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**RESEARCH GROUP AND URL**

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

This Research Group (RG2) sets itself up to examine, from a double standpoint of fundamental and applied research, some of the major phenomena of inclusion and social exclusion. The concept of citizenship” is ascribed an axial role. Piecing together the ideals set forth in the notion of inclusive society with the exercise of universal rights and duties, “citizenship” becomes an apt index to densify the inclusion subject in concrete research. From the point of view of the specific targets to be achieved, this group aims on the one hand, to develop a theoretical, epistemological and methodological critique of the concepts of "social inclusion" and "citizenship", providing them with effective heuristic capacity, and deepen the problematique of citizenship within four major threads, assorted from the actual research know-how of the RG members: The Work and Organizations; Technology; Politics and Justice. <https://www.cics.nova.fcsh.unl.pt/research/research-groups/2-citizenship-work-and-technology>

The **Rights, Policy and Justice Research Team (RT4)** integrates researchers from different Universities promoting 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.

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**SHORT CV OF THE SUPERVISOR**

Maria João has an interdisciplinary background on Sociology and Education. She finished a *Bachelor's Degree in Education* in 1986, and obtained a *Higher Specialized Studies Diploma in Education and at-risk Groups* from the Lisbon Education School of Polytechnic Institute in 1999. At the NOVA FCSH she completed the *Master in Sociology* in 2003 with a research funded by the Portuguese Institute of Drugs and Drug Addiction (IPDT) – focused on the sociodemographic analysis of the young offenders placed in custody during the Child Law Reform in Portugal (1999-2000)–, and concluded the *PhD in Sociology* in 2011 funded by the FCT – Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia. Her PhD study was based on ethnographic and child-centred research methods, including visual techniques (drawings and community photography), exploring the involvement in violence and delinquency of children, aged 6 to 12-year-old, residents from six social housing neighbourhoods in the Lisbon Metropolitan Area. Since September 2017, she is conducting the project *Youth Offending in the Juvenile and Criminal Justice Systems in Portugal* with the support of a FCT Post-Doctorate Individual Grant.

Her interest in sociological research started to be built upon on her work as primary and special education teacher working with young offenders in a custodial institution from the Ministry of Justice in Caxias for sixteen years (1987-2003), and with at-risk children and youth in social housing neighbourhoods' state schools in Outurela-Portela, Oeiras, for fourteen years (2003-2017). In the Juvenile Justice institution, she became coordinator of educational, vocational and professional training programs for young offenders (1997-2003) and took part in/coordinated innovative applied research-action projects in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Justice. At the Carnaxide-Portela Schools Grouping, 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 she has served on several executive and management positions (e.g. Pedagogical Council; Advisor to Executive Board). She has accreditation for teacher training by the Scientific-Pedagogical Council from the Ministry of Education for areas linked to the relation between society and education (since 2000).

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 and with children; the Rights of the Child; social control and access to Justice; child poverty; child labour; delinquency and urban violence; media studies related to Child and Family Law, and the media uses by young children and youth.

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 1987, she has participated in research and social intervention projects related to childhood and youth having a long experience on applying participatory methodologies giving voice to children and youth. In 1999, she was invited to affiliate to the research centre from the Universidade NOVA de Lisboa at the start of her Master study, from which she achieved significant publications. With a conference proceeding on her Master study she won the Prize Teresa Ferreira from the Centre of Studies Dr João dos Santos in 2003. In 2000, she collaborated with the *National Commission of Experts to Follow up on the Implementation of the National Plan Against Domestic Violence*, at the Ministry for Equality. She was co-opted as specialist to the Children and Youth's Protection Commission in Oeiras and was responsible for case management for four years (2003-2007).

With the start of the PhD project in 2005, her position as an independent investigator was strengthened and since then she has been strongly active in international and national networking being recognized as Portuguese expert in the study of children and youth and related Law enforcement. Her research work has been consistently disseminated in and outside academy and has been used for consultation, decision-making in the fields of Security and Justice, Child and Youth Portuguese public policy and Law making. 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.

She has been Scientific Consultant in national and international programmes, namely at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (CGF) in relation to social intervention with at-risk children and youth (since 2007), and the *Child Poverty Group* at the EAPN-European Anti-Poverty Network Portugal (since 2009). She is Evaluator of EEA Grants at CGF (since 2013). She was member of the International Advisory Group of PROMISE (H2020-YOUNG-SOCIETY-2015/693221) to provide support and theoretical-methodological guidance to 12 teams from 10 countries (2016-19). In October 2019, she was invited to join the Portuguese Team of the ISRD4 – International Self-Report Delinquency Study – an international collaborative study in youth delinquency and victimization. Currently, she has become member of the research team of two projects with competitive funding within the “Gender Research for COVID-19” program from Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT).

She has experience in participating in jury of academic degree and in supervising graduate and post-graduate students, including national and international post-doctoral researchers. She has also been Evaluator in the Panel of Sociology in the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) *PhD Scholarships Calls* in 2019, 2020 and co coordinator in 2021.

She has been the Portuguese representative in the *European Council for Juvenile Justice* from the International Juvenile Justice Observatory (2009-2020) and in the Child-Friendly Justice European Network (since 2019).

She was co-founder of the Working Groups on *Sociology of Law and Justice* (2014-15) and *Sociology of Childhood* (2018-19) of the Portuguese Sociological Association (APS). She is 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.

Representing Universidade NOVA de Lisboa (2017-19), she was among the founding team of the “*ProChild CoLab Against Child Poverty and Social Exclusion*”, approved by the FCT in July 2018.

In 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* (CNPDPJ), co-opted as a person of recognized merit in the area of childhood and youth at risk in Portugal.

More recently, in January 2021, she was elected by the CNPDPCJ to the Commission for Follow-up and Monitoring of the National Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2021-24.

## 5 SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Two volume book: Gomes, S.; Carvalho, MJL & Duarte, V (Eds.) (forthcoming, 2021). ***Incarceration and Generations: Multiple faces of confinement***. Volume I. UK, Palgrave MacMillan. / Gomes, S.; Carvalho, MJL & Duarte, V (Eds.) (forthcoming, 2021). ***Incarceration and Generations: Challenging generational relations***. Volume II. UK, Palgrave MacMillan.

- Carvalho, M.J.L. (2021) **Youth justice, education in the Law and the (in)visibility of digital citizenship**. In Brites, M. & Castro, T. (Eds) *Digital citizenship and contexts of inequality*. Porto: Ed.Univ.Lusófonas
- Ponte, C.; Carvalho, M.J.L. & Batista, S. (August, 2021) **Exploring European children self-reported data on online aggression**. *Communications: The European Journal of Communication Research*. Special Issue Children and Media: Emerging Issues (Volume 46, Issue 3) (published by De Gruyter Mouton, Print ISSN: 0341-2059; Online ISSN: 1613-4087), August-September 2021.
- 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, 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, Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12147-017-9187-8>
- Carvalho, M.J.L., Children’s perspectives on disorder and violence in urban neighbourhoods, *Childhood – A Global Journal of Child Research*, February 2013 vol. 20 n°. 1 98-114. first published on June 25, 2012: <http://chd.sagepub.com/content/early/2012/06/20/097568212447236> Doi: 10.1177/0907568212447236

## 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.

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); iv) Methodology and Ethics in Research (with children; and in contexts of liberty deprivation).

The RT4 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 in the Lisbon Metropolitan Area. 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 – 2023).

<https://www.cics.nova.fcsh.unl.pt/research/projects/individual-projects/youth-offending-in-the-juvenile-and-criminal-justice-systems-in-portugal>

## SCIENTIFIC AREA WHERE THE PROJECT FITS BEST\*

Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)