

3rd edition

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AN INITIATIVE CREATED FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS:
THE FUTURE SCHOLARS

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1. Aims and Scope

The *CICP PhD Seminar* is the third seminar of this nature organized by the Research Center in Political Science (CICP) based on the principle of supporting PhD students in their research journey. The seminar is intended to be composed by doctoral students for doctoral students, where they will be able to present their ongoing research, talk about their problems during the process, share their difficulties and advancements, field results and findings and benefit from peer criticism and guidance from Professors.

The aim of the 3rd Seminar Edition is to provide a wider experience to the doctoral students from the PhD Programs enrolled within the CICP. It aims to encourage students to present their academic work and to promote a fruitful discussion concerning their research.

This seminar is intended for **early, mid-stage and senior doctoral students in the scientific areas of Political Science, Administrative Sciences and International Relations** that are enrolled in Portuguese universities, providing a setting for scientific discussion and preparation for their future.

The CICP Seminar has the following goals:

- a) **OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THEIR RESEARCH** - One of the advantages of this seminar is the opportunity given to students to present their ongoing work to the community, which includes experts and peers who are unfamiliar with it, as well as the opportunity to see work done by others at various stages of the PhD course.
- b) **SHARE OF EXPERIENCES** – The seminar is intended to give the opportunity for students to present but also to discuss their thesis and researches with peers and scholars. After each presentation the students that have presented will be able to ask a question or to present a problem they are facing to the audience (the question/problem is previously submitted to the organization for validation, so there

are no repeated questions, unless they are specific to a particular topic) and, afterwards, there will be time reserved for the audience to participate in order to discuss, question and improve the work presented, and senior students and experts could make suggestions to beginners, providing new ideas, advices and motivations for the completion of the research.

- c) **CREATE NETWORKS** - One of the main aims of the seminar is to create an opportunity for doctoral students to network with their peers. The idea is to create an environment where social interaction is encouraged, not only during the presentation of works, but also an environment where PhD students will be able to have feedbacks and exchange ideas that may help students personally and intellectually. Experts and Senior PhD students will share knowledge and skills with students in earlier stages of research. This may encourage the creation of future joint research works and the establishment of social relations.

- d) **CREATE A MOTIVATIONAL ENVIRONMENT** - The Seminar has a space, after each presentation, that allows the discussion and Q&A to better the work presented. It is proposed a friendly environment where doctoral students can develop contacts and networks with peers and experts during the presentations and during other activities. Each room will have Professors and experts to provide counseling in the pursuing of their works, which is helpful for the motivation of students that are able to present obstacles they are facing, to clarify their doubts, learn more about methodology, data collection and analysis, and new research that can be helpful in their work. Active participation is expected and will be encouraged, first by Professors and then by other PhD students.

- e) **CREATE SKILLS** – The seminar is also intended for the share of methodological and scientific advice, introduction of developments and new studies in the different fields between peers, scholars, and senior students. The seminar is an opportunity to improve presentation skills, to get feedback from colleagues, to strengthen the PhD community, and to share academic worries and questions in a constructive and warming meeting. Students will be able to share doubts, how to handle pressure, how to collect data, etc.

2. ORGANIZATION

The Seminar is organized and conducted by the Research Center in Political Science (UIDB/CPO/0758/2020), University of Minho and University of Évora, and is supported by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology and the Portuguese Ministry of Education and Science through national funds.

This third edition of the Seminar will be held on the 26th of January of 2023 at the University of Minho, Braga, Portugal. PhD students from University of Minho and University of Évora will be invited to participate, however, students from other institutions and universities can also be invited.

3. THE EVENT

The 3rd edition of the CICP seminar will take place at University of Minho (Braga, Portugal).

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The seminar will be divided into parallel sessions, depending on the number of submissions:

Participants present their research of research project for a maximum of 12 minutes.

After the presentation the presenter can and is encouraged to ask one to three questions they may have to the audience.

Following the presentation, the word goes to a discussant, who will provide the student with feedback towards his presentation, as well as motivational advice for the future.

The conversation is opened to the audience who will have 10 minutes for discussion, Q&A and advices from peers.

Therefore, every presentation and discussion is expected to take 30 minutes each. Each session should comprise three presentations followed by a coffee-break or lunch break, where scientific conversations will be encouraged.

4. **PAYMENT FEES**

The CICIP PhD Seminar will be free of charges and fees for all the PhD student of the programs enrolled with the CICIP. Travel and accommodation from the University of Évora to the University of Minho will be ensured to any participant, as long he/she is a CICIP collaborative member..

5. **APPLICANTS AND REQUIREMENTS**

Any PhD student of the universities mentioned above is welcome to **present his/her thesis and research projects at all stages of the process of writing**. CICIP does not seek 100% finished works, early and mid works-in-progress are very welcomed, since the aim of this seminar is to help students to elaborate and improve their works.

We encourage applicants to submit their applications as soon as possible due to a limited number of possible attendees.

Applicants must have the following requirements:

1. To be a doctoral student of a Portuguese university or institution in the scientific areas of Political Science, Administrative Sciences and International Relations;
2. Have an ongoing thesis or research project.

Applicants must submit the following documents:

The following documents must be submitted by email to cicp@eeg.uminho.pt with the subject "CICIP PhD Seminar". All documents have to be provided in English. All presentations must be in Portuguese or in English as well.

1. A short presentation (max. of 400 words) with the applicants' identification (name and contact information), a brief presentation of the problem statement, the research field of the research, theoretical and methodological considerations, status of the project (e.g. beginning, mid-stage; at the end), student's institutional affiliation and the name(s) of supervisor(s).

2. One-page abstract presenting the thesis or research project in the areas mentioned above.
3. Proof of enrolment in a PhD program;

Possibly there will be a limitation on the number of participants. If it is the case, the criteria for selection of applicants is:

1. priority given to collaborative members of CICIP;
2. quality of the abstract presented.

If accepted, participants are expected to confirm the attendance and submit:

1. a 10-page document on which their presentation will be based. This document must include a topic of interest, a research question, literature review, description of the methodology used; discussion and (a possible) conclusion.
2. 1 to 3 questions concerning the type of feedback the student wants. The student will be able to present one or more of these questions at the seminar, and they should regard problems the student is facing or particular requests for feedback (e.g.: highlight an issue or problem the student is facing with data collection, lack of literature on the topic, a problem they have encountered, etc.)