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## MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS 2019

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HOSTING MARIE CURIE FELLOWS

#### HOST INSTITUTION

NOVA School of Social Sciences and Humanities | CICS.NOVA – Interdisciplinary Centre of Social Sciences

#### RESEARCH GROUP AND URL

Research Group 2 (RG2): Citizenship, Work and Technology – Research Team 4 (RT4) Rights, Policy and Justice

<https://www.cics.nova.fcsh.unl.pt/research/research-groups/2-citizenship-work-and-technology/rights-policy-and-justice?lg=uk>

#### SUPERVISOR (NAME AND E-MAIL)

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#### SHORT CV OF THE SUPERVISOR

Maria João Leote de Carvalho is a post-doc researcher with a project funded by FCT (SFRH/BPD/116119/2016). Graduated in Education in 1986, obtained a Higher Specialized Studies Diploma in Education and Groups at Risk in 1999 (School of Education of Lisbon). At NOVA FCSH completed a Master in Sociology (2003), and concluded a PhD in Sociology (2011). Her interest in sociological research has been built upon on her job as a teacher working with young offenders in a custodial institution for 16 years (1987-2003), and with children and youth at risk in social housing neighbourhoods' State schools for 14 years (2003-2017). For more than ten years (2006-2017) she was the coordinator of the TEIP-Priority Intervention Educational Territories Program from the Ministry of Education, and held various management positions. The everyday practise of working with social disadvantaged populations in such specific contexts is at the basis of her options to do sociological investigation exploring issues where research and scientific knowledge are scarce in Portugal: children and youth at-risk; Justice for children; the Rights of the Child; child poverty; child labour; delinquency and urban violence; media studies related to Child and Family Law, and the media uses by young children. Recently, within international networking, she has started to examine State policy in relation to children's involvement in violent extremism and terrorism. Much of her career has been dedicated to the interface of research and social intervention by bringing together the resources and the expertise of community-based organizations, State entities and researchers from different scientific fields to address real-world issues concerning children and youth's citizenship.

Since 2014, she has been the Coordinator of the Research Team Rights, Policy and Justice at CICS.NOVA. She was one of the founder's member of the Sections of Sociology of Law and Justice (2014) and Sociology of Childhood (2018) of the Portuguese Sociological Association. She is a member of the RC Sociology of Law from the ISA–International Sociological Association, ESC–European Society of Criminology (Thematic Working Group on Juvenile Justice), and ECREA–European Communication Research and Education Association.

She has represented Portugal at the European Council for Juvenile Justice - International Juvenile Justice Observatory (since 2009), and has been Scientific Consultant at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (since 2007) and at the European Anti-Poverty Network-Portugal (since 2009). In June 2016 she was appointed as Counsellor to the National Council of the National Commission for the Promotion of the Rights and Protection of Children



and Young People (CNPDPJC), co-opted as a person of recognized merit in the area of childhood and youth at risk. She integrated the founding team of the ProChild CoLab Collaborative Laboratory Against Poverty and Social Exclusion (approved by the FCT in July 2018).

Her research work has been consistently disseminated in and outside academy and has been used for consultation, decision-making in the fields of Justice and Child and Youth Portuguese public policy and Law production. She often collaborates on undergraduate and graduate courses at Universities and is also engaged in specialized training activities for Judges, Public Prosecutors, police forces, social/health workers, among others.

URL: <https://www.cics.nova.fcsh.unl.pt/people/integrated-researchers/maria-joao-leote-de-carvalho>

## 5 SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Carvalho, M.J.L., (2018), “Constructing Meaning About Young Girl’s Delinquency in Public Housing Neighbourhoods”. In Gomes, S. & Duarte, V. (Eds.), *Female Crime and Delinquency in Portugal: In and Out of the Criminal Justice System*, London: Palgrave Macmillan Cham, pp. 143-162, ISBN 978-3-319-73533-7. DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-73534-4\\_8](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-73534-4_8)
- Duarte, V. & Carvalho, M.J.L., (2017), Female Delinquency in Portugal: What Girls Have to Say About Their Offending Behaviors, *Gender Issues*, 34(3), pp. 258–274, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12147-017-9187-8>
- Carvalho, M.J.L. (2017), Challenges for Practice in Residential Child and Youth Care in Portugal: An Overview of Four Projects Supported by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, CYC-Online, e-Journal of the International Child and Youth Care Network (CYC-Net), Issue 226, pp.25-37, [www.cyc-net.org/cyc-online/dec2017.pdf](http://www.cyc-net.org/cyc-online/dec2017.pdf)
- Carvalho, M.J.L. & Ortiz, V. (2016), V., “La Intervencion Con Menores en Desproteccion y Conflicto Con la Ley - Portugal”. In Morales, C. (Ed.), *La intervención comparada con menores en desprotección y en conflicto con la ley en diferentes países*, ISBN: 978-84-9085-982-7, ISBN electrónico: 978-84-9085-982-7, Madrid: Editorial Dykinson, S.L, pp. 259-291. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt1k85bs0>
- Carvalho, M.J.L. (2016), “The Portuguese Jurisdiction and the Use of Alternatives to Detention”, JODA Project-Alternatives to detention for young offenders. Alternatives in Europe-, International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO), final essay, <http://www.oiji.org/en/docs/general/the-portuguese-jurisdiction-and-the-use-of-alternatives-to-detention>

## PROJECT TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION

### **RIGHTS, POLICY AND JUSTICE**

The **Rights, Policy and Justice Research Team (RT4)** promotes a critical and plural approach to the implementation of Human Rights, which highlights legal order and integrated governance as guarantees for sustainable development and social cohesion. In association with national and international networks, research focuses on analysing: i) the social dynamics and constraints affecting high risk social groups (e.g., children, youth, women, migrants, ethnic groups and detainees) in the experience and access to social and justice systems, problematizing the contexts and conditions that constrain their inclusion and the exercise of an active citizenship; and ii) how these high-risk groups exercise their specific rights within the framework of public policies.



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Current main research issues: i) Justice System(s): access, responses and social reintegration; ii) Children's Rights, Childhood and Youth; iii) Media, Citizenship and Risk(s); Methodology and Ethics in Research (with children; and in contexts of liberty deprivation).

Within the RT4 the Supervisor is currently conducting the Project "YOUTH OFFENDING IN THE JUVENILE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS IN PORTUGAL (YO&JUST)". How does juvenile offending (12–15 years) differ from young adult offending (16–21 years) in the juvenile and criminal justice systems in Portugal? This is the major question YO&JUST addresses involving a comprehensive analysis on youth offending in relation to the nature and extension of Law enforcement. Based on a case study grounded in a multi-method approach, the study articulates two main guidelines. One aims to characterize and discuss the youth offending patterns and offender's trajectories recorded in judicial proceedings from Juvenile and Criminal Courts from the area of the Procuradoria-Geral Distrital of Lisboa (PGDL). In relation to law in practice, we intend to explore the decision-making processes at the prosecuting or sentencing stage and examine how Portuguese Juvenile and Young Adult's Criminal Laws integrate international standards. The project addresses critical issues in the field by uncovering challenges the juvenile and criminal jurisdictions face, aiming to ensure more effective action (2017 - 2022).

### SCIENTIFIC AREA WHERE THE PROJECT FITS BEST

Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC) - Sociology