

# Tomás Infante

*Curriculum Vitae*

*PhD Candidate in International Relations – Universidade NOVA de Lisboa*

*Doctoral Researcher – Portuguese Institute of International Relations*

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## Research Areas:

EU (International) Identity;

EU Foreign Policy;

EU Enlargement;

Idea of Europe;

Political Mythologies;

Discourse/Narrative Analysis;

Critical Constructivism in IR;

Post-Structuralism in IR;

## Education:

### **PhD in International Relations | 2022-Present**

Universidade NOVA de Lisboa – Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas

Thesis Title: “The European Union in Search of Itself: Myths and Narratives in the Construction and Expression of the EU’s International Identity”

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### **MA in Political Science and International Relations – Specialization in International Relations | 2019-2022**

Universidade NOVA de Lisboa – Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas

Dissertation: “The European Union as an International Actor – The European Neighbourhood Policy”

Jury: Prof. Dr. Vanda Amaro Dias (Discussant – FEUC); Prof. Dr. Ana Santos Pinto (Supervisor – NOVA-FCSH); Prof. Dr. Marco Lisi (President – NOVA-FCSH)

### **Post-Graduate Program in Strategic and Security Studies | 2018-2019**

Universidade NOVA de Lisboa – Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas | Instituto da Defesa Nacional

### **BA in Political Science and International Relations | 2015-2018**

Universidade NOVA de Lisboa – Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas

## **Publications:**

Infante, T., 2021. The European Neighbourhood Policy: Democracy Outside or Security Within the EU? Narrative and Practice in the European Neighbourhood Policy. *Nação e Defesa*, 159, pp. 85-117. ([Available here](#))

## **Conferences:**

### **Ontological (In)Security in Europe: Theories, Methods, and Approaches (workshop)**

University of Birmingham, Birmingham – 2024

*“The Mythopoetic Construction of Europe – International Identity, Ontological Security and founding myths in the European Union”*

Panel: Beyond Giddens: Alternative theoretical frameworks for ontological (in)security in IR

### **XI Congresso da Associação Portuguesa de Ciência Política**

Associação Portuguesa de Ciência Política, Covilhã – 2023

*“A PEV na Construção da Identidade Internacional da EU: Dos Mitos e Narrativas à Prática de Política Externa”* (co-author, with Catarina Reis)

Panel: A União Europeia como Actor Global: desenvolvimento, direitos humanos e democratização

### **XI Congresso da Associação Portuguesa de Ciência Política**

Associação Portuguesa de Ciência Política, Covilhã – 2023

*“Crise Securitária vis-à-vis Crise Humanitária: Como a construção de Crise influenciou a resposta Europeia à Crise Migratória de 2015”* (co-author, with Catarina Reis)

Panel: A União Europeia e a guerra na Ucrânia: paz, segurança e apoio aos refugiados

### **26<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Political Science**

International Political Science Association, Lisbon (online) – 2021

*“The European Neighbourhood Policy: Democracy Outside or Security Within the EU? Narrative and Practice in the European Neighbourhood Policy”*

Panel: EU Impact on State of Democracy in the EU Enlargement and ENP Countries

## **Languages**

Portuguese (native); English (fluent); French (reading level);

## **Other Projects/Activities**

### **Internship – Instituto da Defesa Nacional (National Defence Institute)**

Instituto da Defesa Nacional, Lisbon – april-july 2021

Focus on: Research Support; Organization and Coordination of Academic Events

### **Summer School – School of Research Methods**

Universidade de Coimbra / Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence – Peace Relations,  
Ontologies and Narratives in Europe, Coimbra – july 2020