

Directions and challenges within the social sciences in Portugal and Europe

10 years of the Portuguese Journal of Social Science

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This year the Portuguese Journal of Social Science (PJSS) celebrates its 10th anniversary. It is our intention to mark this milestone by considering the academic output in the social sciences in Portugal and reflecting on some of the problems confronting the discipline across Europe.

To mark this anniversary, the journal's editorial committee, the sponsoring research centres within the Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (ISCTE-IUL) (CIES, CEHC, Dinamia-CET and CIS) and the Office of the Rector of the ISCTE-IUL, will hold a conference within ISCTE-IUL on 16 December 2011. The papers presented at this conference will serve as the basis for a special issue of the journal.

The goal of both the conference and the associated special issue is to encourage a reflection on the social sciences: their past, present and future. To this end, we have invited scholars of renown in various social science disciplines who have in one way or another left their mark on their particular field in Portugal. An external view will be provided by two international scholars.

09.30 Welcome session

Luís Reto, Rector of ISCTE-IUL and Lígia Amâncio, vice-director of the FCT (Science and Technology Foundation)

10.30 Session 1:

The social sciences in Portugal: Assessment and prospects

Moderator: Carlos Gonçalves (University of Oporto).

- 1) Fernando Luis Machado (CIES-IUL, Lisbon), 'Generators of sociological output in Portugal: An illustrated empirical interpretation'
- 2) José Reis (University of Coimbra), 'Economics: A social science under stress'

11.00-11.15 Break

- 3) Luís Reis Torgal (University of Coimbra), 'History. What history? From nationalism to "historiographical journalism"'
- 4) Jorge Vala (ICS-UL - Lisbon) and Rui Costa Lopes (ICS-UL - Lisbon), 'Dynamics and dilemmas of social psychology: Social relations, identities and cognition'

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Session 2: Social sciences in Portugal and Europe

Moderator: Ana Paula Marques (University of the Minho)

- 1) Diogo Ramada Curto (Lisbon New University), 'An assessment of and the prospects for the history of social science in Portugal during the past 10 years'
- 2) Mike Saks (University Campus Suffolk - UK), 'The challenge of implementing social sciences research'
- 3) Hinnerk Bruhns (CNRS, Paris), 'One language, one history? On the uncertain future of social sciences in Europe'

15.30-15.45 Break

Round table discussion:

Academic communication: The role of academic journals and internationalisation.

Moderator: Eduarda Gonçalves (ISCTE-IUL - Lisbon)

Discussants: João Ferreira de Almeida (ISCTE-IUL - Lisbon), João Caraça (Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation), Paulo Brito (ISEG - Lisbon), António Costa Pinto (ICS-UL - Lisbon) and Masoud Yazdani (publisher and chairman of Intellect - UK)