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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Movements, Political Parties, Cycles of Contention, Backstage Politics, Transnational Diffusion, Mixed Methods, Case Study Methods, Protest Event Analysis.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS (SINCE 2019)

Research Fellow, CIES-Iscte

2022-present

Funding: FCT – CEEC Individual (2022–2028).

Visiting Researcher:

University of York (2022) — hosted by Peter Gardner

University Carlos III - Madrid (2023) — hosted by Martin Portos

University of Florence (2024) — Erasmus+ Programme

FLAD Visiting Professor, Brown University

2023

Postdoctoral Researcher, CIES-Iscte (HOPES project; PI: Guya Accornero)

2020-2022

Postdoctoral Researcher, SNS (Populism in Power project; PI: Manuela Caiani)

2019-2020

EDUCATION

University of Cambridge, PhD in Sociology

2019

Thesis: Contesting Austerity: A Comparative Approach to the Cycles of Protest in Portugal and Spain under the Great Recession

Portuguese Political Science Best Dissertation Prize (2022)

ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon, MSc in Sociology

2011

Best MSc Student Prize

ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon, BA in Sociology

2009

Best BA Student Prize

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Carvalho, T. (2025), "Party in the movement: backstage partyisation in austerity Portugal". *European Societies*.

Falanga, R., & Carvalho, T. (2025), "What change? Assessing the Extinction Rebellion's support for climate assemblies". *Environmental Science and Policy*, 164.

Accornero, G. & Carvalho, T. (2025), "Marginal gentrifiers, networks of mobilization and new contentious collective identities. The struggle for housing in post-austerity Lisbon". *Housing Studies*, 40(1), 229–252.

Gardner, P., O'Brien, T., Carvalho, T., & Adekola, O. (2024), "Profile: Extinction Rebellion in the Gambia". Social Movement Studies, 23(1), 122–128.

Iscte-IUL Publication Prize

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Gardner, P., Adekola, O., Carvalho, T., & O'Brien, T. (2023), "Confronting the climate crisis in Africa: just transitions and Extinction Rebellion in Nigeria and South Africa". *Review of African Political Economy*, 50(177–178), 475–490.

Iscte-IUL Publication Prize

Gardner, P., Carvalho, T., & Valenstain, M. (2023), "Spreading rebellion?: The rise of extinction rebellion chapters across the world". *Environmental Sociology*, 8(4), 424–435.

Iscte-IUL Publication Prize

Featured in ECPR The Loop

Portos, M. & Carvalho, T. (2022), "Alliance building and eventful protests: comparing Spanish and Portuguese trajectories under the Great Recession". *Social Movement Studies*, 22(1–2), 42–61.

Caiani, M. & Carvalho, T. (2021), "The use of religion by populist parties: the case of Italy and its broader implications". *Religion, State and Society*, 49(3), 211–230.

Book Chapters

Carvalho, T. & Gardner, P. (2025), "Extinction Rebellion: The Emergence, Evolution, and Character of a Transnational Environmental Movement", in Paul Almeida (ed), *The Oxford Handbook of Climate Action*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Carvalho, T. (2024), "Analysing Protest Events: a Quantitative and Systematic Approach", in Laurence Cox, Anna Szolucha, Alberto Arribas Lozano, and Sutapa Chattopadhyay (eds), *Handbook of Research Methods and Applications for Social Movements* (pp. 257–270). London: Edward Elgar.

Gardner, P. & Carvalho, T. (2023), "Intersecting Planes of Crisis: Geometrics of Crises and the Climate Catastrophe in Extinction Rebellion Rhetoric", in K. Heidemann (ed), Geometries of Crisis: Social Insecurities, Collective Action and the Politics of Change From Below (pp. 223–246). Maastricht: Maastricht University Press.

Accornero, G., **Carvalho, T.** & Pinto, P.R. (2023), "The Symbolism of the Street in Portuguese Contention", in P. Gardner & B. Abrams (eds), *Symbolic Objects in Contentious Politics* (pp. 127–148). Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press.

Carvalho, T. & Ramos Pinto, P. (2019), "From the 'Unfinished Revolution' to the 'Defence of the Revolution': Framing the Transition in Austerity-era Portugal", in M. E. Cavallaro & K. Kornetis (eds), Rethinking South European Democratisation in Spain, Greece and Portugal (pp. 199–227). Cham: Palgrave MacMillan.

Book

Carvalho, T. (2022), Contesting Austerity: Social Movements and the Left in Portugal and Spain (2008–2015). Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.

João Ferreira de Almeida Prize – Portuguese Sociological Association and Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon

Work in Progress

Carvalho, T., Gardner, P. & Santos, J. – Global patterns of climate activism (under review, *Sociology*).

Carvalho, T. & Accornero, G. – Engagement Event Analysis of the Lisbon Housing Movement (under review, *Social Movement Studies*).

Gardner, P., Carvalho, T., Newman-Grigg, E. & O'Brien, T. – Extinction Rebellion Australia.

Carvalho, T. & Portos, M. – Housing Conditions and Political Attitudes in Lisbon's Right to Housing Protests.

Carvalho, T. & Marques, P. – Movement-Party Relations in Post-Austerity Portugal.

Gardner, P. & Carvalho, T. - Spreading Rebellion (book proposal).

SELECTED CONFERENCES

ESSHC (2025); ESA (2011, 2013, 2015, 2021, 2024); CES (2017, 2019, 2021–2024); LSA (2022); ECPR (2016–2017); ISA (2010)

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Member of Research Team

2025–2026 — e-Health: Supporting Esports Players Towards an Active and Healthy Lifestyle (CEI-Iscte; PI: Marcelo Moriconi; EU Erasmus+ Sport).

2018–2022 — *HOPES: Housing Perspectives and Struggles in Lisbon and Beyond* (CIES-Iscte & ICS-UL; PI: Guya Accornero; FCT).

2018–2020 — Populism in Power: Consequences on Policies, Politics and Polity (SNS; PI: Manuela Caiani; SNS Research Fund).

2016–2019 — Crisis, Political Representation and Democratic Renewal (CIES-Iscte & IPRI-NOVA; PI: André Freire; FCT).

2011–2015 — MYPLACE: Memory, Youth, Political Legacy and Civic Engagement (CIES-Iscte; PIs: N. A. Alves, D. Cairns; EU FP7).

2008–2014 — Children and the Internet: Uses and Representations, Family and School (ICS-UL & CIES-Iscte; PI: Ana Nunes de Almeida; Gulbenkian).

Other Scientific Projects

2025—present — *Public Sphere Laboratory (LEP)* (CIES-Iscte; Research team member; CIES institutional support).

TEACHING

Teaching Experience

Brown University – Regimes of Contention in Southern Europe (Spring 2023) [Course Coordinator].

Iscte-IUL – Case Study Methods in Political Economy (MSc, since 2021) [Course Coordinator]; Dissertation Seminar in Political Economy (MSc, since 2023); Comparative Political Systems (BA, since 2023) [Course Coordinator].

Universidade Europeia – Science, Sources and Methods (2018).

University of Cambridge – Social Theory, Social Movements, Crisis of Europe, Populism, and Research Methods (2014–2017) (Tutor).

Universidade Nova de Lisboa – Sociology of Culture (2012).

Supervision

Currently supervising 6 MA and 2 funded PhD dissertations.

Since 2021: 9 MA theses completed; jury member in 2 PhD and 8 MA defenses.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer: Contention, Contemporary Political Theory, Emerald Publishing, Environmental Politics, European Political Science Review, Higher Education Quarterly, Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of Youth Studies, Mobilization, Partecipazione e Conflitto (PACO), Political Studies, Social Movement Studies, Sociological Compass, Southern European Society and Politics.

Conference Organization: Contested Solidarities (CEU, 2025); Researching Social Movements (ENS de Lyon, 2024); The Struggle for Housing Justice (ICS-ULisboa, 2022); Populism in Power and its Consequences (Scuola Normale Superiore, 2019); Spain Social Movements between Past and Present (University of Cambridge, 2018); Crisis in European Capitalism (University of Cambridge, 2018).

Panels & Roundtables: APEP (2025), CES (2022, 2023, 2024)

University & Research Service: Alternate Member of Scientific Council (Iscte, 2025-) HRS4R Working Group (Team Leader) (Iscte, 2025-); President, Fiscal Council, Portuguese Association of Political Economy (2025-); Co-chair, Social Movements RN, Council of European Studies (2022-25); Co-coordinator, Social Movements Seminar, CIES-Iscte (2020-25);

Scientific evaluation: PhD Grants Panel, FCT (2024); Brazilian Contest of Theses and Dissertations in Social Sciences (2025).

Outreach & Media Engagement:

Roundtables: IPRI-UNL (2025); Amnesty International (2024);

Media contributions in Le Soir (BE), Amnistia Internacional Magazine (PT), Vogue Portugal, Expresso (PT), Público (PT), ECO [1][2]] (PT), Le Monde Diplomatique (PT)[1][2], LSE EUROPP.

SKILLS

Softwares R, SPSS, MaxQDA, Qualtrics, R Markdown, LATEX

Languages Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (Fluent), Italian (intermediate)