

Programa de Doutoramento em Estudos de Desenvolvimento

Lisboa

Objetivos

What kind of themes can I study in the Program?

Research themes for the doctoral thesis and course units are grounded in a broad range of issues related to the development of contemporary societies and its methodological variables and analytical tools. The emphasis is on agriculture and contemporary agrarian transformation; poverty, inequality and equity issues; development economics and aid finance; development cooperation, policy and political issues; geography and urbanization; migration and gender; security- development nexus; sustainable consumption, food production and ecosystem services; and modernity theoretical challenges to development.

These themes are explored in our PhD programme through course units related to the development of contemporary societies, including: theories of development and modernity, the policy and politics of development, sustainability transitions and a focus on urban development. As a Development Studies programme, interdisciplinary links are established between economics, sociology, geography, social and economic history, political science and law, thus providing an integrated perspective on development and sustainability issues in contemporary societies. A great attention is paid to the improvement of students' skills on research methods and techniques required for development studies.

One of the programme orientations focuses on development issues in Portuguese- speaking contexts (Portugal, Brazil, East Timor, Portuguese-speaking African countries), given that research in these geographical areas offers a comparative advantage for participation in international research networks.

Regime de Funcionamento

The PhD Development Studies is a three-year programme in which students must obtain a total of 180 ECTS (credits). It comprises:

- Taught courses (60 credits ECTS);
- Preparation, submission and defense of thesis (120 credits ECTS).

Courses are taught in the first year of the Program over 2 semesters. They are:

1st semester

- Theories of Modernity and Development (9.0 credits ECTS)
- Development Policy and Politics (7.5 credits ECTS)
- Research Methods in Development Studies (6.0 credits ECTS)
- Research Seminar I (3.0 credits ECTS)
- Research Essay (4.5 credits ECTS)

2nd semester

- Development in Transition (9.0 credits ECTS)
- Topics in Development Studies (6.0 credits ECTS)
- Elective Modules of Research Methods (6.0 credits ECTS)
- Research Seminar II (3.0 credits ECTS)
- Elective Unit (6.0 credits ECTS)

The classes will run at ISEG (that coordinates the Program) and at the other Schools (ICS, IGOT and ISA) according to the scheduled activities to be announced.