LusoGlobe – Lusófona Centre on Global Challenges

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Research Unit Identification

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Mission & Objectives

Abstract:

LusoGlobe – Lusófona Centre on Global Challenges is an interdisciplinary and transregional research unit dedicated to understanding the global challenges affecting contemporary societies, states and the international community. It promotes rigorous research, advanced training and international scientific cooperation, drawing on Lusófona University's academic networks in Europe, Portuguese-speaking countries and beyond.

Its research addresses the transformation of the international order, globalization and deglobalization, democracy and political institutions, the European Union, religion and identities, security and defence, and emerging challenges associated with digitalization, migration and sociocultural diversity. It combines comparative, interdisciplinary and cross-regional perspectives to analyse the political and social implications of these processes.

The unit seeks to strengthen high-quality research and postgraduate training; develop national and international partnerships; secure competitive research support; foster interdisciplinary collaboration and research ethics; disseminate scientific outputs through publications, events and open-science networks; and promote knowledge transfer and engagement with civil society.

Scientific Areas & Research Lines

Principal Scientific Areas

Political Science	International Relations	Sociology	Interdisciplinary Social Sciences

Research Lines

1. Political Institutions and Governance

Democracy, Political regimes, authoritarianism, political history, political communication, electoral behaviour, representation, participation, political leadership, populism, and multilevel governance.

2. International Relations, Regimes and Global Transformations

Foreign policy, European Union, international order, globalisation, geopolitics, international cooperation, security, defence, peace and conflict studies, international political economy, and transnational challenges.

3. Religion, Culture and Identities

Religious studies, philosophy, ethics, identities, culture, heritage, diversity, interreligious dialogue, secularisation, and the relationships between religion, politics, and society.

4. Social Policies, Social Work and Human Development

Social work, social protection, ageing, inequalities, social inclusion, community intervention, social vulnerability, well-being, and human development, social development, labor studies, migration.

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Required in all scientific and institutional outputs (written in the appropriate language):

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Mandatory Application Scope

The acknowledgement statement above must appear in all of the following outputs:

- Scientific articles, posters, books, and journal papers;

- Monographs, brochures, and informational leaflets;
- Newsletters, announcements, presentations, and advertising materials;
- Cover pages (where applicable) and all printed applications;
- Digital typographic and other reproduction formats;

  PowerPoint presentations and other digital presentations.