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WORK EXPERIENCE

February 2022 – present

PORTUGUESE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (IPRI-NOVA)

RESEARCHER

Lisbon, Portugal

Conducting research on East Asia, exploring the nexus between nuclear (non-)proliferation and national identity in a comparative study focused on China, Japan, North Korea, and South Korea. Other academic interests fall on Portugal/European Union relations with the Indo-Pacific region.

November 2021 – December 2021

NOVA SCHOOL OF LAW

TECHNICIAN AT THE TEACHING SUPPORT OFFICE

Lisbon, Portugal

Provided assistance to teaching staff at the faculty. Responsible for supervising Master dissertations' public examinations, managing documents and schedules and writing meeting minutes.

November 2017 – November 2019

GILT (GAMES, INTERACTION AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES) GROUP

INSTITUTO SUPERIOR DE ENGENHARIA DO PORTO

Research Assistant/Erasmus+ Project Manager

Porto, Portugal

Conducted research related to various Erasmus+ projects, within a multidisciplinary team and integrated in international consortia (from Europe, but also Asia), resulting in production of scientific content (data collection and analysis, presentation to the public, organization of events, etc.).

June 2017 - September 2017

VIRTUAL CAMPUS LDA.

Internship in International Relations

Porto, Portugal

Main tasks involved promoting ongoing European projects along with social media dissemination and organization of events. Also had the chance to do analysis on funded projects by the European Union (Erasmus +, H2020). Other minor tasks were video editing and translation.

EDUCATION

2021 — Present

UNIVERSIDADE NOVA DE LISBOA, PORTUGAL PhD student in International Relations (Area Studies)

Thesis topic: East Asia and the Bomb — Nuclear Proliferation and its place in States' Identity
Doctoral project under the supervision of Professor Nuno Severiano Teixeira.

Doctoral Research Scholarship under the Portuguese Institute of International Relations - (UIDP/04627/2020), funded by national funds through FCT/MCTES (PIDDAC).

2016 — 2020

UNIVERSIDADE DO PORTO, PORTUGAL Master's degree in History, International Relations and Cooperation (Specialization in Political Studies) Final Grade: 18/20

Dissertation title: O Papel do Juche no programa nuclear da República Popular Democrática da Coreia [The role of Juche in the nuclear program of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea] (Grade: 19 out of 20). Supervised by Professor Manuel Loff. The study looked at North Korea's nuclear program through the lens of its state ideology. By applying content analysis to daily news reports from the Korean Central News Agency between 2017 and 2018, we confirmed that the nuclear program constitutes the means to achieve not only external but also internal objectives of political, security and economic nature for the North Korean regime, in accordance with the country's state ideology.

2013 — 2016

UNIVERSIDADE DO PORTO, PORTUGAL Bachelor's degree in Languages and International Relations Final Grade: 17/20

TRAINING COURSES

Foreign Policy, Universidade do Porto, 2020/2021 (Grade: 18/20)

Winter Crash Course: People's Republic of China, Universidade do Minho, February 2021

Geopolitics Dynamics in Contemporary Europe, Universidade do Porto, 2016/2017 (Grade: 18/20)

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEERING

Research Assistant/Junior Observer at **Observatório para a Política Externa Nacional** (December 2021-present), OPEN is a non-partisan association aimed at observing and commenting on anchor themes of Portuguese Foreign Policy through "Observations", with the aim of stimulating public debate and civic participation around the different topics.

Member of the Organizing Committee for the Colloquium of Young Researchers in International Relations and Political Studies (in Portuguese "Colóquio de Jovens Investigadores em Relações Internacionais e Estudos Políticos") (June 2018-Present), having also assumed the role of **Moderator** in the "International Relations of Asia" session (February 2019)

Volunteer at the 16th World Congress of Political Science (held virtually) from the 10th until the 15th of July 2021, International Political Science Association (IPSA)

Monitor of the Japanese Course at Universidade Júnior (July 2016). Worked as a monitor at Universidade Junior, an academic summer-camp which allows young students to participate in educational activities inside the UP campus. Responsible for supervising the "Escola de Línguas - Japonês" (Language School - Japanese) course and allowed young students (ages 14 to 17) to contact with the Japanese language and culture.

LANGUAGES

MOTHER TONGUE

PORTUGUÊS (C2) - NATIVE

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

ENGLISH (C1)

GERMAN (B1)

JAPANESE (A2)

KOREAN (A1)

MANDARIN CHINESE (A1)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Peace and Security Studies (2020/2021) lecture entitled "Asia-Pacific views on UN Peacekeeping and applying a R2P lens to North Korea", Bachelor's degree in International Relations, Universidade Portucalense, Portugal.

Methodology and Research in International Relations lecture **(2020/2021)** entitled "North Korea's state media analysis: Juche ideology and the nuclear program", Bachelor's degree in International Relations, Universidade Portucalense, Portugal

International Politics (2017/2018) lecture entitled "North Korea's nuclear program: North Korean strategy and US response", Bachelor's degree in Languages and International Relations, Universidade do Porto, Portugal.

CONFERENCES

Juche ideology as an analysis tool to understand the Democratic People's Republic of Korea: considerations on the nuclear issue | 3rd Colloquium of Young Researchers in International Relations and Political Studies, Universidade do Porto | 2021

Pandemic Nationalism in North Korea: the impact of COVID-19 and Juche ideology | 30th Annual ASEN Conference Nationalism & Crisis, London School of Economics & Political Science | 2021

PUBLICATIONS

Ponte e Sousa, P. & Durão, R. (2021). Global Threats. In *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Global Security Studies*. doi:10.1007/978-3-319-74336-3_55-1

Ponte e Sousa, P. & Durão, R. (2021). Interstate Challenges. In *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Global Security Studies*. doi:10.1007/978-3-319-74336-3_232-1

Durão, R. (2020). *Papel do Juche no programa nuclear da República Popular Democrática da Coreia* [Master's dissertation, Universidade do Porto]. <https://hdl.handle.net/10216/130780>

Papa, R., Efthymiou, A., Lamura, G., Piccinini, F., Onorati, G., Papastavrou, E., Tsitsi, T., Casu, G., Boccaletti, L., Manatini, Seneca, R., Carvalho, C., Durão, ., Barbabella, F., Andréasson, F., Magnusson, L., Hanson, E. (2020). Review and Selection of Online Resources for Carers of Frail Adults or Older People in Five European Countries: Mixed-Methods Study. *JMIR Mhealth Uhealth*, 8(6), e14618. doi:10.2196/14618

Magano, J., Alves, M., Durão, R., Cavalho, C. (2020). Adoption and Use of Educational Technology Tools by Marketing Students. *The Electronic Journal of e-learning*, 18(4). doi: 10.34190/ejel.20.18.4.007

Carvalho, C., Durão, R., Llamas-Nistal, M., Rodriguez, M. C., Heidmann, O., & Tsalapatas, H. (2019). Development of Professional Competences in Higher Education through Active Learning. Apresentado na *2019 14th Iberian Conference on Information Systems and Technologies (CISTI)*. doi: 10.23919/cis-ti.2019.8760984