA PACE

In accordance with the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, CIES-Iscte and Iscte consider the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) fundamental to promote prosperity and well-being for all by 2030. CIES-Iscte intends to contribute actively by addressing research activity directed towards the achievement of the SDG.

The ongoing research projects are relevant for the following Sustainable Development Goals:



Publications

Publication remains a core element of scientific activity, serving as a key mechanism for disseminating knowledge and research findings to both the scientific community and society at large. In recent years, the publication profile of the CIES-Iscte research team has shown a gradual transformation. While articles published in indexed journals, particularly those included in the Scopus and Web of Science (WoS) databases, continue to represent a significant share of scientific output, CIES-Iscte researchers have maintained a diversified publication strategy, preserving strong levels of production in books, edited volumes, and book chapters and thereby ensuring both international scientific visibility and engagement with Portuguese society.

The total number of publications increased in 2025, reaching 440 publications compared with 424 in the previous year. The increase was mainly driven by an increase in book chapters and other publications subject to scientific review, which rose from 119 to 139 and from 94 to 108 publications, respectively.

The number of articles published in indexed journals declined slightly, from 164 in 2024 to 148 in 2025, but remained broadly in line with the levels observed over the past five years, confirming the sustained capacity of CIES-Iscte researchers to publish in internationally recognised scientific outlets. At the same time, editorial activity increased further, with the number of edited books and special issues reaching its highest level in the period under analysis (29 publications). Although the number of authored books had a slight decrease in 2025, books and book chapters continue to represent a significant component of the institution's scientific production, reflecting the multidisciplinary nature of its research and its commitment to diverse forms of scholarly dissemination.

Overall, the publication trends observed in 2025 demonstrate the resilience and diversity of CIES-Iscte's scientific output, characterised by a balanced combination of international journal publications and other forms of academic dissemination that contribute to both scientific advancement and societal impact.

Publications of the Research Team (2021-2025)

Types of Publications	Years				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Articles in indexed journals	165	163	145	164	148*
Books authorship	19	21	29	22	16
Book or journal (special issue) editor	24	24	22	25	29
Book Chapters	134	132	164	119	139
Other Publications with scientific revision (**)	145	134	104	94	108
TOTAL	487	474	464	424	440

(*) Articles in journals indexed in JCR/WoS = 133 (Q1 & Q2 = 66) and in SRJ/Scimago/Scopus = 117 (Q1 & Q2 = 89)

(**) Includes proceedings of scientific events, working papers; project reports, reviews in journals, forewords, afterwords, and other peer-reviewed publications.

The next table presents the ratio of the main publications per full-time equivalent of PhD Integrated Researchers. In 2025, CIES-Iscte researchers produced 148 indexed journal articles (1.9 per FTE), maintaining a similar publication ratio of the previous years. The ratio of book output remained stable at 0.6 per FTE, while book chapters increased to 1.7 per FTE.

Total and ratio of publications per FTE by PhD Integrated Researchers (2021-2025)

Types of Publication	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	Total	Ratio (T/FTE)	Total	Ratio (T/FTE)	Total	Ratio (T/FTE)	Total	Ratio (T/FTE)	Total	Ratio (T/FTE)
Articles (in indexed journals)	165	2.2	163	2.3	145	1.9	164	2.1	148	1.9
Books	43	0.6	45	0.6	51	0.7	47	0.6	45	0.6
Book Chapters	134	1.8	132	1.8	164	2.2	119	1.5	139	1.7

With the decentralization of Iscte R&D Awards, CIES assumed the responsibility to organize and distribute the CIES-Iscte R&D Awards that recognize excellence in both scientific output and research leadership. They reward researchers who publish high-impact, internationally indexed research and those who successfully secure externally funded research projects that contribute to the institution's research capacity and sustainability. The results of the CIES-Iscte 2025 R&D Awards, as well as the Rules for Awarding CIES-Iscte R&D Awards, are available [at this link](#) on the CIES-Iscte website.

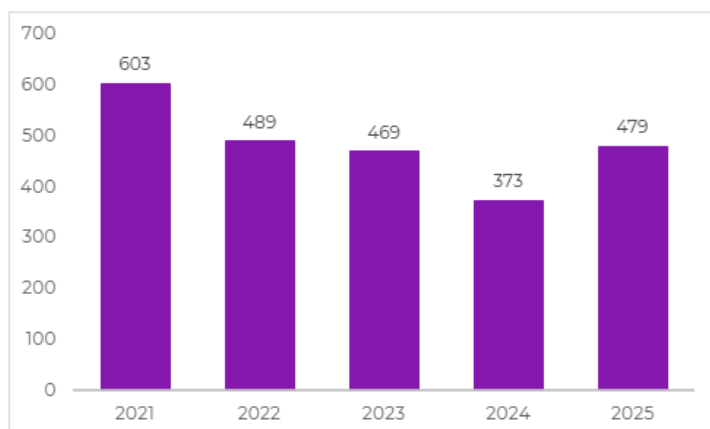


CIES-Iscte R&D Awards

Presentations at scientific meetings

Presentations by CIES-Iscte researchers at scientific meetings remained at a high level. In 2025, the number of presentations amounted to 479, highlighting the dynamism and strong engagement of CIES-Iscte researchers in national and international scientific dissemination and academic networking activities. The first of the 5-year series (2021) was an exceptional year because many of the events were initiatives that had been postponed from 2020 that didn't take place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

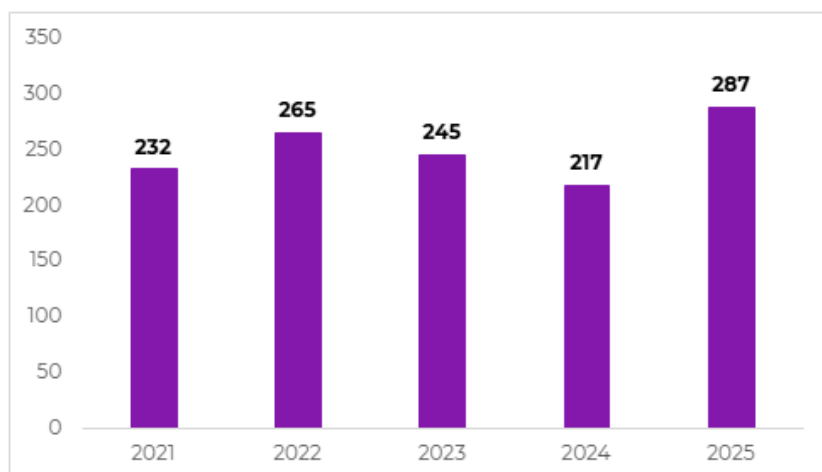
Presentations at scientific meetings (2021-2025)



Organization of scientific meetings

The participation of CIES-Iscte researchers in the organization of national and international scientific meetings has remained consistently high, reaching its highest level in 2025. These figures highlight the strong commitment of CIES-Iscte researchers to promoting scientific exchange, fostering academic networks, and engaging with wider audiences through conferences, seminars, workshops, doctoral colloquia, among other formats. Section 5 of this report provides further details on the events regularly organized by CIES-Iscte and the main scientific meetings held in 2025.

Organization of scientific meetings (2021-2025)



Scientific networking

Networking and scientific cooperation are essential for the integration of CIES-Iscte and its researchers in the international scientific community. CIES-Iscte is an institutional member of several large networks, and many researchers are members and actively participate in several research networks, streams, and clusters of the main European and international large academic networks – ESA (European Sociological Association), ISA (International Sociological Association), ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research), and IMISCOE (International Migration Research Network) - as well as other relevant networks in different areas, as listed below:

Networks

COST ACTION 19143 - Global Digital Human Rights Network (GDHRNet)

COST ACTION 20107 - Connecting Theory and Practical Issues of Migration and Religious Diversity (COREnet)

COST ACTION 20115 - European Network on International Student Mobility: Connecting Research and Practice (ENIS)

COST ACTION 20123 - Intergovernmental Coordination from Local to European Governance (IGCOORD)

COST ACTION 20137 - Making Young Researchers' Voices Heard for Gender Equality (VOICES)

COST Action 21120 - History of Identity Documentation in European Nations: Citizenship, Nationality and Migration (HIDDEN)

COST ACTION 21124 - Lifting farm animal lives – laying the foundations for positive animal welfare (LIFT)

COST Action 21133 - Globalization, Illicit Trade, Sustainability and Security (GLITSS)

COST ACTION 21139 - 3Rs concepts to improve the quality of biomedical science (IMPROVE)

COST ACTION 21141 - Grassroots of Digital Europe: from Historic to Contemporary Cultures of Creative Computing (GRADE)

COST ACTION 21143 - Transnational Family Dynamics in Europe (TraFaDy)

COST ACTION 21150 - Parental Leave Policies and Social Sustainability (Sustainability@Leave)

COST ACTION 22101 - Cultural Expertise Junior Network (K-Peritia)

COST ACTION 22120 - A European Network to Leverage the Multi-Age Workforce (LeverAge)

Networks (cont.)

COST ACTION 22124 - EU Circular Economy Network for All: Consumer Protection through reducing, reusing, repairing (ECO4ALL)

COST ACTION 22165 - Redressing Radical Polarisation: Strengthening European Civil Spheres facing Illiberal Digital Media (DepolarisingEU)

COST ACTION 23114 - Regaining linkage? Digital technologies improving civic engagement, political organizations and democracy (RELINK²)

COST Action CA18213 - Rural NEET Youth Network: Modeling the risks underlying rural NEETs social exclusion

EURAM - European Academy of Management

IMISCOE - International Migration Research Network

REDE MIGRA

Observatories and Laboratories

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Observatories and Laboratories

Observatories and Laboratories play an important role in understanding and addressing societal issues. Their primary functions include data collection, analysis and dissemination, which inform public policy, academic research, and public understanding. They also contribute to advanced training by providing internships and research opportunities for masters and doctoral students. The observatories have strengthened their mission of making rigorous and up-to-date information available to the public in their thematic areas, empowering citizens and contributing to public policies. While the laboratories have deepened their specialised competences and their cross-cutting potential towards support for research activities.

CIES-Iscte is also an honorary member of the Communication Observatory ([Obercom](#)), which analyses and assists in public policies, sector companies and academic research in communication sciences, and integrates the Collaborative Laboratory for Work, Employment and Social Protection - [CoLABOR](#), that was constituted in 2018 under the FCT attribution of the title of Collaborative Laboratory.

Inequality Observatory



www.observatorio-das-desigualdades.com

The Inequality Observatory provides updated information, analyses, and scientific knowledge on social inequality, fostering citizenship and contributing to the design and evaluation of public policies to address its root causes. Inequality is studied in different dimensions and levels, using statistical indicators, international comparisons, and a wide range of constantly updated research and studies. Social inequality is multidimensional and identified in areas such as employment, income and wealth, education, qualifications and skills, gender, ethnicity, racial, age, health, among others. This multidimensionality is one of the most striking features of contemporary societies.

CIES is responsible for scientific coordination, partnering with the Institute of Sociology of the University of Porto and the Center for Social Studies of the University of the Azores.

MAIN ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2025

In 2025, the Inequality Observatory strengthened its analytical and scientific contribution to the study of social inequalities through research and scientific publications, focused on recent trends in poverty and material deprivation in Portugal, as well as on young women's situation in the labour market. The Observatory also advanced its analytical framework through the development of new indicators, including the Internet Penetration Rate and Access to the Broadband Network, contributing to a more comprehensive approach to inequality.

Various dissemination and outreach activities were carried out to promote the Observatory's scientific work, including engagement with the media, the production of newsletters and participation in scientific events. In parallel, the Observatory was actively involved in the preparation and submission of applications for national and international research funding. As a result, three research projects were approved for funding — Pov_levels, Radar.Loc and Div_Equal.

Emigration Observatory



www.observatorioemigracao.pt

The main objective of the Emigration Observatory is to collect, harmonize and analyze information on the evolution and characteristics of Portuguese emigration, by collecting data from statistical institutions of the countries of destination of emigrated Portuguese populations.

Annual indicators include stocks (total population, place of birth, nationality, Portuguese origin and consular records), Portuguese inflows in destination countries, acquisition of nationality in destination country and emigrants' remittances. Statistical indicators include data on the entry and stay in the countries of destination, with updating of indicators.

The Emigration Observatory is a partnership with the Center for Geographical Studies and the Research Center for Economic and Organizational Sociology of the University of Lisbon, and the Institute of Sociology of the University of Porto. A cooperation agreement with DG for Consular Affairs and Portuguese Communities, supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ensures activities.

MAIN ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2025

In 2025, key outputs included the publication of the annual statistical report about Portuguese Emigration 2024 (available in Portuguese) and the *Portuguese Emigration Factbook 2024* (English version available). Also, several reports and documents were produced, notably three factsheets addressing different aspects of Portuguese emigration.

Information was also disseminated to a broader audience through the production and online publication of interviews with experts in the field of migration. In parallel, the second edition of the Atlas of Portuguese Emigration was launched, together with the first edition of its English-language version.

The Observatory further contributed to national and international academic debate through participation in conferences and by organising two scientific conferences, “‘Free’ Movement for Portuguese in Luxembourg” and “The Migration Obsession”.

Portuguese Observatory on Cultural Activities



www.opac.cies.iscte-iul.pt

The Portuguese Observatory on Cultural Activities is responsible for the development and production of studies and information on various cultural themes and domains, such as cultural practices, cultural and artistic agents and institutions, cultural employment, and cultural democratization, including the production and dissemination of indicators on art and culture.

The Portuguese Observatory on Cultural Activities partners with public and private institutions, in particular with the Directorate-General for the Arts of the Ministry of Culture, based on providing a range of secondary, official, and national statistical sources on cultural policies.

MAIN ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2025

A total of six new research projects were developed in 2025, with an emphasis on the construction of indicators for Cultural Human Rights, as well as on diagnostic and cultural impact studies, including research on reading practices and cultural policies.

In the area of training, a course on Cultural Statistics was delivered to representatives of the public cultural sector from the six PALOP-TL countries, held in October 2025 within the framework of the PROCULTURA PALOP-TL project.

The Observatory also carried out science communication and outreach activities, with particular emphasis on its participation in the European Researchers' Night 2025 (NEI'25), which took place in Lisbon on 26 September 2025.

Laboratory for the Social Studies on Childbirth – nascer.pt



www.nascer.pt

The Laboratory for the Social Studies on Childbirth is an interdisciplinary program addressing childbirth and its social, political, cultural, and institutional framing conditions. It informs public policy on ethics, social representations, choices, and results of childbirth.

Research and studies address the process of norms, practices, and social organizations that frame, regulate, and condition childbirth in a modern and medicalized society, as well as the institutions and the agents or practitioners involved in this process.

MAIN ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2025

During the year, the Laboratory carried out a programme of scientific events at both national and international levels. This included the organization of ten scientific sessions, four workshops, two research meetings and two roundtables, addressing a wide range of themes and methodological approaches grounded in the sociology of childbirth and motherhood.

The Laboratory also promoted the dissemination of scientific knowledge on the social studies of childbirth to a broader audience. These activities included the publication of twelve articles on its blog and participation in the European Researchers' Night 2025 (NEI'25).

In addition, the Laboratory published the e-book "Cairo–Lisbon 2024: Three Decades of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights".

CoLABOR



<http://www.colabor.pt/>

The Collaborative Laboratory for Labour, Employment and Social Protection (CoLABOR) was constituted in 2018 under the FCT attribution of the title of Collaborative Laboratory.

With nine partners and a multidisciplinary team of highly qualified researchers [CoLABOR](#) mobilises resources from academia, companies, and third sector institutions, having four central objectives: to support the design and restructure of policies in their thematic areas; capacity-building of institutions, including public administration, businesses and institutions in the third sector; to qualify employment through training and the creation of scientific jobs; contribute to public debate in the areas of work and social protection, through effective and innovative forms of dissemination of the results of the research it carries.

CoLABOR achieves these objectives through an ambitious agenda of deepening scientific knowledge around three central thematic axes: work and employment; social protection and social facilities and responses.

Across these thematic areas, CoLABOR developed [DataLABOR](#), an innovative platform that aggregates and cross-references statistical and legal data on work and employment, social protection and the social and solidarity economy in Portugal.

MediaLab-Iscte



www.medialab.iscte-iul.pt

MediaLab is focused on the analysis of communication practices in different forms and models – from digital to analogue, from text to image, through sound, audiovisual, and multimedia, to analysis of networks and online trends, related to social media networks, online research and user opinions, information visualization and Big Data. MediaLab is a research laboratory in digital media and communication by combining applied research, knowledge transfer, and societal engagement activities.

In 2025, the laboratory developed research on disinformation on social media, online hate speech, the amplification of political discourse on digital platforms, and the circulation of disinformation narratives in electoral contexts, in several nationally and internationally funded projects, including UPSTREAM – Disinformation Upstream: Identifying and Analysing the Sources of Falsehoods (Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, 2025–2026), developed in partnership with the newspaper Público; IBERIFIER Plus – Iberian Digital Media Observatory (European Commission, 2024–2026) integrated into the European Digital Media Observatory network; the project on monitoring and detecting political disinformation during the 2025 Portuguese Legislative Elections (National Election Commission, 2024–2025); and ALGOWATCH – Developing Algorithm Literacy for All, to Fight Disinformation and Foster E-Inclusion with Quality Information for Knowledge-Based Democratic Societies (Creative Europe, 2023–2025).

Observatory for Democracy and Political Representation



<https://observatorio-democracia.pt>

The Observatory for Democracy and Political Representation concentrates its activities on democratic political representation and the integration of its citizens in political and decision-making processes, thus identifying linkages between the electorate, the elected representatives, and the formulation and implementation of public policy. Elected representatives – at the governmental levels – are held accountable for their use of power and public policies reflecting most voters' preferences.

Various surveys, including the Comparative Candidate Survey, provide comparative data on values, guidelines, and behaviors of elected and non-elected candidates. Citizen participation, either individually or through interest groups or social and political movements, is assessed in the political process and in political representation.

MAIN ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2025

During the year, the Observatory for Democracy and Political Representation promoted and disseminated its scientific activities, as well as those of the Politics and Citizenship research group, through the management and regular updating of its institutional website and social media, and through participation in conferences and seminars.

The Observatory also promoted its scientific activity through the participation of its members in academic events and the publication of scientific texts. In parallel, it acted as an interface with civil society organisations by organising meetings and discussion forums.

In addition, the Observatory applied, harmonised and published the Survey of Candidates for the 2024 Legislative Elections (covering both elected and non-elected candidates).

Laboratory of Innovative Methodologies



**Laboratório
de Inovação
Metodológica Iscte**

The Laboratory for Innovative Methodologies promotes innovative methodological practices through workshops, interdisciplinary collaborations, and developing advanced methodological skills, such as Advanced Methods in Statistics and Data Analysis, Computer-Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis, Mixed Methods and Triangulation between Quantitative and Qualitative Methods, Biographical Method, Life Course Methodologies, Data Visualization Methods. The Laboratory for Innovative Methodologies also promotes interdisciplinary discussions in various conferences.

MAIN ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2025

Throughout the reporting period, the Laboratory for Innovative Methodologies organised two thematic workshops — “Co-creation in Focus: Visual Experiences in Segregated Territories” and “Biographical Landscapes: Plans, Perspectives and Tools for Observing the Lives of Others”.

The Laboratory also contributed to academic debate through a presentation at the XIII Portuguese Congress of Sociology, held under the theme “Democracies under Scrutiny: Risks and Uncertainties”, held in Ponta Delgada.

Public Sphere LAB



Civic culture, the public sphere and citizenship have specific histories and meanings, but they overlap to a large extent, constituting the necessary foundation for preserving and developing the autonomy and cooperation that are indispensable in the face of the current challenges of inclusion, sustainability and digitalization.

It is within this framework that the activity of the Public Sphere Laboratory, a CIES-Iscte body with an interdisciplinary nature and scientific and technical skills, dedicated to civic culture, the public sphere and citizenship, takes place.

The Laboratory aims to boost the knowledge, capacities and skills of institutions and individuals for more enlightened action in contemporary societies, specifically contributing to the fields of literacy, civic culture, the public sphere and citizenship, based on promoting research and training in these fields, and on bringing academia closer to society in general, namely by promoting citizen science and public sociology.

The presentation of the Public Sphere Laboratory took place on 27 October 2025, and one of its ongoing initiatives is 'Semtxt': a social media publication featuring simplified, text-free infographics on contemporary societies, designed for immediate reading and based on institutionally produced databases.

PhD Programs and other advanced training activities

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PhD Programs with connection to CIES-Iscte

CIES-Iscte has long-standing experience of hosting PhD students, which creates a strong interdependence between its teaching and research environments. To ensure the completion of high-quality research, PhD students are provided with guidance and supervision by experienced researchers.

Within the School of Sociology and Public Policy at Iscte, the Center provides scientific coordination and management of the following eight PhD programs:

- COMMUNICATION
- MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY HISTORY
- POLICIES OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
- POLITICAL SCIENCE
- PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
- PUBLIC POLICY
- SOCIAL WORK
- SOCIOLOGY

The Center is also part of the following PhD joint programs:

- Inter-University PhD Program in History: change and continuity in a global world - PIU-DHIST (FCT PhD)
- Political Economy (promoted in association by Iscte, University of Coimbra and the University of Lisbon)
- Urban Studies (promoted in association by Iscte and the New University of Lisbon)

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PhD Programs coordinated by CIES-Iscte

CIES-Iscte currently coordinates a total of eight PhD Programmes. The Communication Sciences and Public Policy programmes take three years of study, and the Political Science, Modern and Contemporary History, Policies of School Administration and Management, Social Work, Public Administration and Sociology programmes take four years of study. In the first year, the students attend seminars on theories and methods and optional curricular units. In the other years, they prepare their PhD thesis, carrying out research at CIES-Iscte. Complementarily, they attend a Doctoral Seminar, the International Cycle of PhD Conferences and the Doctoral Colloquy.

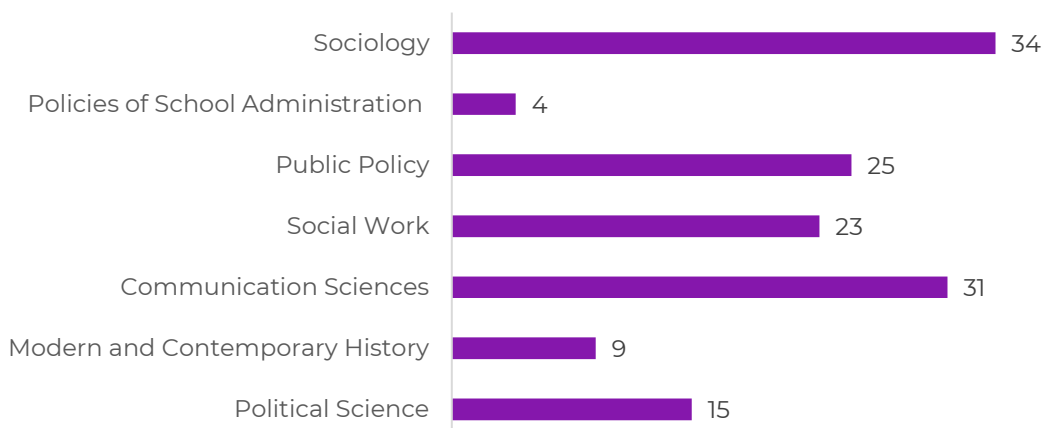
At CIES-Iscte, PhD students actively engage in a diverse range of activities while being strongly encouraged to share the outcomes of their research incrementally and participate in national and international debates.

The Centre's support structures ensure the necessary follow-up, both in the administrative management of the students' training path and in their research activities. In this context, CIES-Iscte also provides assistance in preparing applications for scholarships from the National Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), the Iscte and other funding institutions.

PhD students benefit from dedicated research facilities in the Iscte Knowledge and Innovation Building, including workstations, collaborative spaces, laboratories, secure access and storage facilities. They also have access to specialised software (SPSS, MAXQDA, Qualtrics, etc.), and to the Iscte Library and access to the Online Knowledge Library (b-on), which provides access to the full text to thousands of journals and ebooks of the main international scientific publishers.

In 2025, 35 theses were defended by students of the PhD programs managed by CIES-Iscte.

Doctoral theses defended per PhD program (2021-2025)



PhD theses defended in 2025

COMMUNICATION	The impact of brand activism on the pro-social and proenvironmental attitudes of employees and consumers	Alexandra de Matos Miguel Advisors: Sandra Miranda (ESCS-IPL)
	Beleza feminina, representatividade e a quarta onda feminista: uma análise comparativa entre campanhas publicitárias brasileiras e portuguesas de marcas modistas e produtos/serviços cosméticos	Hadassa Guimarães Oliveira Advisors: Jorge Veríssimo (ESCS-IPL) and Tiago Lapa (CIES-Iscte/Iscte)
	A Terra em disputa: media e discursos em transformação no Brasil contemporâneo	Laara Aiqueça Carneiro Hügel Advisors: Cláudia Álvares (CIES-Iscte/Iscte) and Guya Accornero (CIES-Iscte/Iscte)
	A representação mediática da deficiência: uma análise de conteúdo da imprensa portuguesa	Maria Cecília Bello Baseggio Advisors: Carla Cruz (ISCSP-ULisboa) and Cláudia Álvares (CIES-Iscte/Iscte)
	Podcasting: Impacto da plataformização num modelo de distribuição aberta de conteúdos	Miguel Paisana Advisors: Gustavo Cardoso (CIES-Iscte/Iscte) and Tiago Lapa
	Internet e a publicidade em Angola: o olhar da religião e dos religiosos sobre os produtos de "entretenimento"	Stover Eduardo Dunduma Ezequias Advisor: Jorge Veríssimo (ESCS-IPL)
	Os "jogos" do jogo: comunicação e poder no futebol português	José Eduardo Quintela Advisors: Gustavo Cardoso (CIES-Iscte/Iscte) and Tiago Lapa (CIES-Iscte/Iscte)
MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY HISTORY	Era uma vez Mundugaz: narrativas da figura do rei Ngungunhane em Moçambique e em Portugal (1890-2024)	Andrea Vacha Advisor: Carlos Maurício (CIES-Iscte)
	Changes in U.S. nuclear deterrence policy and the securitization of Russia (2001-2021)	David Silva Ferreira Advisors: Luís Nuno Rodrigues (CEI-Iscte/Iscte) and Sandra Fernandes (Univ. Minho)
POLITICAL SCIENCE	Do Comum à Inovação Social Transformativa: Uma Análise Sociopolítica do Nexus Alimento-Energia em Iniciativas de Base Comum na Europa	Felipe Berlinski de Brito e Cunha Advisor: Ana Margarida Esteves (CEI-Iscte/Iscte)
	Decrescimento, democracia e novos territórios. Experimentações para um mundo em transição	Guilherme Castelbranco de Guimarães Seródio Advisors: Giovani Esposito (Univ. Bruxelas) and Rogério Roque Amaro (CEI-Iscte/Iscte)
	Ação Humanitária - Uma nova forma de trabalhar	Susana Querido Paulino Passos de Deus Advisors: Clara Carvalho (CEI-Iscte/Iscte) and Raquel Freitas (CIES-Iscte)
PUBLIC POLICY	O Controlo Político da Execução do Orçamento do Estado: o processo de apreciação e votação da Conta Geral do Estado	Alexandra Paula Monteiro Pessanha Advisors: Tiago Fernandes (CEI-Iscte/Iscte)
	Mudança sem reforma: o caso da pensão de invalidez em Portugal	Ana Patrícia Pica Serrano Advisor: Maria Asensio (CIES-Iscte/Iscte)
	Innovation Public Procurement: An Evidence-Based Analysis within the European Innovation Ecosystem	Carolina Bárbara Azedo Morais Advisors: António Bob Santos and Maria Asensio (CIES-Iscte/Iscte)

	Políticas Públicas para a Reforma do Setor da Segurança (RSS): O caso a Guiné-Bissau	Ismael Sadilu Sanha Advisor: Pedro Seabra (CEI-Iscte/Iscte)
	A saúde e a educação entre o público e o privado: tensões e trajetos no Estado-providência em Portugal	Mariana Guimarães Vieira da Silva Advisor: Maria de Lurdes Rodrigues (CIES-Iscte/Iscte)
	Ciência na decisão política em Portugal: o caso das políticas públicas de combate à pobreza	Rita Alexandra Paixão Carrilho Advisor: Maria Inês Amaro (CIES-Iscte/Iscte)
	A Orientação Natalista das Políticas de Família no Pós-25 de Abril	Sonia Matos da Silva Fertuzinhos Advisors: Helena Carreiras (CIES-Iscte/Iscte), Karin Wall (ICS-ULisboa) and Maria das Dores Guerreiro (CIES-Iscte/Iscte)
	As políticas públicas portuguesas de proteção internacional: Portugal como destino de asilo	Tiago José de Oliveira Bolhão Páscoa Advisors: Rui Pena Pires (CIES-Iscte/Iscte) and Andreia Sofia Pinto Oliveira
	Energias Renováveis em Portugal e a crise económica global do início do século XXI	Waldyr Martins Barroso Advisor Helge Jorgens (CIES-Iscte/Iscte)
SOCIAL WORK	A Dimensão Espiritual enquanto Direito Humano: Percepção do Assistente Social na Atenção Paliativa em Portugal	Maria do Amparo Mota Ferreira Advisor: Alexandra Cortês (CIES-Iscte)
	Formação inicial em Serviço Social em Portugal	Nídia Morais Cardoso Menezes Abrunhosa Advisors: Jorge Manuel Ferreira (CIES-Iscte/Iscte) and Cristina Maria Pinto Albuquerque (Univ.Coimbra)
	O lugar da dimensão política do Serviço Social na formação de Assistentes Sociais: a realidade no Brasil e em Portugal	Nívia Barreto dos Anjos Advisors: Adriana Freire Pereira Férriz (Univ. Federal da Bahia) and Maria Inês Amaro (CIES-Iscte/Iscte)
	Equipas de saúde mental da infância e da adolescência do Hospital de Dona Estefânia e <i>recovery</i>	Patrícia Alexandra Teixeira da Silva Advisor Luís Capucha (CIES-Iscte/Iscte)
	Viver em ERPI na primeira pessoa	Sílvia Sara Sousa Saramago Advisors: Jorge Ferreira (CIES-Iscte/Iscte) and Yolanda María de la Fuente Robles (Univ. de Jéan)
	Intervenção Social e Direitos Humanos das Pessoas Idosas	Vera Lúcia Terra Mesquita Advisor: Maria Júlia Faria Cardoso (CIES-Iscte)
	O poder dos contextos escolares na produção de trajetos de sucesso - o caso das crianças descendentes de imigrantes no ensino básico	Adriana Albuquerque de Oliveira Campos Advisor: Teresa de Jesus Seabra de Almeida
SOCIOLOGY	Representações sociais sobre o nascimento: o parto em casa	Inês Filipa General Trindade Advisors: Mário JDS Santos (CIES-Iscte) and Sónia Pintassilgo (CIES-Iscte/Iscte)
	Escola e desigualdades sociais em Portugal: reprodução social e a (im)probabilidade de “fintar o destino”	Inês Santos Tavares Advisor: Luís Capucha (CIES-Iscte/Iscte)
	Centros e periferias do géneros - trajetórias profissionais de artistas visuais portuguesas	Sónia Alexandra Bernardo Correia Advisor: Sandra Saleiro (CIES-Iscte/Iscte)

International Cycle of PhD conferences

The International Cycle of PhD Conferences is an initiative of Iscte's School of Sociology and Public Policy, in partnership with CIES-Iscte and CEI-Iscte (Center for International Studies) to deepen knowledge and debate in the scientific field. PhD students participate in the Cycle's sessions, which include conferences from different scientific fields and with international researchers. In 2025, the International Cycle of PhD Conferences had 12 sessions.

International PhD conference	Lecturer
Youth welfare regimes in the era of social investment	Anna Broka Riga Stradins University
Why should a social scientist care for science communication?	Massimiano Bucchi University of Trento
Violencia contra las mujeres mayores	Rosa Jiménez Pablo de Olavide University
Os desafios da participação institucionalizada em tempos de transição ecológica. Um esforço coletivo?	Giovanni Allegretti CES-UC
Beyond Techno-Optimism. Reconciling Innovation with Global Environmental Justice	Vasilis Kostakis Tallin University
Electoral Integrity: Practices and Contemporary Challenges	Sergiu Gherghina Glasgow University
Negacionismo como ação coletiva: ciência em disputa na política, ideologia e cultura	José Leon Szwako Universidade Est. do Rio de Janeiro
A Política Externa da UE e a gestão de conflitos num mundo em crise	Vanda Amaro Dias Universidade de Coimbra
Positionality, Case Selection, and Fieldwork Studying Palestine as a Non-Palestinian Researcher	Federica Stagni Scuola Normale Superiore
Negative Partisanship in cross-regional comparison (Latin America and Europa)	Carlos Meléndez ICS-ULisboa
Welfare State Resilience in times of ageing societies	David Bokhorst European University Institute
New frontiers in social work practice	Gloria Kirwan University of Medicine and Health Sciences

Doctoral Colloquium

The Doctoral Colloquium of the School of Sociology and Public Policy (ESPP) has been held annually since 2013. Its 11th edition served as a public forum for the presentation and discussion of doctoral research conducted within the programmes coordinated by the school's two research centers: CIES and CEI (Centre for International Studies).

The 2025 edition brought together close to three dozen doctoral students, alongside researchers and faculty with expertise spanning political sciences, communication, modern and contemporary history, security and defense studies, public policy, school administration and management, social work and sociology.

The Colloquium continues to be an initiative to promote and disseminate doctoral research by encouraging a broad debate on different scientific fields, but also on research methods, problems and results.



4.2

Other advanced training activities

Summer and winter schools

European Drugs Summer and Winter School

In partnership with the IPPS, CIES organizes two annual training activities: [the European Drugs Summer School](#) and the [Winter School](#). These are supported by experts from the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA).

The winter edition of the school was held online from 10 to 21 March 2025 and focused on crime prevention. Summer School took place in person in Lisbon from 23 June to 04 July 2025, with a special focus on synthetic opioids.

The schools aim to equip professionals and students with the knowledge and skills to address complex policy issues related to drug use in Europe and around the world. CIES has been part of the organization of this initiative since 2014.

Research internships

CIES-Iscte welcomes students at various levels of their studies (undergraduate, postgraduate or doctoral) and offers them the possibility of working as interns in its laboratories and observatories or in ongoing research projects at the Center. In 2025, CIES-Iscte hosted 11 trainees.

During the traineeship, students are mentored by researchers specialized in the topic of the traineeship and are integrated into the project team or laboratory where the traineeship takes place.

Under the 2024/2025 edition of Iscte's Scientific Initiation Competition, aimed at promoting scientific training among undergraduate students, CIES hosted three projects "The Anatomy of the Vote: The motivations behind voting for the far right in Portugal", "The influence of private social solidarity organisations on the political integration of homeless people" and "Christianity and Voting for the Radical Right: The Role of Religiosity, Denominations and Christian Democratic Parties".

Scientific Events

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Scientific events

CIES-Iscte is responsible for promoting events and initiatives that foster an environment of broad and timely scientific debate.

In addition to scientific events linked to research projects or of the initiative of members of the team, CIES-Iscte also organizes regular activities, of which the following are examples.



CIES-Iscte Research Forum annual

The [CIES-Iscte Research Forum](#) is an annual initiative promoted by the Center that has been taking place since 2006. Over the years, it has served as a dedicated space for presenting and discussing the work of CIES researchers across the various fields of social sciences, bringing together academics and practitioners for exchange, reflection and in-depth debate. In 2025, the Forum took on a special significance. Dedicated to the 40th anniversary of the Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology (CIES-Iscte), the gathering held on 12 December brought together the many people who, over four decades, helped shape one of Portugal's most influential social science research centers.

Under the theme "40 Years of CIES: Memories and Horizons," founders, former directors, research group coordinators, doctoral programme leads, journal and publication editors, and observatory coordinators gathered to revisit the Centre's history, honour its achievements and reflect on the challenges ahead.



CIES-Iscte Research Workshops fortnightly

CIES [research workshops](#) are meetings where researchers present and discuss methods, processes and results of scientific research in specific social science fields.

Seven workshops were organized by the Center in 2025 - all in a hybrid format.



Biographies and Trajectories

quarterly


This cycle of seminars aims at presenting the work of national and international researchers who use a biographical approach and/or life-course methodologies and to stimulate reflection on the processes of collecting, constructing and interpreting biographical reports and calendars and establishing research networks within the scope of the study of biographies, life paths and social trajectories. Three sessions took place in 2025.

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Ciclo de Seminários
Biografias e Trajectórias

Bridging Stories and Systems

Rethinking Biographical
Methods in Global
Development

 ORADORA
Marta Eichsteller
University College Dublin

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Meetings on China Studies

Meetings of China Studies are organized jointly by CIES-Iscte and CEI-Iscte, aimed at researchers, teachers, students and professionals interested by subjects and problematics on China and Chinese community in Portugal.

The aim of these meetings is to provide knowledge and critical debate on theoretical and empirical research from academics or other professions, looking to stimulate an interdisciplinary approach with the contribution of sociology, anthropology, political science, international relations, economy, management, history and literature.

These meetings take place every two months, and they consist of the presentation by a researcher, the critical comment of a specialist, and the debate with the public. In 2025 5 meetings took place.



ENCONTROS DE ESTUDOS SOBRE A CHINA
Meetings on Studies on China
Iscte | Centro de Estudos de Sociologia e Estudos de Políticas Sociais (CEI-Iscte)

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New Perspectives on Modern History

The [New Perspectives in Modern History](#) cycle has been taking place regularly since 2005. It is an initiative aimed specifically at master's and PhD students in the History Department of Iscte but open to all interested parties.

The sessions include the presentation of some of the research projects in progress, developed by Portuguese and foreign historians, from different universities, specialties, and generations. This cycle of seminars provides an insight into the current trends in Modern History research: the topics that are most developed at the moment, the main problems in focus, the new methodologies, the sources used, and the new interpretations that are being produced.

In 2025, 5 sessions of this cycle of seminars were held in a hybrid format.

Monthly seminar on social movements and political action

The [monthly seminar](#) cycle began in 2014, with the aim of multidisciplinary reflection on issues related to social movements and different forms of political action, militancy, and activism.

In addition to bringing different perspectives, methodologies and approaches into dialogue in order to develop an in-depth and innovative debate, the seminar also aims to take advantage of Portugal's special geographical, linguistic and epistemological position to cross different traditions of social movement and political action studies, the different European/North American and South American ones, as well as cases and areas often excluded from this field of study, such as Portuguese-speaking Africa.

9 sessions of this cycle of seminars have taken place in 2025 and all of them can be watched on the [Youtube channel](#) of the CIES-Iscte.

Meetings about Migration Experiences

The [Migration Experience meetings](#) are an interdisciplinary seminar series co-organised by researchers from CIES and CRIA, in partnership with the Emigration Observatory. Rooted in collaborative inquiry, these meetings promote the exchange of knowledge on international migration studies, bringing together ongoing and completed research across different methodological and theoretical perspectives.

In 2025, the series marked its 10th anniversary. Over the course of the year, 7 sessions were held, maintaining the hybrid format that has allowed the initiative to reach broader and more diverse audiences. The commemorative edition offered an opportunity to reflect on the political and economic context of 2015, when the series was first launched and to chart the transformations that migration in Portugal has undergone since then. This retrospective dimension reinforced the series' role as a sustained space for critical and collective reflection within the field.



Public Policy Forum annual

The Public Policies Forum is an initiative of Iscte public policy professors and researchers, held annually since 2012. It aims at promoting ideas, knowledge, and information on public policies and at helping improve processes for planning, implementing, regulating, and evaluating public policies in Portugal.

In 2025, the Public Policies Forum focused on the new competencies of local government, a timely theme in a year marked by municipal elections in Portugal.



Encontros com a História annual

Encontros com a História [Encounters with History] is a scientific dissemination initiative promoted by the *Núcleo de Divulgação de Estudos Académicos em História / History Academic Studies Outreach Unit (NDEAH)* within CIES-Iscte's Historical Dynamics and Global Integration of the World research group, in partnership with ESPP - Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon and the national Association of History Teachers.

Conceived as a forum for the public discussion of historical knowledge, the initiative brings together researchers, invited specialists, students, and the wider community to explore topics of historical relevance from interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives. By encouraging the exchange of ideas beyond academic settings, the programme contributes to the dissemination of research outcomes and to the strengthening of public engagement with the humanities and social sciences.

“War and Peace: Portugal in a Global Context” was the theme of the first edition which took place at the Olga Cadaval Cultural Center and MU.SA, the Sintra Arts Museum, on March 7 and 8, 2025, with a vast program of conferences, round tables, visits to places of historical interest, a commented screening of a film. There were also a themed exhibition and a History Book Fair with Livraria Almedina. The 2025 edition reaffirmed the initiative's role as a platform for the dissemination of innovative historical research and the promotion of informed public debate.



Other important discussion activities

In 2025 some of the events hosted by CIES-Iscte with the highest impact were the following:



IBERIFIER

CIES-Iscte hosted, on 27 March 2025, the conference “Disinformation VS Freedom of Expression”, organised within the framework of the European project [IBERIFIER – Iberian Digital Media Observatory](#). The initiative brought together researchers, media experts, and representatives from fact-checking organisations to discuss the challenges posed by digital disinformation, promoting reflection on the role of media literacy, digital platforms, and freedom of expression in contemporary societies.



The conference constituted an important space for interdisciplinary and international dialogue on the impacts of disinformation on the public sphere and democratic processes, reinforcing IBERIFIER’s commitment to promoting critical thinking, media literacy, and a more transparent and resilient information ecosystem.

Pluricentric Languages and Power: At the Crossroads of Legacies

From 22 to 24 May 2025, Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon hosted the 11th International Conference of the International Working Group on Pluricentric Languages and their Non-Dominant Varieties (WGNDV), under the theme [“Pluricentric Languages and Power: At the Crossroads of Legacies”](#). The conference brought together researchers and specialists from different parts of the world to discuss the role of pluricentric languages in the context of power relations, colonial legacies, language policies, and cultural identities.



Over the course of the three-day event, more than 60 academic papers, roundtables, and plenary sessions were presented, with contributions from scholars in the fields of sociolinguistics, language policy, education, and cultural studies. The discussions focused on a wide range of pluricentric languages, including Portuguese, Spanish, English, and German, fostering critical reflection on linguistic diversity and the challenges associated with the coexistence of multiple national and regional standards.

The conference was organized by Iscte in partnership with CELGA-ILTEC at the University of Coimbra and formed part of an international conference cycle launched in 2011, with previous editions held in cities such as Graz, New York, and Salamanca. Locally coordinated by researchers Ana Raquel Matias, Sofia Gaspar, and Cláudia Pereira, this edition reinforced Iscte's commitment to interdisciplinary research in linguistics, sociolinguistics, language education, sociology, anthropology, and cultural studies, while also fostering the development of transnational research networks and promoting linguistic diversity as both an academic and social value.

International Collaborations: Crime and Police Cooperation in the Ibero-American Atlantic, c. 1870–1940

To mark the conclusion of the project “CINCRA – International Collaborations: Crime and Police Cooperation in the Ibero-American Atlantic, c. 1870–1940” (PTDC/HAR-HIS/3580/2021), funded by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon organized the international conference “Crime, Surveillance and Mobilities in the Atlantic, 19th and 20th Centuries”, held from 10 to 12 September 2025. The event brought together researchers from several countries to discuss topics related to crime, surveillance, police and judicial cooperation, mobilities, and Atlantic circulations during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.



[Research in Science, Technology and Society Communication](#)

Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon hosted the symposium “Research in Science, Technology and Society Communication”, organized by CIES-Iscte. The initiative brought together researchers, lecturers, and students to discuss current research in the fields of science communication, technology, and science and society studies.

The programme included presentations on topics such as scientific integrity, artificial intelligence, public communication of science, media narratives, and inequalities in science, as well as a session dedicated to undergraduate student research projects. The symposium concluded with a keynote lecture delivered by Massimiano Bucchi, contributing to the international dimension of the event and promoting interdisciplinary reflection on the relationship between science, technology, communication, and society.



Promotion of Scientific Culture

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Promotion of Scientific Culture

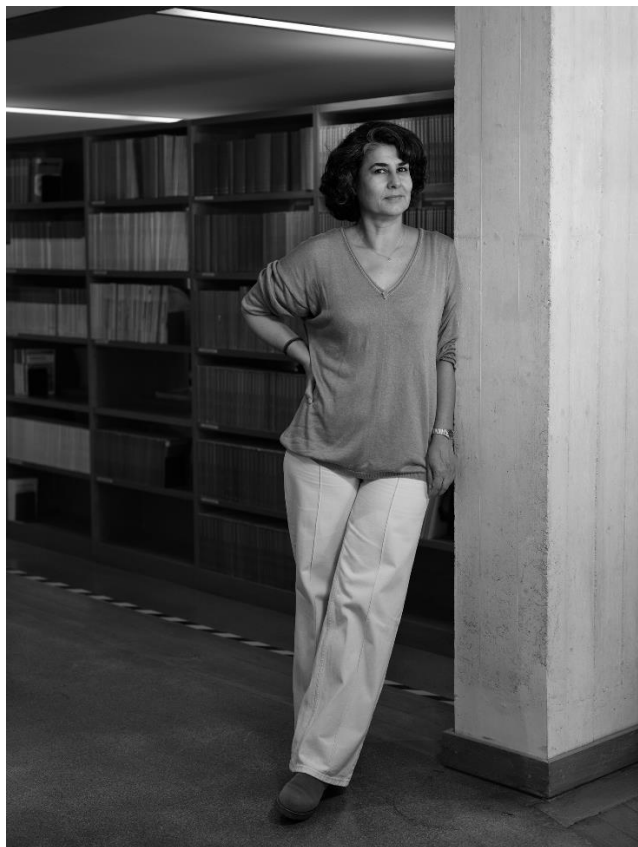
CIES-Iscte is dedicated to making science accessible to all by promoting and disseminating its research. The research team plays an essential role in advancing scientific culture, not only by sharing scientific knowledge but also by contributing to the critical development of society across various sectors.

CIES-Iscte actively participates in science outreach initiatives organized by *Ciência Viva* Agency, including Science and Technology Week and Holiday Scientific Activities for Young People. Moreover, the Center regularly takes part in the European Researchers' Night, an event funded by the European Commission.

The researchers also undertake other activities promoting scientific culture, including events for the general public, participation in TV programs and other media outlets, book releases, etc.

Women in Science

The *Ciência Viva* National Agency for Scientific and Technological Culture launched in 2025 the fifth volume of the book [Women in Science](#) on International Women's Day in a quest to raise the visibility of women in science. This edition features two researchers from CIES-Iscte.



Ana Maria Belchior and Violeta Alarcão, pictures by Lara Jacinto / *Ciência Viva*

European Researchers' Night

The European Researchers' Night (NEI) is an initiative funded by the European Commission, under the Horizon 2020 program, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), which aims to bring researchers and citizens closer together in several European cities typically on the last Friday in September.

The 2025 edition of European Researchers' Night took place at European level, with the theme "Science for Global Challenges".



CIES-Iscte developed a set of complementary science communication activities that combined participatory reflection with playful engagement, creating a dynamic interface between research and society. The initiatives *Between the Intimate and the Global: Perspectives on Reproductive and Environmental Justice* and *The Cultural Heritage Game* offered a multifaceted experience that connected individual perspectives with broader social, cultural, and environmental issues.

The activities, facilitated by research teams from *nascer.pt* – Laboratory for Social Studies on Birth, and OPAC – Portuguese Observatory of Cultural Activities, achieved a strong level of public engagement. The articulation between reflective pathways and game-based learning fostered curiosity, dialogue, and active involvement, encouraging participants to question, explore, and co-construct meanings.



40 years of CIES-Iscte



To mark the [Center's 40th anniversary](#), CIES promoted a series of activities open to the entire Iscte community and the public.

Throughout its history, CIES-Iscte has played a leading role in social science research, in accordance with international standards of excellence.

In 2025, CIES-Iscte organised several activities to celebrate this milestone, namely through an [exhibition](#) exploring the Centre's history and identity, the [annual research forum](#) titled "Memories and Horizons" ([available on YouTube](#)), an initiative that revisits the past, celebrates its legacies, and envisions the future. Also, CIES-Iscte launched an [anthology](#) of studies about Portugal in Democracy – a volume that reflects CIES's contribution to the understanding of Portuguese society and its major social issues – and the [CIES e-Working Papers Award](#), to promote the excellence of research conducted by PhD students enrolled in programmes hosted by the Centre.



FÓRUM PESQUISAS 40 ANOS CIES

MEMÓRIAS E HORIZONTES

09:30 - 10:00 ABERTURA
Teresa Patrício e Patrícia Ávila

10:00 - 11:30 MESA-REDONDA
40 ANOS DE LEGADOS E MEMÓRIAS
João Manuel Viegas, Rui Pena Pires, Lúcia Amâncio, António Firmino da Costa, Fernando Luis Machado, João Sebastião e Teresa Patrício
Antigos/as Presidentes e Diretores/as do CIES
Moderação: Helena Carvalho

11:30 - 11:45 COFFEE BREAK

11:45 - 13:00 PAINEL 1
A INVESTIGAÇÃO NO CIES: BALANÇOS E DESAFIOS
Rui Pedro Maurício, Ana Itaquil Mattias, Susana da Cruz Martins, José Soares Neves, Elisa Pegado, Ana Espírito-Santo e Maria João Vaz
Coordenadoras dos Grupos de Investigação
Moderação: Heiga Jørgens

13:00 - 14:15 ALMOÇO LIVRE

14:15 - 15:15 PAINEL 2
FORMAÇÃO AVANÇADA: PROGRAMAS DE DOUTORAMENTO DO CIES
Patrícia Ávila, David Ferraz, Ana Maria Belchior, Custavo Cardoso, Nuno Luís Maílheira, Susana da Cruz Martins, Pedro Adão e Silva e Jorge Ferreira
Diretores/as dos Programas de Doutoramento
Moderação: Elisa Pegado

15:15 - 16:15 PAINEL 3
EDIÇÃO E PUBLICAÇÃO: QUATRO DÉCADAS A DIVULGAR CONHECIMENTO
Rui Pena Pires, Susana da Cruz Martins, António Firmino da Costa, Maria dos Dóres Guerreiro, José Vicente Serrão, Ana Cavetano e Caterina Foa
Diretoras/as de editoras e Revistas
Moderação: Sandra Martins

16:15 - 16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 - 17:45 PAINEL 4
CIES E SOCIEDADE: CONTRIBUTOS PARA AS POLÍTICAS PÚBLICAS E IMPACTOS SOCIAIS
Renato Miguel do Carmo, Cláudia Pereira, José Soares Neves e Guya Accornero
Coordenadoras dos Observatórios
BALANÇO E PERSPETIVAS DOS CONTRIBUTOS DO CIES PARA AS POLÍTICAS PÚBLICAS E IMPACTOS SOCIAIS
Luís Capucha
Moderação: Ana Raquel Mattias

17:45 - 18:00 APRESENTAÇÃO E ENTREGA DOS PRÉMIOS CIES E-WORKING PAPERS
Sandra Palma Saleiro e Maria de Lurdes Rodrigues

18:00 ENCERRAMENTO
Maria de Lurdes Rodrigues

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Publishing Activities

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Publishing Activities

CIES-Iscte has published the scientific journal *Sociologia, Problemas e Práticas* (SPP) since 1986. The center has had its own publishing house, *Mundos Sociais* since 2010. It publishes the SPP journal and peer-reviewed social science book collections. The center also publishes the journal *Ler História* jointly with CEI-Iscte and belongs to consortiums that manage the indexed journals *Portuguese Journal of Social Science* (PJSS) and *Observatório* (OBS*) and publishes the CIES e-Working Papers.

CIES-Iscte actively follows an open science policy. SPP articles and the CIES e-Working Papers are totally available online in their websites and at the RCAAP (Open-access Scientific Repositories in Portugal), and *Mundos Sociais* has published its first books with online editions.

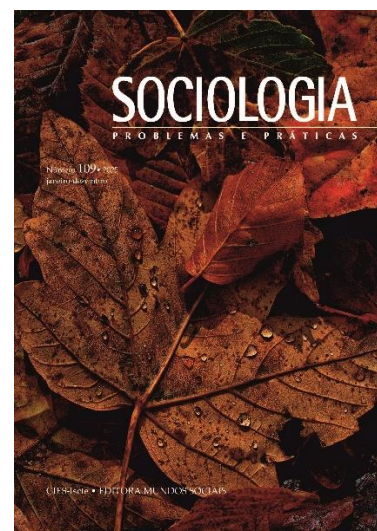
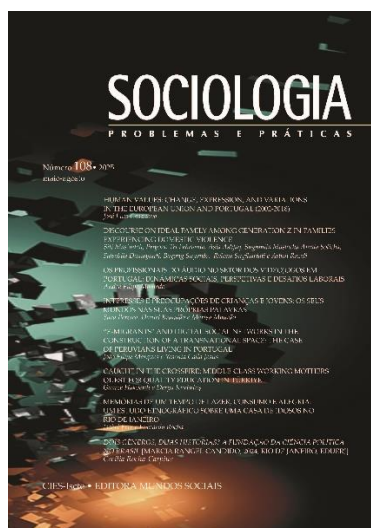
CIES-Iscte was a pioneer at Iscte in providing open access to its publications at the Iscte repository. It has been its largest contributor to scientific documents (over 4000 available). The center is a founding member of the Portuguese Social Information Archive (APIS) and Production and Archive of Social Science Data (PASSDA) which stores and shares data produced in social science research projects.

7.1

Sociologia, Problemas e Práticas

Sociologia, Problemas e Práticas is a scientific journal whose main purpose is to publish sociological analysis articles resulting from original research, the development of theory, or thematic evaluation. It also accepts papers from other social science areas, where there is an interdisciplinary interest. It is directed towards an international audience, publishing articles in Portuguese, English, Spanish and French, by authors from various countries. The journal's editorial stance is governed by principles of scientific quality, paradigmatic pluralism and social relevance. It aims to ensure that the articles published make a significant contribution to the advance of knowledge. Articles submitted for publication undergo a blind independent review by at least two recognised specialists drawn from a range of countries. The journal *Sociologia, Problemas e Práticas* was established in 1986, since when it has been published without interruption. It is indexed in various international bibliographic databases.

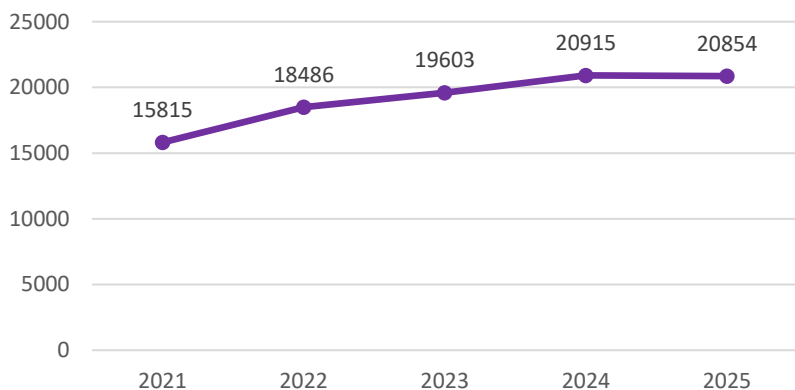
Sociologia, Problemas e Práticas remained on track in 2025 and its three annual numbers (n° 107, n° 108 and n° 109) were published regularly and punctually.



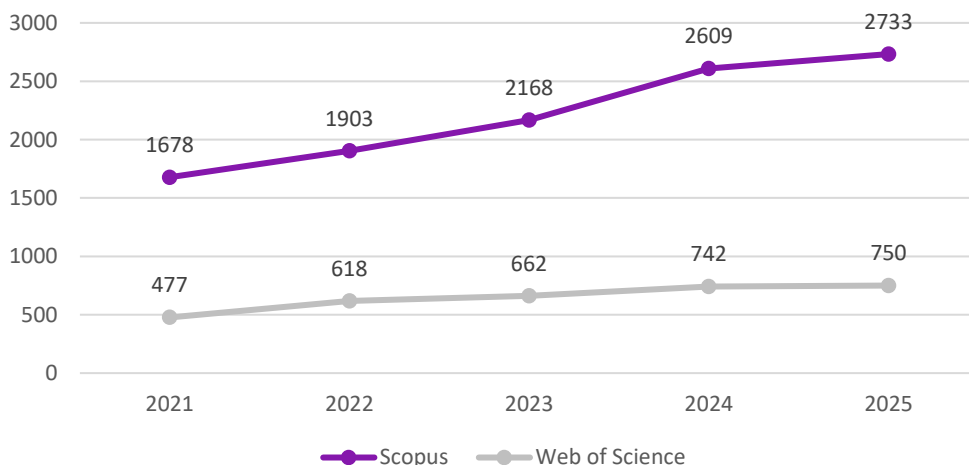
The inclusion of *Sociologia, Problemas e Práticas* in indexed online platforms and the visibility that they afford the journal increase quotations from its articles. It is positioned in Quartile 4 of Scopus, in the fields of Sociology and Political Science and Social Sciences (miscellaneous).

The graphs below show a regular increase in the number of articles from *Sociologia, Problemas e Práticas* cited in Google Scholar, Scopus and Web of Science from 2021 to 2025.

Number of citations of SPP articles in Google Scholar



Number of citations of SPP articles in Scopus and Web of Science



An analysis of the progress of *Sociologia, Problemas e Práticas* in the SCImago Journal Rank Indicator (SJR) since 2021 shows the journal mainly in Quartile 3.

Evolution of *Sociologia, Problemas e Práticas* positioning in SJR (2021 - 2024)

Category	Quartile				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Social Sciences	Q4	Q3	Q4	Q3	Q4
Sociology and Political Science	Q4	Q3	Q3	Q3	Q4

(Q1 means highest values and Q4 lowest values)

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Mundos Sociais Publisher

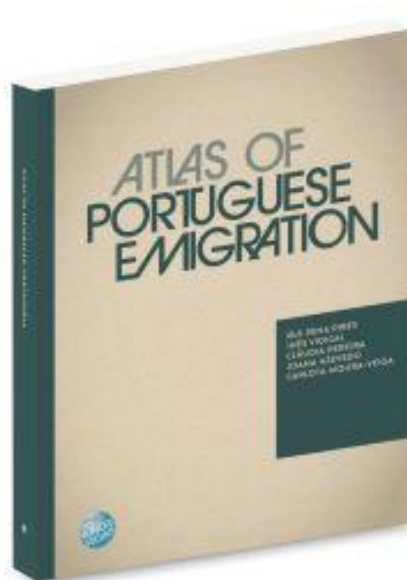
Mundos Sociais is the CIES-Iscte scientific publisher and has as its main vocation the publishing of refereed social sciences' academic books (or of scientific diffusion) in the areas of sociology, political science or other social sciences. Beyond its main catalogue, *Mundos Sociais* publishes the scientific journal *Sociologia, Problemas e Práticas*, the *Questões de Partida* series and the *Desigualdades* series coordinated by the *Observatório das Desigualdades* (Inequality Observatory).

In 2025, the following three books were published.



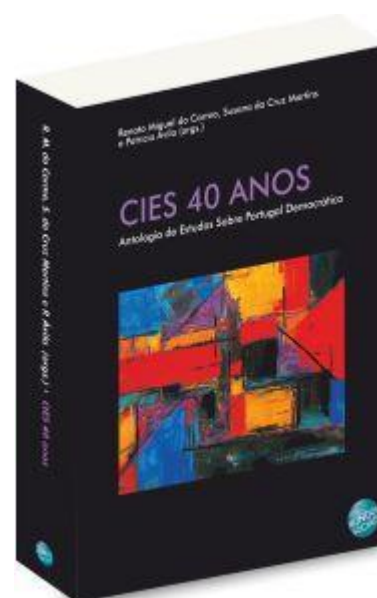
Manual de Métodos para Pesquisa Digital

Gustavo Cardoso
Rita Sepúlveda



Atlas of Portuguese Emigration

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Inês Vidigal
Cláudia Pereira
Joana Azevedo
Carlota Moura Veiga



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7.3

Ler História and OBS*

CIES-Iscte publishes jointly with CEI-Iscte (Center for International Studies) the journal *Ler História* and also a part of the consortium that publishes the e-journal *OBS**.

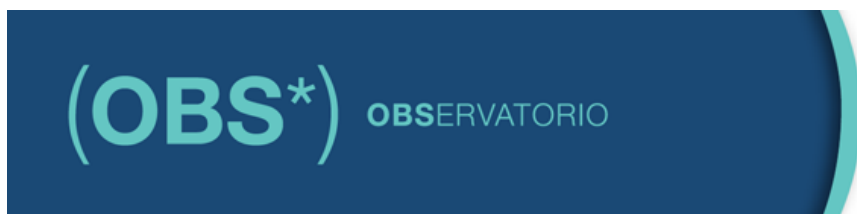


Launched in 1983, [Ler História](#) is a Portuguese academic journal in the scientific area of History, dedicated to the history of Portugal, the Portuguese Empire and the Lusophone countries, in the modern and contemporary eras, which is published in Portuguese, English, Spanish and French.

Ler História also includes in its field of interests other chronologies and geographies, such as Iberian and Ibero-American history, the history of Africa and the history of Asia, among others, being particularly receptive to approaches of comparative, transnational, or global history.

The journal is indexed in several international databases among which SJR (Scimago Journal & Country Rank) is of particular note, in which *Ler História* is classified Q1.

In 2025, issues 86 and 87 of the journal were published.



The journal [OBS*](#) is published within the scope of the collaboration of CIES-Iscte and OberCom (Communication Observatory), being an interdisciplinary journal, open to contributions from disciplines related to communication studies, which publishes articles in English, Spanish, Italian, Galego, French and Portuguese, in open access.

*OBS** is indexed in several databases, such as Scopus, ERIH and SciELO and, in 2025, the journal maintained the course of its activity ensuring the regular and timely publication of its annual volumes and a special issue on "Crisis Media Literacy".

7.4

CIES-Iscte e-Working Papers

The main goal of the [CIES e-Working Papers \(e-WP\)](#) series, initiated in 2005, is the publication of scientific papers in electronic format that result from research developed by CIES-Iscte researchers, as well as by researchers who collaborate with members or activities of the Center and students from Iscte.

CIES e-WP are typically work in progress and may be theoretical or conceptual, methodological, or empirical in nature. Texts proposed for publication are assessed by the Editorial Board and submitted to peer review to ensure the Center's standards of quality and scientific relevance.

There were two CIES e-Working Papers published in 2025, and a total of 243 working papers have already been published.

- [A transformação dos votos em mandatos: O sistema eleitoral português em análise](#)

João Santos

- [Pobreza objetiva e subjetiva: Para uma análise das complementaridades nas políticas públicas](#)

Manuel Saliulo

They have ISSN and are available, in Open Access, in the [Iscte Library Repository](#), where they can be searched by date, author, title or theme.



Promotion and Outreach

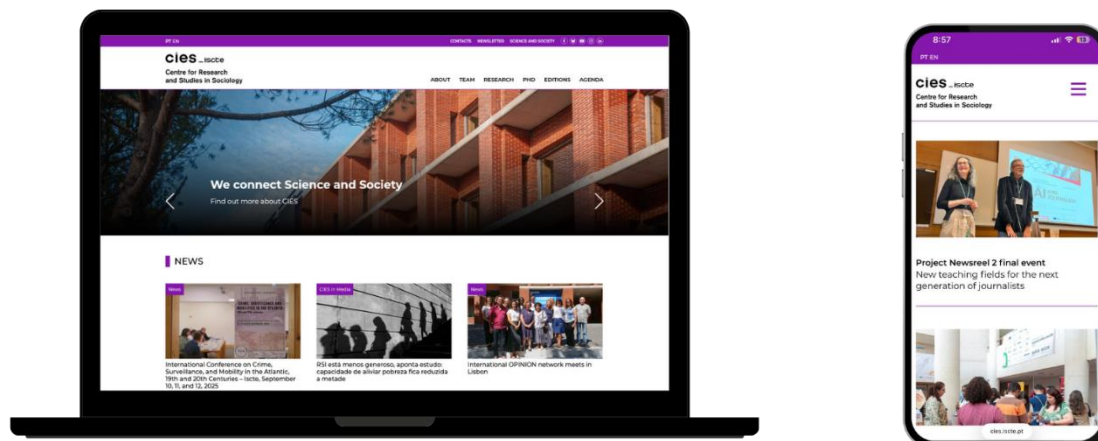
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8.1

CIES-Iscte website and CIÊNCIA-Iscte

The CIES-Iscte website operates as an integrated platform synchronized with the Ciência-Iscte platform, ensuring the continuous updating of information related to the centre's scientific activity, namely research projects, publications, researchers, research groups, and other scientific outputs.

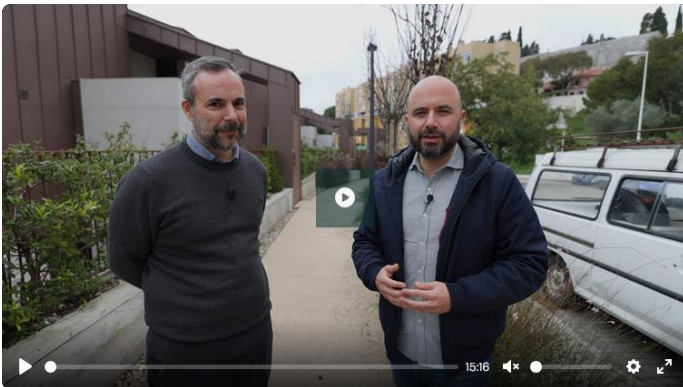
Through this articulation, the website serves as a central hub for disseminating the research carried out at CIES-Iscte, while also bringing together news, events, initiatives, and other activities promoted by the centre. This integration contributes to strengthening the visibility of scientific production, facilitating access to information, and promoting more dynamic and accessible communication with both the academic community and the wider public.



8.2

CIES-Iscte in the media

CIES-Iscte keeps up its active communication via its website, the media, and social media. Some researchers have a regular presence on television programs or in regular columns in the written press. The insights and expertise of our research team can facilitate the prioritization of pertinent issues on the media agenda, while also representing the diverse scope of studies and projects in which CIES is engaged.



Inicialmente, Cleidi desenvolveu um estudo exploratório que constatou essa realidade. "38,5% das entrevistadas relatavam algum tipo de violência obstétrica, que era um percentual maior do que a média portuguesa considerando outras pesquisas. E tinha um percentual significativo, de 26,9%, de casos xenofobia e racismo", afirma.



Cleidi Pereira é jornalista e mestre em Ciência Política e Relações Internacionais pela Universidade Nova de Lisboa. Vanessa Colina

Para desenvolver o estudo atual, Cleidi está ouvindo relatos de brasileiras em Portugal e de venezuelanas no Brasil, as maiores comunidades imigrantes em cada um dos países respectivamente.

A participação consiste numa conversa em formato de entrevista, com duração estimada em cerca de uma hora, que pode ser feita por videochamada ou presencialmente. Cleidi ressalta que ainda que o foco da pesquisa seja violência obstétrica, tem interesse em ouvir todos os tipos de experiência de gestação e parto de brasileiras em Portugal, sejam elas neutras, negativas ou positivas.

A pesquisadora reforça que a violência obstétrica é um fenómeno global, além de ser considerada um problema de saúde pública devido ao impacto que causa na vida das mulheres e de seus bebês. "Essas pesquisas são importantes para eventuais melhorias nas políticas públicas de cada país", diz.

Para participar, basta entrar em contato com Cleidi Pereira pelo email cleidieris@gmail.com

Social Network

An important part of the center's communication strategy is the dissemination of researchers' activities through social networks. CIES-Iscte is present on Facebook, LinkedIn YouTube and Flickr. It is also present on Instagram, being represented on the account of the School of Sociology and Public Policy of Iscte, in partnership with CEI-Iscte, with communication focused on the offer of advanced training.

FACEBOOK

7476
followers

LINKEDIN

755
followers

YOUTUBE

501
subscribers

CIES-Iscte Facebook Outreach



In 2025, CIES-Iscte's Facebook page demonstrated consistent growth across all key performance indicators. The page gained 273 new followers, representing a 29.4% increase compared to the previous year, reflecting a steady expansion of the institution's digital community. Page visits reached 8 300, up 8.2%, indicating sustained interest from both new and returning audiences. Content interactions totalled 3 400, marking a notable 34.2% growth and suggesting that the content shared resonated increasingly well with the audience throughout the year.

Activity patterns across the three metrics reveal recurring engagement peaks, particularly around April–May and June–July, which may correspond to periods of heightened institutional activity such as events, publications, or research launches. These spikes highlight the impact of content tied to specific moments in the academic calendar.

LinkedIn

CIES-Iscte LinkedIn page showed consistent growth across its main performance indicators, strengthening the institution's digital visibility and engagement within academic and professional networks.

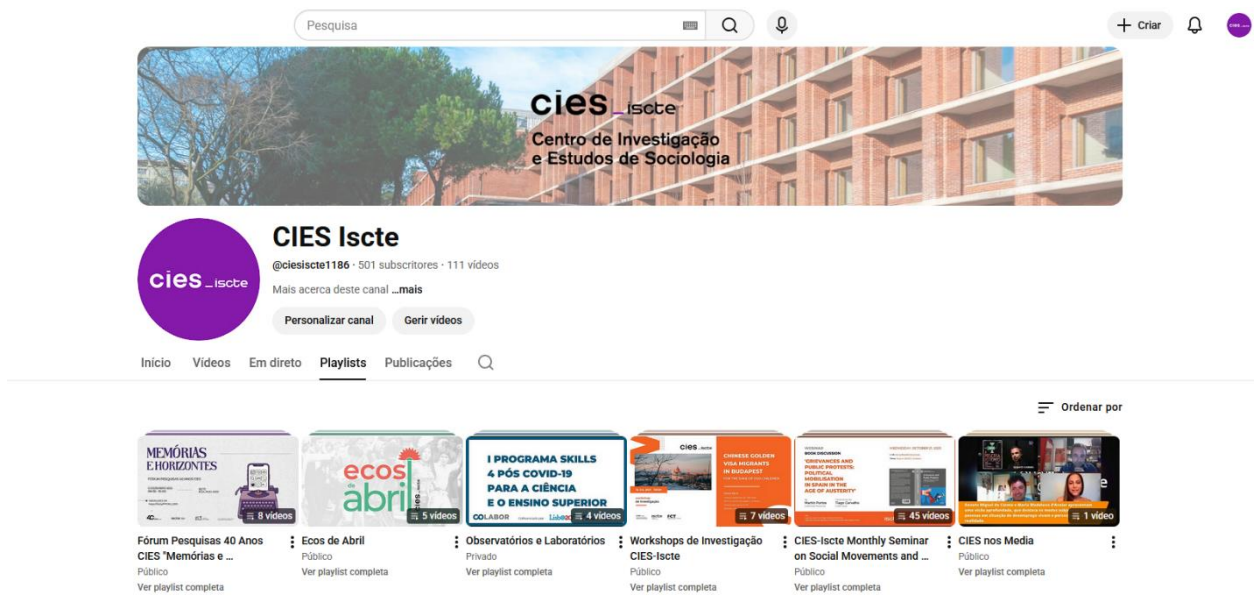
The page gained 649 new followers through entirely organic growth, while generating 92 042 impressions, 5 845 clicks and 1 279 page views throughout the year.

KPI	2025 Result
Impressions	92,042
Clicks	5,845
Reactions	1,869
Comments	16
Reposts	24
Average Engagement Rate	7.64%
New Followers	649
Total Page Views	1,279
Unique Visitors	683

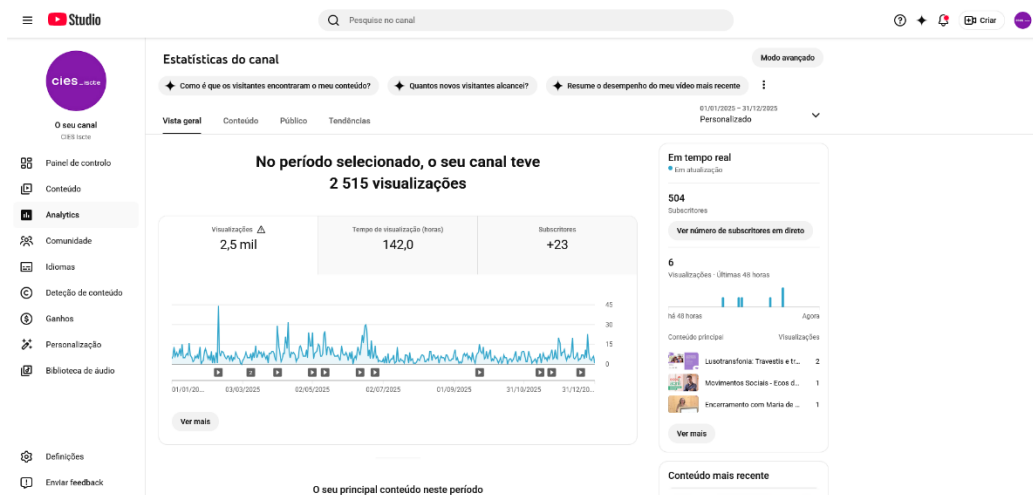
Content performance remained positive, with publications generating 1 869 reactions, 24 reposts and 16 comments, resulting in an average engagement rate of 7.64%. Periods of higher interaction throughout the year suggest increased audience engagement associated with institutional events, publications and research dissemination activities.

YouTube Channel

The CIES-Iscte YouTube channel is the main streaming tool of the center and hosts a vast archive of videos of scientific events, podcasts, and documentaries.



In 2025 the channel registered 2.5 thousand views and 142 hours of watch time, reflecting sustained audience interest in the audiovisual dissemination of the institution’s work.



The channel also recorded continued growth in its subscriber base, with an increase of 23 new subscribers over the year. The evolution of views and subscriber growth throughout 2025 suggests a stable and consistent engagement with the content published, reinforcing YouTube as an important platform for the dissemination of academic and scientific activities developed by CIES-Iscte.



Newsletter

In 2025, the center published monthly its email newsletter in which it communicates the latest news, publications, the upcoming activities organized by the researchers and the most recent changes in the research team.

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Nova publicação

CIES assinala 40 anos com publicação de antologia científica

A publicação destaca a diversidade temática e relevância de investigações desenvolvidas por diferentes gerações de investigadores/as que integraram e integram o Centro.

Investigação

CIES-Iscte tem novos órgãos Diretivos

Patrícia Ávila assumiu funções como Diretora do CIES-Iscte. À direção juntam-se Renato Miguel do Carmo e Elsa Pegado.

SOURCES OF FUNDING

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Sources of Funding

Overall, the total volume of funding in 2025 remained broadly in line with the previous year, although it decreased slightly from €3.54 million in 2024 to €3.17 million in 2025.

FCT continued to be the main source of funding, accounting for approximately 54% of total income. Within this category, funding for the recruitment of researchers remained the largest individual source, accounting for 35.2% of total income. Although lower than the exceptional level observed in 2023, this funding recovered relative to 2024. Pluriannual funding continued to represent an important source of support. The decrease in FCT funding in 2025 is mainly due to the transition between funding cycles. The FCT Research Unit Evaluation process was delayed and during this period, FCT adopted a provisional funding scheme based on monthly instalments (regime de duodécimos) to ensure the continuity of research activities. As a result, the funding received in 2025 was lower than expected.

Funding from Portuguese public bodies increased substantially in 2025, reaching 29.2% of total funding, the highest proportion in the five-year period. This increase compared with previous years is mainly explained by the implementation of the “In_Iscte2” project, which contributed to strengthening this funding source. Together with funding from Private Institutions (6.0%), national non-FCT funding represented around 35% of total income, reflecting an increasing diversification of national funding sources

European Union funding represented 11.3% of total funding in 2025, decreasing compared with the peak recorded in 2024, but remaining a significant component of the funding. Annual variations in this funding source are largely influenced by the financial management of European projects, as the receipt of funds depends on the submission and approval of financial reports. Furthermore, project closure and final payments often take place after the official end date of the projects, which may shift the recognition of income from one year to another.

Overall, the funding structure continues to be diversified, while maintaining FCT as the principal funding source.

Sources of funding (2021-2025)

Sources of Funding	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	EUR	%	EUR	%	EUR	%	EUR	%	EUR	%
1.1. FCT - R&D Projects	366279	11,53%	601130	20,23%	162577	5,92%	102078	2,88%	189514	5,98%
1.2. FCT - Recruitment of PhD Research- ers/Contracts	1039325	32,72%	1229902	41,39%	1479897	53,86%	990261	27,96%	1116251	35,23%
1.3. FCT - Pluriannual Funding	360394	11,35%	328780	11,06%	220244	8,02%	873067	24,65%	398454	12,58%
2. Other Public Bodies	735106	23,14%	427436	14,38%	272831	9,93%	599413	16,92%	925092	29,20%
3. Private Institutions	179584	5,65%	119439	4,02%	142605	5,19%	238072	6,72%	180218	6%
4. European Union Programs	492915	15,52%	252733	8,50%	459100	16,71%	723994	20,44%	359083	11%
5. Organization of In- ternacional Scientific Meetings	2586	0,08%	12414	0,42%	10550	0,38%	15334	0,43%	0	0%
Total	3176189	100%	2971834	100%	2747804	100%	3542219	100%	3168612	100%

Regarding the funding from FCT for Post Doctoral Fellowships and PhD scholarships, indirect sources of funding, the number has increased raising the amount of funding. As in 2023, the FCT no longer opens calls for Post Doctoral Fellowships, so the figures of 2022 are the last two fellowships that CIES has hosted.

Total funding for FCT fellowships remained stable in 2025, decreasing slightly from €922.1 thousand in 2024 to €911.5 thousand, representing a reduction of approximately 1.1%.

As in 2024, all fellowship funding in 2025 was allocated to FCT PhD Scholarships, which continued to account for 100% of this funding category. As in the last year, FCT did not launch a new call for Post Doctoral Fellowships during 2025.

Overall, the fellowship portfolio remained stable, with doctoral scholarships continuing to perform an important role in supporting the research activities.

Sources of indirect funding (2021– 2025)

Sources of Funding	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	EUR	%	EUR	%	EUR	%	EUR	%	EUR	%
FCT Post-Doc Fellowships	39504	5,42%	40464	5,36%	0	0	0	0	0	0
FCT – PhD Scholarships	689295	94,58%	714255	94,64%	762971	100	922056	100	911510	100
Total	728799	100%	754719	100%	762971	100%	922056	100%	911510	100%

Expenditure structure

Total expenditure decreased from €3.64 million in 2024 to €3.37 million in 2025 (-7.5%), reflecting the lower level of funding available during the year.

As in previous years, Human resources are the major cost of CIES-Iscte's expenditure. This category includes the technical team of science managers and hired PhD researchers (with work contracts) and research assistants who have grants for the development of activities within the scope of the Center's observatories. This reduction is mainly explained by the end of several research contracts associated with the Programmatic Funding, as well as the fact that some students have been awarded FCT scholarships.

Acquisition of services increased slightly. This increase reflects a continued investment in research support activities and external specialized services required for the implementation of research projects.

Expenditure on Travel item recorded a slight increase in 2025, reflecting a continued consolidation of scientific mobility after previous years of restriction.

Equipment expenditure remained at a similar level to the previous year, remaining a relatively small component of total expenditure.

Finally, other current expenses showed a slight increase, reflecting the normal operating costs required to support the CIES activities.

Overall, the expenditure structure in 2025 remained balanced and reflects the transition between funding cycles, with resources continuing to be primarily allocated to human resources while ensuring adequate support for research activities and projects implementation.

Expenditure Structure - All funding (2021-2025)

Including the FCT Pluriannual Funding

Expenditure CIES-Iscte All funding	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	EUR	%	EUR	%	EUR	%	EUR	%	EUR	%
Human Resources	2124716	67,91%	2043455	60,00%	1977295	62,81%	2246113	61,74%	1871369	55,58%
Travel fieldwork and participation in scientific meetings	193763	6,19%	283980	8,34%	176675	8,34%	176592	4,85%	195541	5,81%
Acquisition of Services Support for researchers and research activities	523446	16,73%	584560	17,16%	491900	17,16%	745475	20,49%	755995	22,46%
Equipment	97787	0,14%	140831	4,13%	94656	4,13%	122722	3,37%	132920	3,95%
Other Current Expenses	282219	9,02%	353208	10,37%	407327	10,37%	347159	9,54%	410860	12,20%
Total	3221931	100%	3406034	100%	3147853	100%	3638061	100%	3366685	100%

Total expenditure under the Pluriannual Funding decreased from €555.4 thousand in 2024 to €398.8 thousand in 2025 (-28.2%), reflecting the transitional period between funding periods and the temporary funding regime based on monthly instalments (regime de duodécimos) following the delay in the FCT Research Unit Evaluation process.

Human resources remained the dominant expenditure category, increasing in relative weight from 74.1% in 2024 to 88.1% in 2025, despite a decrease in absolute value (from €411.6 thousand to €351.2 thousand). This indicates a concentration of resources on personnel costs, with lower resources available for complementary activities.

All other expenditure categories declined in 2025. Expenditure on travel and dissemination decreased in 2025, ensuring the sustainable management of available resources during the transitional funding period.

Equipment expenditure remained null in both years, confirming that this funding has not been used for infrastructure investment.

Overall, the 2025 execution of Pluriannual Funding reflects a clear contraction in total expenditure and a stronger concentration in human resources, with reduced allocation to mobility, dissemination, and research support activities.

Expenditure Structure – FCT Pluriannual Funding (2021-2025)

Expenditure CIES-Iscte Pluriannual Funding	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	EUR	%	EUR	%	EUR	%	EUR	%	EUR	%
Human Resources	278251	84.55%	294270	66.43%	347803	68,15%	411604	74,11%	351177	88,05%
Support for researchers: travel	9746	2.96%	39266	8.86%	30801	6,03%	17621	3,17%	5800	1,45%
Support for re- searchers: translations, proofread- ing and open access	38656	11.75%	59574	13.45%	41604	8,15%	34390	6,19%	16250	4,07%
Equipment	235	0.07%	814	0.18%	0	0,00%	0	0,00%	0	0,00%
Dissemina- tion	2214	0.67%	49054	11.07%	90166	17,67%	91803	16,53%	25592	6,42%
Total	329102	100%	442978	100%	510374	100%	555418	100%	398819	100%