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SHORT CV OF THE SUPERVISOR

University Professor, Researcher and Project Coordinator in the fields of Urban Politics and Governance, Urban Management and Administration; Urban and Regional Planning. Senior Expert for the URBACT/European Commission DG Regio & Urban / Programme. Scientific coordination of the Lisbon political and administrative reform process. Coordination and co-coordination of several scientific and operational projects. Publication of several books as author or co-author; of peer-reviewed scientific articles, book chapters and public-policy reports to local, regional and national governments and institutions.

5 SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- *The power of the cities and the power in the cities: a multiscale perspective from Portugal* (2020) (com J. A. Rio Fernandes, Filipe Teles, Pedro Chamusca) in BAGE Boletín de la Asociación de Geógrafos Españoles, Nº87 <https://bage.age-geografia.es/ojs/index.php/bage/article/view/2978>
- *Housing Market Access in the Lisbon Metropolitan Area Between the Financial and the Pandemic Crises* (2020) (com Gonçalo Antunes) in Critical Housing Analysis, Volume 7, Issue 2, 58-72 <https://dx.doi.org/10.13060/23362839.2020.7.2.515>
- *Political evolution in the Lisbon of the digital era. Fast urban changes, slow institutional restructuring and growing civic pressures* (2019) (com A. Brito Guterres) in Urban Research and Practice, Vol. 11, Nº 4 <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/17535069.2018.1505272>
- *Lisboa em transição profunda e desequilibrada. Habitação, imobiliário e política urbana no sul da Europa e na era digital* (2019) (com Simone Tulumello e Giovanni Alegretti) in Cadernos Metrópole V.21, n. 44, pp. 221-251 <https://revistas.pucsp.br/metropole/article/view/2236-9996.2019-4410>
- *Cities and Urbanisation in Democratic Portugal* (2018) (com J. A. Rio Fernandes) in Méditerranée, Revue géographique des pays méditerranées, número 127 <https://journals.openedition.org/mediterranee/10698?lang=fr>

PROJECT TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION

CIVITAS-GOV

The CIVITAS-GOV project intends to analyse the capacities of urban and metropolitan public administrations in reading and interpret contemporary territorial and governance challenges. This analysis will be developed under main principles and global references for sustainable and integrated urban development as well as for qualified and democratic urban governance. The research will be conducted in the Metropolitan Area of Lisbon (AML).

The project will focus on the interconnection between critical dimensions for the comprehensiveness, quality and delivery of urban public policies, most namely on:

- a) Fundamental objectives of sustainable and integrated urban development – most namely in face of contemporary challenges in main dimensions like cohesion and equity, ecology and sustainability, economy and income – all under recent new stress by the COVID-19 crisis;
- b) The intelligibility and interpretative capacity of information and knowledge systems reading contemporary urban dynamics and urban changes;
- c) The structuring of urban and metropolitan strategies and policies in the Lisbon Metropolitan Area. Helping to qualify public administration, public policies and overall urban governance in the main Portuguese urban region.

The state-of-the-art that this project confronts is challengeable, undefined and promising enough to sustain a decidedly deepening of analytical and propositional methods, in order to strengthen the connections between qualified territorial knowledge and good urban governance, reducing the gaps existing in these related but still considerably disconnected fields. The project aims to contribute for a deeper knowledge and for the conceptual improvement of urban information structures, beyond the smart cities and administrative efficiency perspectives. Aiming for conceptual and knowledge improvements to be transferable to the urban policy and governance realms, through the consolidation of more comprehensive and intelligible analytical capacity and for more effective, participatory and empowered urban public policies.

The project has a proposed workflow for three years and is structured in 8 main tasks combining a theoretical and analytical dimension with a strong empirical approach to the urban dynamics and its knowledge and governance mechanisms and processes (see *timeline, timeframe and human resources allocations* in appendixes). Task 1 involves the conceptual systematization of the main domains of the project. Task 2 will analyse AML administrative, governance and informational structures and will frame the construction of the methodological tools for following empirical analysis. Tasks 3, 4 and 5 correspond to the fieldwork of the project, being developed on a selected number of case studies relating to concrete urban policies and thorough a matrixial analysis for the three main dimensions of research – urban quality of life and sustainable urban development, institutions and urban governance, urban information and data analytics. Task 6 will drive the project into scientific conclusions and a wider urban knowledge, as well as to the identification of strategic guidelines for qualified urban public policies and governance. The project also comprises task 7 dealing with the dissemination of the analysis and results of the project and task 8 dedicated to the project management.

The CIVITAS-GOV project will be coordinated by a scientific team based in NOVA FCSH, with solid knowledge and vast experience in the conjugation of urban politics, urban development and territorial data analytics. This team was constituted considering its multidisciplinary and multi-focusing capacities, prepared for the synergetic articulation of the different institutional and knowledge frameworks as demanded by the project's objectives and methodologies. The project network will include a set of urban government institutions in the Metropolitan Area of Lisbon, who will collaborate as associate partners and will have a relevant role in most of the tasks of the project. The project will also have a relevant collaboration from two renowned international academic institutions (LSE Cities and Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona).



The overall project outputs comprehend the development of new conceptual approaches to understand contemporary governance cultures and policy instruments in urban development as well as the construction of a set of strategic guidelines for qualified urban governance, most namely in the AML. The specific project outputs comprehend a vast series of academic and applied outputs as well as concrete public policy guides and methodological tools. A pilot installation of a future 'Observatory for the quality of urban life and quality of urban governance' in a joint partnership with metropolitan institutions will be considered at the end of the project.

SCIENTIFIC AREA WHERE THE PROJECT FITS BEST*

Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)