

Post-Doctoral Researcher (1 vacancy)

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) - Associate Laboratory - University of Coimbra (Portugal), opens a call for applications for (1) one Post-Doctoral Researcher position (CES/23/2025-PD- LUANDINARO) in the project "LUANDINARQ - 24778, Chão Bom prison camp, 1964-1972 - Prison Papers, prison letters, prison drawings, and archive, funded by national fundings, through Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), and FEDER, with the reference COMPETE2030-FEDER-00920500, and coordinated by PhD Margarida Calafate Ribeiro.

CES provides a stimulating intellectual environment in the domain of social sciences and humanities. The project is part of the research line Europe and the Global South: heritages and dialogues, which aims to analyse the articulations between Europe and the Global South, at various scales, in the framework of an increasingly multipolar world, marked by colonial legacies that shape multiple forms of violence. It unfolds in 4 Research Topics

a. Project Description

The project will analyse and make available the correspondence between Luandino Vieira and Ermelinda Vieira, his late wife, during the incarceration in the colonial prisons, between 1961 and 1972. In addition to the publication of the book, with an extensive critical apparatus, an open-access digital edition of the book. A digital gallery of Drawings from Prison will also be published. The project will be developed in close collaboration with the author.

The expected duration of the project is 36 months, starting on June 1st, 2025.

b. Scientific field: Humanities, arts and architecture

c. Work plan, tasks:

The selected researcher is expected to have the following responsibilities:

- Support the implementation of the scientific tasks of the project, namely, literature review, document research in private and public archives; carrying out fieldwork and collecting, organising, generate a photography archive, transcribing, reviewing and analysing qualitative and quantitative data; design the digital archive, design a digital art gallery; participate in scientific and dissemination events, and drafting and editing of reports and publications and other dissemination material;
- Support the Coordination with the administrative activities of the project, such as the organisation of events (including for ex. conferences, summer schools, workshops, seminars), manage the dissemination activities and design a communication plan for the project both in scientific and public dimensions.

















d. Applicable Legislation and Regulations

The successful candidate will be hired under Law no. 57/2016, August 29, altered by Law 57/2017, which approves a doctoral hiring regime with a view to boosting scientific and technological employment in all areas of knowledge (RJEC). The hiring will also be governed by the Labor Code approved by Law no. 7/2009 of February 12, as currently worded.

e. Workplace

The tasks will be performed at the Centre for Social Studies facilities in Coimbra or other locations when necessary for the good implementation of the work plan, under the supervision of the Project Coordinator. For the fieldwork, the selected researcher will need to travel to Vila Nova de Cerveira, where the archive of Luandino Vieira is based, and is excepted to work there for several periods of time and other locations to perform research tasks.

f. Duration of the Contract

The temporary contract ("termo incerto") will be signed for the sole purpose of the execution of the project and will automatically end with the completion of the activities foreseen in the activity plan. Moreover, according to Article 112 of the Labour Code, paragraph 2 a), a trial period of 30 days is established. The contract will be foreseeably starting in September, 2025.

g. Application dates

- Call opens on: June 23, 2025

- Call closes on: July 07, 2025 (23h59 Lisbon time)

h. Application process

Applications must include:

- a) Presentation/Motivation letter with the call reference (CES/23/2025-PD- LUANDINARO) of maximum 2 pages in Portuguese in which the candidate addresses at least four points:
 - (1) motivation to be part of the LUANDINARQ project within the associated research line;
 - (2) to what extent previous experience match the selecting criteria listed;
 - (3) demonstration of language oral and written proficiency in Portuguese (with reference to the context where the candidate learned and mastered the language or whether they are a native speaker); good command of English is also important;
 - (4) how they allow to execute the work plan mentioned above.
- b) Detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- c) Copies of degree certificates. It is mandatory to be holder of a PhD degree by the date to start the contract (note: candidates must meet the eligibility conditions and conditions indicated in point "K. Mandatory requirements");
- d) One publication and design work which better represents the writing skills of the applicant and their proximity with the LUANDINARQ project, in Portuguese or English;
- e) Other relevant documents for eligibility purposes.















Applications should be sent by email to concursos@ces.uc.pt until the final deadline. Applications must include a clear indication of the reference of this call (CES/23/2025-PD- LUANDINARQ).

i. Preferred selection criteria and their weighing

Applicants must demonstrate expertise on the topic of the project, and in the research line listed above, by fulfilling the following criteria:

- 1. Relevant research experience on the themes of the project; (30%)
- 2. Work experience in collecting, organizing, analysing, creating databases and digital archives; and in multimedia, graphic and web design; (30%)
- 3. Experience in managing projects, activities and programming cultural activities; (20%)
- 4. Scientific publications and relevant curatorial digital work on the project's themes; (10%)
- 5. Proficiency in Portuguese, and fluency in English; (5%)
- 6. Availability for frequent travel in Portugal and abroad. (5%)

The jury reserves the right not to select any candidate.

j. Monthly Salary

The monthly salary is 2.351,53 Euros gross plus two additional months of salary (total of 14 months of salary a year). Full protection by Social Security is included in the contract. Researchers will be covered by Portugal's national health insurance plan.

Salary is set in accordance with the provisions of Portugal's scientific employment law, namely line a) number 1, of article 15, Law no 57/2017, corresponding to level 33 of the single salary scale approved by Decree no. 1553-C/2008 of December 31.

k. Mandatory requirements

- a) Applicants must hold a PhD in a disciplinary area of Architecture, Arts and Humanities.
- b) Be proficient in Portuguese and fluency in English;

Applicants with an academic degree and diploma issued by a foreign Higher Education Institution must present proof of recognition of the academic degree by the Portuguese Higher Education System, (law DL66/2018). Any candidate without the recognition of the degree(s) will be admitted to the competition, but during the evaluation process the selection panel, cannot:

- i) ecognize the candidate's grades and assess according to the possession of such grades;
- ii) give equivalence to, or validate, the grade of her/his degree;
- iii) use that note or its conversion as an evaluation parameter.

In case of selection, the contract can only be signed after the recognition of the academic degree by the Portuguese authorities, under the terms of the Law-decree n66/2018, August 16. The selected candidate must deliver the recognition of the degree within 30 days after the communication of the results. After the 30 days, the jury may decide to (1) either extend the deadline for the candidate to prove the recognition; (2) assign the position to the next candidate for merit; (3) or not award the position.

















I. Selection Process

Applicants will be selected based on their scientific merit and curricular path. In case of equivalent curricular profiles, the best-positioned applicants will be short-listed for an interview, meant to assess each applicant's potential contribution to the development of the project. The two stages of evaluation (the curricular merit assessment and the interview) will weigh 50% each in the final score. The scale applied to each criterion is 0 to 20.

The jury reserves the right to not select any applicants for the positions, if applications do not meet the necessary standards and/or profiles in terms of absolute merit.

m. Selection Panel

- Margarida Calafate Ribeiro (President);
- António Sousa Ribeiro (effective member);
- Fátima da Cruz Rodrigues (effective member)
- Miguel Cardina (substitute member);
- Inês Nascimento Rodrigues (substitute member)

n. Communication of Results

The results of the selection process will be emailed to all candidates, and the meeting minutes of the selection panel will become publicly available.

Additional comments

Equality of opportunities

CES abides by the national law that regulates the prevention, prohibition and fighting against discrimination on the grounds of racial and ethnic identity, colour, nationality, family background, territory of origin, and disability (Law no 93/2017, 23 August; Law no 4/2019, 10 January).

Data protection

By submitting your application, you are agreeing with the use of your personal data by CES administrative services for the sole purpose of the current call, namely to be contacted directly by CES services and allow the communication of results as in point n. of this call. CES abides by the principles of GPDR.

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