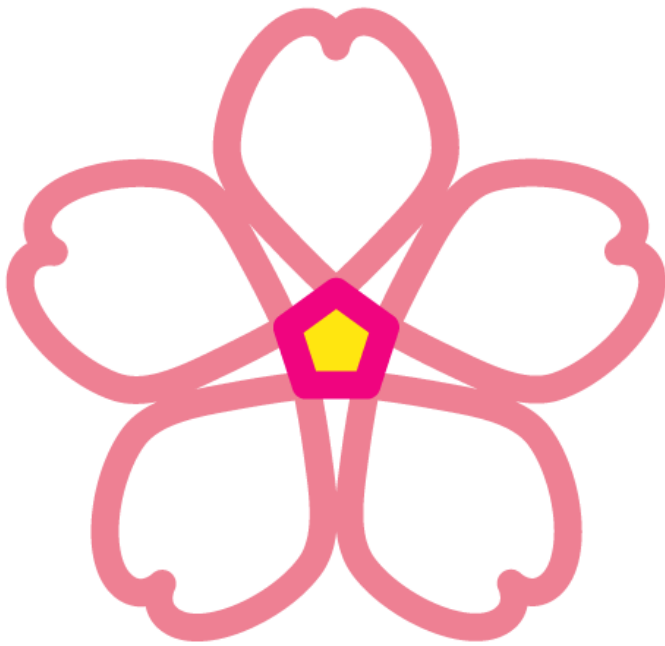


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## The Congress

### **Building Futures: Sociology in the Public Sphere 14th Portuguese Congress of Sociology**

We live in a context marked by various interconnected crises – environmental, health, economic, geopolitical, and crises of trust in science and institutions – by the worsening of various forms of inequality and vulnerability, by rapid and profound technological transformations, and by political tensions and populism that call into question the functioning of democracies. Against this backdrop, Sociology has been challenged to renew its role in the production of socially relevant knowledge and its presence in the public sphere.

It is true that Sociology possesses the theoretical and methodological tools necessary to understand the dynamics at play. However, sociology is also called upon today to ensure that the knowledge it produces has an impact on the public sphere and acts as an agent of social transformation. It is therefore pertinent to reflect on processes of co-creation of sociological knowledge that involve citizens and other fields of knowledge in dynamics of social change and the collective co-construction of fairer, more sustainable and democratic futures.

The 14th Portuguese Congress of Sociology, under the theme Futures Under Construction: Sociology in the Public Sphere, thus presents itself as a forum for reflection on the ways in which sociological knowledge is produced, circulated and utilised within society. It also seeks to discuss the contribution of sociology to the quality of public debate, to the underpinning of public policy, and to the strengthening of democratic life. Beyond the scientific understanding of major contemporary challenges, it proposes to debate the role of sociology as a field of knowledge for collectively imagining and constructing alternative futures.

The University of the Algarve, located in Faro, in southern Portugal, offers a particularly inspiring setting for this special gathering of the sociological and social sciences community. In a region marked by cultural and natural diversity, participants will have the opportunity to strengthen collaborative networks, exchange perspectives and deepen interdisciplinary dialogue and critical reflection on the role of sociology in the public sphere, not only in the context of Portuguese society but also of societies located in other parts of the globe.

With this in mind, the Portuguese Sociological Association and the University of the Algarve invite sociologists, colleagues from the social sciences, students and professionals from various fields to submit their abstract proposals for this academic conference on the conference website by 22 June 2026. We welcome proposals in Portuguese, English, Spanish or French, presenting the results of empirical research, theoretical or methodological contributions, as well as professional reflections and interdisciplinary approaches, within the scope of our thematic areas and sections.

Come and take part in this vibrant space for debate and the collective co-construction of sociological knowledge and imagination!

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## Call for Papers

### Art, Culture, and Communication [Thematic Section]

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#### Coordinators:

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In a social context marked by interconnected crises—environmental, health, economic, geopolitical, and crises of trust in science and institutions—by the worsening of various forms of inequality and vulnerability, by rapid and profound technological transformations, and by political tensions and populism that undermine the proper functioning of democracies, the Art, Culture, and Communication Thematic Section of the Portuguese Sociological Association invites discussion on how sociology has contributed to the knowledge, debate, policies, and movements that have been (re)shaping contemporary artistic, cultural, and communicational worlds, the experiences of their professionals, and the diverse institutional contexts, networks, and audiences.

Where do art, culture, and communication stand in the context of these crises, inequalities, transformations, and tensions? In what ways and in which fields do markets and public policies respond to them? And how are the modes of production, consumption, and distribution of artistic, cultural, and communicational products affected by these conditions? What is the role of sociological knowledge in understanding these dynamics? How do the theoretical and methodological tools of sociology enable the leveraging of participatory knowledge-production processes, through co-creation, by mobilizing institutions and organizations, professionals, participants, and consumers from the worlds of art, culture, heritage, and communication—as well as other fields of knowledge—to engage in dynamics of social transformation?

In this regard, we invite the submission of proposals that reflect on this relationship in a context of great uncertainty in democratic societies, particularly with regard to the following topics:

- Public policies for culture and communication
- Inequalities in access to culture
- Freedom of creation and expression
- (De)colonization of heritage, the arts, and culture
- Democratization of culture and cultural democracy
- Diversity and cultural rights
- Participation in the arts and culture
- Cultural hierarchies
- Art, culture, and sustainability

- Artistic and cultural activism
- Art, culture, and territories
- Communication and social media
- Media literacy
- Digitization and new forms of unequal access
- Communication, social responsibility, and pluralism
- Communication, Discourse, and Development
- Network journalism
- Transformations in the communication sector
- Cultural and artistic organizations
- Third-sector organizations in communication, culture, and the arts
- Professional practices of journalists
- Professions in the arts and culture sectors

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## Call for Papers

### Civil Society, Alternative Economies and Volunteering (ST SCEAV) [Thematic Section]

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#### Coordinators:

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In a context marked by multiple interconnected crises of an environmental, economic, social, political, and institutional trust nature, Sociology is challenged to strengthen its presence in the public sphere and assert itself as a fundamental resource in understanding and transforming contemporary societies. Faced with the worsening and intensification of inequalities, social vulnerabilities, and tensions that permeate democracies, it becomes particularly relevant to reflect on the contributions of sociological knowledge and practice to building more just, sustainable, and inclusive futures, capable of responding to the complex challenges of the present.

In this context, the analysis of the role of civil society, alternative economies, volunteering, and their collective, cooperative, and collaborative practices aimed at producing new responses to contemporary challenges assumes particular importance. This field, situated at the intersection between the State, the market, and the community, integrates a wide diversity of actors, including non-governmental organizations, cooperatives, associations, social enterprises, collectives, and informal initiatives. Their practices contribute to economic and social democratization, social innovation, and the construction of sustainable alternatives, frequently anchored in principles of cooperation, participation, and orientation towards the common good. These dynamics are particularly relevant in crisis contexts, where forms of organization and intervention that seek to respond to emerging social needs and, simultaneously, anticipate possible futures become visible.

These domains constitute privileged spaces for social and institutional experimentation, where solutions, practices, and forms of organization emerge that challenge dominant development models and contribute to the renewal of forms of participation, solidarity, and collective action. Simultaneously, they prove central to promoting more inclusive forms of civic engagement, strengthening local dynamics, and building responses tailored to the needs of the territories and their populations.

Thus, the Thematic Section on Civil Society, Alternative Economies and Volunteering (ST SCEAV) invites the submission of proposals that explore the contribution of different actors, practices, and organizational forms to social transformation and the strengthening of democracy. In particular, it is of interest to understand how these initiatives are situated within the public sphere, how they interact with public policies, and how they contribute to

processes of citizen mobilization and civic participation.

The aim is also to promote in-depth reflection on the conditions that enable or limit their action, the tensions that permeate these spaces, and the impacts they produce at different scales.

Sociology, as a discipline attentive to relationships, practices, and contexts, plays a central role in the critical analysis of these dynamics, in understanding their conditions of emergence and development, and in evaluating their social, economic, and political impacts. In its applied version, sociology shapes the perspective of professionals working in these organizations, attentive to the multidimensionality and complexity of social systems, benefiting from the back-and-forth between academic and practical knowledge, assuming a relevant function in transferring this knowledge to public debate, in promoting processes of co-construction of knowledge with different social actors, and in valuing informed and reflective forms of intervention that contribute to the construction of more democratic and inclusive societies.

In this regard, contributions addressing, among other topics, the following themes are particularly welcome:

1. Social, solidarity and popular economies: practices and institutional contexts;
2. Social enterprises: practices, discourses and organizational forms;
3. Third sector, welfare state and local and national public policies;
4. Social, solidarity and collective entrepreneurship;
5. Social innovation and socioeconomic and environmental impact;
6. Humanitarian action and NGDO, new and old forms of philanthropy;
7. The proximity economy, collectives and the management of the commons;
8. Activism and responsible production/consumption;
9. Civil society, participation and democracy;
10. Cooperativism and associations;
11. Social capital, trust and participation;
12. Digitalization in the social and solidarity economy and platform cooperativism;
13. Employment and work in the social and solidarity economy and volunteering
14. Social and cultural intervention in local networks for the common good
15. Queer economies, practices, and epistemologies in organizations

We invite the submission of abstract proposals based on academic and non-academic research, including empirical work, theoretical and methodological contributions, as well as reports of professional experiences.

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**Information about the section:** <https://stnr.aps.pt/sceav/>

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## Call for Papers

### Classes, Social Inequalities and Public Policy [Thematic Section]

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#### Coordinators:

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The Thematic Section Classes, Inequalities and Public Policies of the Portuguese Sociological Association constitutes a space for debate and reflection around sociological perspectives that take these three domains of social reality as their central analytical focus.

The analysis of social classes, inequalities and public policies remains a core axis of sociological research, both nationally and internationally. Throughout its trajectory, this Thematic Section has contributed to the deepening and dissemination of theoretical, analytical, and operational knowledge on these phenomena, taking Portuguese society as a reference point while also engaging with comparative and global dynamics.

Within the framework of the 14th Portuguese Congress of Sociology – “Futures under Construction: Sociology in the Public Sphere”, this Section seeks to critically reflect on the role of sociology in understanding, problematising and confronting social inequalities, as well as in informing, designing and evaluating public policies. In a context marked by multiple crises, intensifying inequalities, and challenges to institutions and democratic life, it becomes particularly relevant to discuss how sociological knowledge may contribute to the public sphere, influence collective debate, and participate in the co-construction of fairer, more inclusive and sustainable futures.

Contemporary transformations – economic, technological, environmental, cultural, political – have been reshaping class structures, the mechanisms underlying the production and reproduction of inequalities, and forms of public intervention. These dynamics pose new challenges to sociology, not only as a field of analysis, but also as a social practice with transformative potential, whether through the production of socially relevant knowledge or through its involvement in decision-making processes, civic participation and policy innovation.

This call invites researchers, academics, students, practitioners and other actors involved in the public sphere, including those engaged in applied research or action research within non-academic professional contexts, to submit proposals that critically and innovatively explore the relationships between social classes, inequalities and public policies. Contributions adopting local, regional, European, international or transnational perspectives are welcome.

Particular value will also be given to contributions presenting experiences in the design, implementation or evaluation of public policies, especially in the context of combating

inequalities, promoting civic participation, strengthening democracy, and imagining and constructing alternative futures.

Among others, the following thematic lines are highlighted:

- Social classes, socio-professional recompositions, and social mobility
- Social classes, labour markets, and precarious employment
- Social classes, gender, ethnicity, and intersectionalities
- Social classes, consumption patterns, and living conditions
- Capital–labour relations and economic injustices
- Income inequalities and material deprivation
- Inequalities in well-being, health, and access to services
- Racism, discrimination, and inequalities of recognition
- Cultural injustices and inequalities in access to culture
- Educational, literacy, and technological inequalities
- Housing inequalities and quality of life
- Political inequalities, citizenship, and collective action
- Inequalities in local, regional, national, and global development
- Public policies aimed at reducing inequalities
- Welfare state, austerity, and new models of governance
- Income, labour, and social protection policies
- Social cohesion and sustainable development policies

We invite the submission of abstract proposals presenting research and practices developed in academic and non-academic contexts in response to this call.

Proposals should include a theoretical framework, objectives, methodology, main findings, and conclusions.

Abstracts will be evaluated by the coordination team of the Thematic Section according to criteria such as:

- Relevance and alignment with the scope of the Thematic Section;
- Clarity of objectives and relevance of the theoretical framework;
- Methodological adequacy;
- Quality and consistency of the results presented;
- Contribution to the advancement of knowledge and/or to reflection within the public sphere.

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## Call for Papers

### Cultural Diversity and Spaces for Intervention [Thematic Section]

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Sociology is called upon to study the impacts of the rapid social, cultural and technological transformations taking place in contemporary societies, including those relating to cultural diversity, social inequalities, discrimination, racism, xenophobia and hate speech.

In this era marked by major crises and the worsening of inequalities and vulnerabilities yet also characterized by international mobility —whether for tourism or migration— contemporary societies are culturally diverse, with the convergence of multiple cultures in both urban and non-urban areas.

It is important that Sociology thoroughly analyses the consequences of extremist, xenophobic and racist movements and their corrosive effect on the freedoms and rights won through the revolution of 25 April 1974. The aim of safeguarding pluralistic cultural expressions and preserving intercultural and religious relations, as well as ensuring dignified conditions for welcoming immigrants and refugees, are objectives that Portuguese society must unequivocally uphold.

The thematic section ‘Cultural Diversities and Spaces of Intervention’ aims to bring together papers that reflect, from a theoretical, methodological and social intervention perspective, on contemporary social, cultural and technological changes, as well as contributions that affirm sociological knowledge regarding cultural diversities in the public sphere of intervention. We welcome papers addressing the following thematic areas:

- Cultural diversity and sociological knowledge;
- Theoretical and methodological approaches to cultural diversity;
- Spaces for intervention and the role of public sociology;
- Mobility and its impact on territories and knowledge;
- Identities and borders;
- Digital technologies and cultural diversity;
- Sociological imagination and cultural diversity;
- Democracy and cultural expressions;
- Intercultural mediation and intervention;
- Social intervention in segregated and marginalised spaces;

- Citizenship and structural racism;
- Anti-Semitism, anti-Gypsyism, Gypsyphobia, Islamophobia, etc.
- The future of cultural diversity;
- Spaces for reception and social intervention;
- Extremism, hate speech and racism;
- Methodological innovation, research methodologies and cultural diversity;
- Policies and management of cultural diversity.

We invite the submission of abstract proposals based on academic and non-academic research, including empirical work, theoretical and methodological contributions, as well as reports of professional experiences.

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## Call for Papers Environment and Society [Thematic Section]

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In a context marked by the intensification of climate change, ecological degradation, biodiversity loss, resource scarcity, energy and food insecurity, as well as the deepening of social and territorial inequalities and the erosion of democratic values in various parts of the world, the relationships between environment and society have assumed an inevitable centrality in sociological debate. Contemporary socio-ecological challenges raise decisive questions concerning ways of life, models of development, forms of governance, and processes of public participation, calling upon Sociology to reflect critically on its role in understanding these processes and in constructing more just, sustainable, and democratic futures.

Within the broader theme of the XIV Portuguese Congress of Sociology – “Futures in Construction: Sociology in the Public Sphere” – the Thematic Section on Environment and Society aims to establish itself as a space for debate on the contributions of Sociology to the analysis of the complexity and multidimensionality of socio-ecological crises, as well as to the formulation of socially relevant alternatives. In particular, we aim to discuss how sociological knowledge may contribute to enhancing public debate on environment and sustainability, informing public policies, strengthening participatory processes, and giving visibility to the experiences, vulnerabilities, conflicts, and aspirations of different social groups in the face of the ecological transition.

Current transformations require approaches that can link global and local scales, scientific knowledge and situated knowledges, academic research and social intervention.

In this context, it is also important to consider multispecies relationships, acknowledging that contemporary socio-ecological challenges involve complex forms of interdependence between humans and non-humans, with implications for sustainability, justice, and modes of collective coexistence.

The Thematic Section on Environment and Society welcomes proposals that explore how environmental problems are experienced, represented, contested, and politically framed in the public sphere, as well as the opportunities for co-designing more inclusive and democratic responses.

The Thematic Section welcomes proposals for oral communications in the following topics:

- The Anthropocene (and related critical concepts), socio-ecological crises, and contested futures

- Climate change, social transformation, and climate justice
- Environmental governance, public policies, and citizen participation
- Socio-ecological transitions, energy, and decarbonization
- Territories, natural resources, environmental justice, and socio-environmental conflicts
- Cities, mobility, and urban sustainability
- Consumption, lifestyles, and social practices
- Knowledge, communication, and public perceptions of the environment
- Health, environment, well-being, and multispecies relations
- Biodiversity, nature conservation, and sustainability
- Social movements, climate activism, and collective action

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## Call for Papers

### Families and life courses [Thematic Section]

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Changes in families and life courses in contemporary societies has been posing new challenges to sociological analysis, calling for continuous, scientifically based and comprehensive reflection on the inequalities, mobilities, and uncertainties that shape “futures in the making”. Aligned with the theme of the XIV Portuguese Congress of Sociology, the ST-FCV invites the sociological community to engage in a critical reflection on families and lifecourses, articulating with the theme of futures in the making and sociology in the public sphere, in a context in which narratives of uncertainty intersect with narratives of the future.

In a scenario marked by the pluralisation of family structures, demographic ageing, migration, labour precarity and multiple crises - financial, housing, political, climatic and energy-related - it is important to understand how individuals think, construct and experience their relationships and lives in the present, but also how they desire, imagine, long for and plan their personal and family futures the life course. Socialisation plays a central role in the formation of values, expectations, and dispositions from the early years of the life course. Embedded in specific sociocultural contexts and framed by public policies that regulate fundamental dimensions of social life, such as education, work, gender, sexuality, parenthood, identities and care, individuals construct their family trajectories within a context of socially structured opportunities and constraints.

Agency enables individuals to interpret, negotiate and, at times, transform these conditions, opening space for trajectories that are not limited to the reproduction of the past, but which challenge, resignify and reinvent representations, practices and discourses about family life and the life course. Therefore, if on the one hand, the future does not emerge as a pre-determined destiny, but rather as a field of possibilities in the making, where different voices, experiences and choices contribute to plural ways of living family life and the life course, asserting margins of freedom, change and social innovation. On the other hand, national and global realities are permeated by strong social inequalities associated with structural coordinates such as gender, age, social class, ethnicity, sexuality and geography, among others. Such vulnerabilities, combined with unanticipated events, disasters and multiple crises, threaten the perception of predictability of the future and the capacity of individuals, families and communities to respond and adapt, demanding a constant adjustment and reformulation of plans and expectations over the life course.

In this regard, the sociology of families and life courses intersects with the sociology of the public sphere, by producing knowledge that sheds light on these experiences and contributes to their collective problematisation, gaining even greater relevance in a mediatic arena where disinformation, fake news, and actors and discourses driven by specific agendas proliferate and contaminate the scientific debate. It, thus, becomes essential to give visibility to these dynamics, promoting a critical reflection grounded in the scientific method, which highlights how individual and family experiences are articulated with broader societal processes, which can inform public debate and the design of public policies and social responses that are more sensitive to uncertainty and to the diversity of lifecourse trajectories.

For the XIV Portuguese Congress of Sociology, the ST-FCV invites the submission of multi-format communications, both completed and ongoing work, which aim to discuss, in a non-mutually exclusive way, the following topics, among others:

- Risks, uncertainties, (in)equalities and vulnerabilities over the life course
- Redefinitions and pluralisation of the idea of family
- Families and returns to the past: challenges for the social and political future
- Families, migration, and transnational and culturally diverse lives
- Families and life courses in contexts of wars and geopolitical conflicts
- Democracies, birth and end of life: ethical dilemmas of living and dying
- Technologies, digitalisation and the online world: disconnections and reconnections
- Human rights and identities: between inclusion and family exclusion
- The weight of the past in the future of family precarity: health, housing, education, employment and care
- Families in times of multiple crises: vulnerabilities, risks and responses
- The future of families: policies and agents in the making
- Families powered by AI: possibilities between reality and fiction
- Family life and life courses beyond normativity: visibilities and invisibilities
- Families, eco-anxiety and climate change
- Theoretical and methodological debates in the study of families and life courses
- Violence(s) within families and across the life course

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## Call for Papers Globalization, Politics and Citizenship [Thematic Section]

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Mara Clemente [ CICS.NOVA.UÉvora ]

The XIV Portuguese Congress of Sociology, titled "Futures in Construction: Sociology in the Public Sphere," invites us to reflect on the role of our discipline in the production of socially relevant knowledge and its presence in the public sphere. Considering the current scenario—characterized by constant and profound technological changes as well as deep crises affecting various dimensions of human life—the Thematic Section on Globalization, Politics, and Citizenship offers a privileged space to analyze how global flows of people, ideas, and capital are both contributing and responding to these shifts and crises, redefining citizenship practices and challenging the policies of contemporary democracies.

The ST Globalization, Politics, and Citizenship calls for papers, posters, and visual documents (such as short films) that aim to:

- Analyze the processes of creating sociological knowledge on and with marginalized and stigmatized individuals and groups whose citizenship and political decision are being tested by current changes and crises;
- Discuss the most recent citizenship policies and practices of both States and individuals to promote their interests;
- Reflect on the ambiguities and dilemmas that activists, groups, and organizations encounter in asserting citizenship rights in the face of the rise of identity politics;
- Present the opportunities and limitations for sociology to contribute to strengthening the citizenship and political participation of individuals and groups, such as migrant workers, refugees, sex workers, institutionalized individuals, the poor, etc.;
- Discuss the opportunities and limits of citizenship regarding (new) technologies and how the forms of sociology contribute to it.

Special attention will be given to proposals - from academic or professional circles - that present results of empirical research and/or that problematize, in an innovative way, concepts and/or discuss the most recent policies and social changes.

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## Call for Papers

### **Identities, Values and Ways of Life [Thematic Area]**

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**Coordinators:**

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Miguel Chaves (NOVA FCSH)

Values, identities and ways of life are central dimensions of sociological analysis, with implications for understanding the present and critically examining possible futures. At a time when the 14th Portuguese Congress of Sociology calls on the discipline to intervene more actively in the public sphere, it is important to consider these dimensions not only as objects of study, but also as entry points for interpreting social tensions, emerging inequalities and different ways of imagining and contesting what comes next.

The contemporary context, marked by political uncertainty, environmental crises, technological acceleration, and economic and geopolitical reconfigurations, has transformed the ways in which people understand themselves, relate to one another and project their expectations. Forms of belonging become more fluid or contested; values may reinforce continuities or precipitate ruptures; ways of life are reorganised in response to unequal opportunities, material constraints, cultural patterns and new digital mediations. Understanding these movements is essential to improving the quality of public debate and to shedding light on processes of collective decision-making, a central purpose of the theme Futures in the Making: Sociology in the Public Sphere.

This thematic area brings together contributions that help us understand how people live and what guides their choices, how they interpret the changes around them, and what narratives they produce about themselves and the world. It seeks to explore the role of values in shaping social expectations; the formation and transformation of individual and collective identities; the ways of life that emerge across different social, generational, territorial or digital spaces; and the relationships between everyday life, citizenship and participation. Particularly relevant are contributions that show how these dimensions engage with public issues and processes of intervention, from public policies to community initiatives, and from professional cultures to cultural and media practices.

We invite proposals based on empirical research, theoretical or methodological analyses, applied studies or professional experiences that contribute to understanding these dynamics in all their diversity. In the assessment process, consideration will be given to the clarity with which the problem is formulated, the suitability of the theoretical framework, the clarity with which methodological choices are set out, and the relevance of the findings or lines of discussion presented.

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## Call for Papers Knowledge, Science and Technology [Thematic Section]

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### Coordinators:

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Nina Amelung, Instituto de Ciências Sociais, Universidade de Lisboa  
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Contemporary societies are being reshaped by profound transformations in the production, circulation, legitimization and contestation of knowledge that unfold in a context marked by climate change crises, growing inequalities, geopolitical instability, health crises, the erosion of trust in institutions and expertise, and the rise of authoritarian and anti-democratic forces. These dynamics have brought questions surrounding expertise, misinformation, epistemic inequalities, digital power, surveillance, sustainability and participation have become central to understanding how futures can be imagined and built. In this context, if scientific knowledge and technology play an increasingly structuring role in societal organization, yet they are also sites of controversy, exclusion, resistance and political dispute.

The Thematic Section Knowledge, Science and Technology of the Portuguese Association of Sociology invites contributions that critically examine how technoscientific developments both shape and are shaped by broader social, political and economic dynamics as well as the role of knowledge, science and technology in the construction of collective futures, paying particular attention to their implications for democracy, justice and social organization. We welcome contributions that explore both the risks associated with contemporary sociotechnical transformations and the possibilities they create for more inclusive, democratic and sustainable futures.

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## Call for Papers

### Migrations, Ethnicity and Racism [Thematic Section]

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#### Coordinators:

Sofia Gaspar [CIES-Iscte]

Carlos Nolasco [CES/UC]

Nuno Oliveira [CIES-Iscte]

In a period of contemporary history in which mobility has become an integral part of individuals' social, family and professional trajectories, one of the main challenges facing sociology is to think critically about migration in articulation with processes of ethnicisation, racialisation and the production of inequalities. Human migration constitutes one of the central axes of contemporary social dynamics, crossing physical and symbolic borders and calling into question hegemonic models of belonging, citizenship and identity.

Migratory experiences are profoundly shaped by power relations that are expressed through ethnicity, racism, racial discrimination and other forms of social exclusion, frequently reinforced by public and media discourses. Concepts such as integration, ethnic minoritisation, immigration, migrants' rights, xenophobia, structural racism and post-colonialism today occupy a central place in public and political debate, often associated with polarised, stereotyped or securitised narratives.

In this sense, migration challenges methodological nationalism and requires critical, intersectional and transnational sociological approaches capable of understanding how migratory processes are articulated with regimes of racialisation, the production of otherness and social hierarchies in different national and supranational contexts.

In the current context of the repoliticisation of migration and the resurgence of populist and racialising discourses, migrants and racialised populations are frequently mobilised as symbolic categories in public debate, contributing to the normalisation of explicit and subtle forms of racism and exclusion. Within this framework, Sociology plays a fundamental role in the critical problematisation of dominant discourses, through the production of empirically grounded knowledge with social relevance, capable of dialoguing with and challenging the public sphere. Through sociological research on migration, ethnicity and racism, it becomes possible to counter superficial and stereotyped readings of social reality, producing empirically robust and publicly relevant knowledge.

In articulation with the theme of the XIV Portuguese Congress of Sociology — *"Futures Under Construction: Sociology in the Public Sphere"* — this thematic section invites the submission of papers that analyse migration as a structuring phenomenon of contemporary societies, paying particular attention to its implications for the (re)production of ethno-racial inequalities, for the quality of democracy and for the collective construction of fairer, more inclusive and more plural futures.

Proposals are welcome that explore, among others, the following thematic axes:

- Contemporary international migration and regimes of racialisation
- Migration, ethnicity and the construction of otherness
- Migration, racism(s) and racial discrimination
- Migration and Digital Governance
- Climate Migration and Environmental Racism
- Emigration and immigration in Portugal: ethno-racial dynamics
- Migration, gender and intersectionality
- Refugees, asylum and the racialisation of international protection
- Migration, the media, public discourse and the production of stigma
- The politicisation of migration, populism and racism
- Post-colonial migration and colonial legacies
- Ethnicity/ethnicities, identity/identities and transnational belongings
- Xenophobia, institutional racism and symbolic violence
- Migration, citizenship and differentiated exclusions
- Transnationalism, diasporas and racial identities

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## Call for Papers

### Population Dynamics, Generations and Ageing [Thematic Area]

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#### Coordinators:

Isabel Dias (U.Porto)  
Cristina Sousa Gomes (U. Aveiro)

Population and generational dynamics are now a key framework for understanding social transformations, with an impact that extends beyond strictly demographic considerations. In Portugal, demographic ageing is one of the most significant changes, affecting social relations, life courses, care systems, and participation. At the 14th Portuguese Congress of Sociology, entitled “Building Futures: Sociology in the Public Sphere”, it is clear that these dynamics are central to public debate, influencing the development of public policies and more inclusive social responses.

As a multidimensional process, ageing links individual and structural levels, revealing both inequalities accumulated throughout the life cycle and potential for participation, social contribution and innovation. Therefore, rather than being seen as a challenge, it is a prime area for considering possible social futures.

Sociology plays a fundamental role in producing critical knowledge, problematising ongoing changes, and mediating between science and society. By integrating different actors and territories, sociology contributes to more informed public policies and to the construction of societies capable of responding to ongoing demographic transformations.

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## Call for Papers

### Poverty, Social Exclusion and Social Policies [Thematic Section]

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#### Coordinators:

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Alexandra Lopes [FLUP-Uporto]

Ana Rita Matias [UAçores]

In a world where we are witnessing a rise in inequalities—which are multidimensional, intersectional and cumulative in nature—sociological knowledge is essential for understanding social dynamics and finding the fairest and most effective solutions to the social, political and economic challenges of today’s world. In this regard, the Thematic Section on Poverty, Social Exclusion and Social Policies invites submissions of abstracts for academic and non-academic research that enable:

- i) Reflection on how current dynamics in Portuguese society and the global world shape and reshape experiences of poverty and exclusion;
- ii) Describe, examine and critically analyse the forms that poverty and exclusion take within a rapidly changing local, national or global socio-economic and political context;
- iii) Analyse and scrutinise the responses provided by public policies;
- iv) Examine discourses on poverty, social exclusion and social policies in relation to the construction of a more egalitarian future;
- v) Analyse modes of production, circulation and use of sociological knowledge in the public sphere, in relation to phenomena of poverty and social exclusion, including those related to the design and evaluation of social policies.

We invite the submission of abstract proposals based on academic and non-academic research, including empirical work, theoretical and methodological contributions, as well as reports of professional experiences.

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**Call for Papers**  
**Security, Defence and Armed Forces [Thematic Section]**  
**Defense, Armed Forces, and the Public Sphere: (In)securities Under**  
**Construction**

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**Coordinators:**

Ana Romão [Academia Militar, CINAMIL; CICS.NOVA]

Maria da Saudade Baltazar [UÉvora; CICS.NOVA]

Nuno Poiares [Inst. Superior de Ciências Policiais e Segurança Interna, ICPOL]

With the return of war to Europe, in a context of geopolitical uncertainty, technological transformation, and communicational polarization, security and defence have become central dimensions of the public sphere. The thematic area Security, Defence, and Armed Forces invite the submission of papers that, from sociological and interdisciplinary perspectives, explore how security futures are constructed and how they are debated, contested, and legitimized in the public sphere.

The section welcomes theoretical, empirical, and methodological contributions (qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods), as well as comparative analyses and case studies (Portugal and international contexts), including critical approaches to public policies, institutional practices, and dynamics of participation and contestation in the public sphere.

By way of example, proposals addressing topics such as the following are particularly welcome:

- Human rights and police/military education and training in multicultural contexts;
- Public opinion, trust, legitimacy, and accountability of military and police institutions;
- Hate speech, disinformation, radicalization, and extremisms;
- Intersectorality and security governance (education, health, justice, migration, civil protection, local authorities);
- Recruitment, careers, professionalization, working conditions, and organizational cultures;
- Security technologies: surveillance, AI, cybersecurity, and privacy;
- Borders, migration, asylum, and securitization (including international cooperation);
- Use of force, conflict mediation, and internal/external oversight mechanisms;
- Memory, national identity, military symbolism, and media representations of the armed forces and security forces;
- Civil–military relations, citizen participation, and transparency in public decision-making on defence;
- Environmental and climate security: disasters, resilience, civil protection;
- Anticipating instability: scenarios and the social construction of security and Defence Futures.

In line with the articulation between knowledge production and social impact, the Security, Defence, and Armed Forces section aims to foster a space for dialogue between research and practice, in keeping with the APS tradition. Alongside theoretical contributions, we welcome applied and action research proposals developed in professional settings, including by participants outside academia (e.g., armed forces, security services, civil protection, justice, local authorities, NGOs, education, health, technology, cybersecurity, or the media). We particularly encourage submissions from early-career professionals and researchers, including work in progress and collaborative projects linking academia, institutions, and communities.

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## Call for Papers

### Sexuality and Gender [Thematic Section]

#### Coordinators:

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 Sandra Palma Saleiro [CIES-Iscte, Iscte - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa]  
 António Pedro Fidalgo [Centre for Social Studies – CES]

In Portuguese society, sexuality and gender remain a source of conflict around some of the most profound and politically divisive issues of our time, particularly those relating to bodily, gender, intimate and relational self-determination. These issues now occupy a central place in public and legislative debate. In this context, Sociology is called upon to intervene in an informed and critical manner, contributing to the discussions that shape the future of sexuality and gender as socially constructed (and regulated) dimensions of human experience.

For the first time since the decriminalisation of homosexuality in 1982 (Decree-Law No. 400/82 of 23 September), Portuguese society has witnessed setbacks in the policies through which the State regulates sexuality and gender, as well as their expression in the public sphere. These developments are in line with global trends of shrinking of rights concerning intimate and sexual citizenship in various countries around the world, with processes of criminalisation of social movements and the spread of ‘anti-gender’ and ‘anti-scientific’ discourses, often associated with populist and/or authoritarian political projects, which, as stated in the call for papers for this Congress, “call into question the functioning of democracies”.

In this context, it is crucial to continue fostering research and dialogue in the thematic field of sexuality and gender, drawing on the collective experience of researchers in Sociology and other disciplines, as well as interdisciplinary contributions and, more than ever, those from non-academic contexts – the public and private sectors, the social and solidarity economy, social movements and civil society. In this regard, we warmly welcome and encourage all proposals from professionals, artists, activists, volunteers and other stakeholders working in the field of sexuality and gender. We also encourage the participation of students and young researchers.

The APS Thematic Section on Sexuality and Gender invites the submission of proposals for oral presentations (which may include photography, artistic works, short films, fanzines, archival materials, etc.), resulting from research projects, interventions, reports or other relevant activities in this area. Proposals addressing, amongst others, the following thematic areas:

- (1) Gender, feminist and women’s studies;
- (2) LGBTQIA+/queer studies;
- (3) Professional practices in the field of sexuality and gender;
- (4) Interdisciplinary studies in the field of sexuality and gender;
- (5) Public and social policies and best practices in promoting gender equality and combating LGBTQIA+ discrimination;
- (6) Studies on ‘anti-gender’ policies and practices in contemporary societies;

- (7) Gender inequalities and violence in public and private spaces and across different territories;
- (8) Sexuality and gender in the age of artificial intelligence;
- (9) Sexuality and gender in activism, artistic practices and social movements;
- (10) Intersectional approaches to sexuality and gender, in relation to other axes of oppression (racialisation, ethnicity, social class, disability, health, religion, migration, rurality and others);
- (11) Theories, methodologies and innovation: Presentation of theoretical proposals, methodological processes and approaches in research and sociological practice on sexuality and gender.

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## Call for Papers Sociology of Consumption [Thematic Section]

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### Coordinators:

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Hernâni Veloso Neto [University of Minho and Institute of Sociology - University of Porto]  
Catarina Sales Oliveira [University of Beira Interior]

The 14th Portuguese Congress of Sociology, under the theme Futures Under Construction: Sociology in the Public Sphere, thus presents itself as a forum for reflection on the ways in which sociological knowledge is produced, circulated and utilised within society. It also seeks to discuss the contribution of sociology to the quality of public debate, to the underpinning of public policy, and to the strengthening of democratic life. Beyond the scientific understanding of major contemporary challenges, it proposes to debate the role of sociology as a field of knowledge for collectively imagining and constructing alternative futures.

In line with the overall theme of the congress, knowledge about the social practices and dynamics of consumption also seems relevant to understanding societies, as well as providing a sociological basis from which to imagine, think about, and chart alternative futures. Consumption occupies a central place in the contemporary public sphere, representing a privileged terrain where debates on citizenship, sustainability and social transformation converge. At a time when the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) challenge societies, institutions and individuals alike, consumption practices emerge as a critical axis of sociological analysis: they simultaneously reflect social structures, serve as arenas of political and cultural contestation, and act as potential vectors of change. Sociology of Consumption is thus called upon to examine how consumption is inscribed in the public sphere, shaping and being shaped by values, norms, markets and policies, and how it may contribute to more just and sustainable futures.

This thematic section invites the submission of communication proposals that explore the intersection between consumption and the public sphere or other social dynamics of consumption, from theoretical, empirical, or action-research perspectives. Among other topics, proposals may be submitted on subjects such as:

### **Consumption and the public sphere**

- Consumption as a political act: boycotts, buycotting and consumer mobilisation
- Consumers as actors in the public sphere: consumer defence movements, consumption cooperatives and boycott campaigns
- Social movements around consumption: from fair trade to veganism, food cooperatives and slow fashion
- Consumer associations and advocacy: organisations, collective litigation and regulation
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- Case studies in collective mobilisation around consumption: anti-consumption movements, voluntary simplicity, degrowth and consumer activism
- Consumption regulation, public policies and democratic debate
- Media, public opinion and consumption agendas
- Brands, advertising and symbolic disputes in the public sphere

### **Consumption and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

- SDG 12 — Responsible production and consumption: practices, policies and actors
- SDGs 1 & 10 — Poverty, inequality and access to consumption
- SDG 2 — Sustainable food systems and food consumption patterns
- SDG 3 — Consumption, health and well-being: from pharmaceuticals to digital wellness
- SDG 5 — Gender, consumption and sustainable development
- SDG 11 — Cities, sustainable communities and urban consumption patterns
- SDG 13 — Consumption, climate change and ecological transition

### **Consumer practices and theories**

- Social effects of economic behaviour: rationalities, norms and collective consequences
- Collaborative consumption and sharing economy
- Consumption and body
- Consumer practices
- Ethical, conscious and critical consumption
- Consumerism and food
- Consumerism and gender
- Intergenerational relations and consumer cultures (children, young people, adults and senior citizens)
- Markets and consumption
- Money and consumption
- Theories on consumption and consumers
- Consumption, animals and nature
- Consumerism, transport and mobility
- Fashion and clothing

### **Digital consumption and new dynamics**

- Digital consumption and e-commerce
- New actors in digital consumption (social networks, influencers, youtubers...)
- Advertising and consumption: languages and representations
- New trends and dynamics in audiovisual consumption (Netflix, HBO...)

### **Consumption spaces and territories**

- Urban consumption spaces
- Rural and/or peripheral consumption

We particularly encourage submissions from early-career researchers, master's and doctoral students, as well as professionals engaged in applied research or action-research projects outside academia.

We invite the submission of abstract proposals based on academic and non-academic research, including empirical work, theoretical and methodological contributions, as well as reports of professional experiences.

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## Sociology of Education [Thematic Section]

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In a context marked by ongoing and interconnected crises, persistent inequalities, rapid technological transformations, and democratic tensions, education emerges simultaneously as a promise and as a field of controversy, being called upon to create or transform possible futures (UNESCO, 2022).

More than simply one sector among others within the complex machinery of society, education — particularly public schools — can be understood as a project for the future, rooted in a complex historical trajectory shaped by tensions, ambivalences, and disputes over its purposes, forms, and responsibilities. Between expectations of social redemption and structural limitations, schools continue to be invested with a central role in addressing collective problems — from social cohesion to sustainability, from citizenship to innovation — even though, as Dubet and Duru-Bellat (2020) underline, many of the problems manifested within schools originate outside their sphere of intervention, making any promise of an exclusively school-based solution (or educational, if this discussion includes the educational field in a broader sense), necessarily incomplete.

Within this framework, the relationship between education and society constitutes a privileged domain through which to question the quality of contemporary democracies. As Biesta (2019, 2025) argues, the tensions between political and educational discourses reveal not only different conceptions of what education should be, but also broader disputes concerning the directions of collective life and the futures that societies seek to imagine, reproduce, or transform. The pressure placed on education to respond to multiple — and at times contradictory — mandates intensifies its character as a field in constant reconfiguration, where continuous public policy intervention coexists with new investments, new forms of education, and a growing diversity of actors.

Thus, thinking about education today implies recognising it as a continuously expanding process that extends beyond the boundaries of the school and is embedded within a broader ecosystem of practices, institutions, and temporalities. By producing critical knowledge about these dynamics, the sociology of education plays a fundamental role in understanding these transformations, identifying their constitutive tensions, and problematising their promises. Rather than offering closed answers, it contributes to sustaining an informed and plural reflection on the possible paths of education as a collective project for the future (Neves & Justino, 2018).

In this sense, the Thematic Section on Sociology of Education invites the submission of paper

proposals from sociologists and other social scientists, arising from research and/or professional practice developed within the educational field. While acknowledging the differences between more academic and more praxiological forms of work, proposals should clearly explain their methodological approach and be grounded in work/interventions that innovate in the production of knowledge.

Proposals should include a theoretical framework, objectives, methodology, main results, and conclusions. Contributions of a professional nature may take the form of experience reports, including context, objectives, actors involved, methodologies, activities developed, and key learnings.

Proposals should make a relevant contribution to the discussion of the Congress theme and, more specifically, to this call, focusing on the role of the sociology of education in producing scientific and technical knowledge capable of informing public debate, supporting collective decision-making, strengthening democratic life, and reflecting on current processes (such as recent transformations in access to the teaching profession, the datafication of schools, new educational actors and territories, essential learning frameworks, etc.), with a view to contributing to the construction of educational and training futures.

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## Call for Papers Sociology of Health [Thematic Section]

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### Health 4.0: Could the future be healthier?

Against a backdrop of rapid social, economic, political and climatic change, it is becoming increasingly clear that these transformations are inextricably linked to the way we experience and live with health, both individually and collectively. We have never been healthier, and we have never lived for so long. However, the emergence of new epidemics, the succession of environmental disasters and armed conflicts, the rise of polarising discourse, as well as changes in the workplace, in the possibilities for work-life balance and social interaction, and a life increasingly mediated by social media, threaten our health and force us to reorganise our daily lives. Consequently, new diseases, new treatments and new ways of organising care are emerging, whilst inequalities are becoming more pronounced and institutional responses from health systems are becoming scarce. Sociology, particularly the health sociology, has been producing diverse and pluralistic knowledge, thereby constituting a fundamental pillar for addressing current challenges, but also for contributing, in a solid manner and grounded in robust knowledge, to the future of health. Accordingly, the thematic section on the sociology of health invites proposals focusing (though not exclusively) on the following themes:

- a) Unique journeys and plural experiences of health: How do we relate today to the body, to health and to illness in a context hyper-mediated by the presence and use of technology? What relationships are emerging (or fading) with healthcare professionals and institutions? What forms of knowledge are coming into interaction or conflict in the age of generative artificial intelligence?
- b) Institutional and policy responses: How can the pressure on national health systems be alleviated? What emerges from the resilience of the systems and those who build them, be they healthcare professionals, administrative staff, service users, families, commercial agents and suppliers, or the social, private and complementary sectors?
- c) Health at a global level: In a globalised world, where borders are sometimes blurring and sometimes rising, how is the role of the main international health agencies shaped? How are changes in the global context reflected in local planning, or how do services respond to international challenges, ranging from responses to migration flows to geopolitical and climate changes impacting global health?
- d) Polarities: In the amalgam of institutions, individuals, new health professionals and influencers, how do these multiple forms of knowledge, sociabilities and actors intertwine, converge and/or conflict in the production of alternative responses to health and well-being?

We also interrogate how, in this rapidly changing context, the ‘old’ sociological assumptions about health and illness will fare in the future. How might sociology—and health sociology in particular—contribute to better health, or even to a single concept of health, for both people and ecosystems? Will the society of the future evolve into a healthier, fairer and more equal society?

We invite the submission of abstract proposals based on academic and non-academic research, including empirical work, theoretical and methodological contributions, as well as reports of professional experiences.

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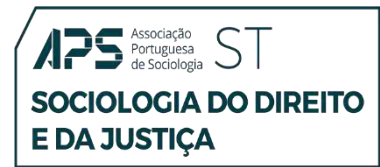
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## Call for Papers Sociology of Law and Justice [Thematic Section]

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 João Paulo Dias [CES-UC]  
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 Vera Duare [UMaia]

The Thematic Section of Sociology of Law and Justice of the Portuguese Sociological Association invites the submission of papers for the 14th Portuguese Congress of Sociology, under the theme “Futures Under Construction: Sociology in the Public Sphere”. The Congress will take place at the University of Algarve, in an in-person format from 23 to 25 March 2027. It will also include a dedicated day for online presentations on 22 March 2027.

The general theme of the Congress invites us to reflect critically on the role of Sociology in the public sphere, particularly through its activities of producing and disseminating informed knowledge; its engagement with different groups of citizens and diverse formats of participation; and its problematisation of the conditions under which knowledge is produced, as well as the ethical dilemmas that cut across scientific research.

Within this context, the Sociology of Law and Justice plays an important role in this disciplinary mobilisation by examining, among other issues: democratic institutions, practices of separation of powers, and the interconnections between the political and the legal; the protection and mobilisation of human rights and their diverse conceptualisations; the multiple and often intersectional forms of inequality and their effects on the development of full citizenship and social justice; the conditions, experiences, and impacts of deprivation of liberty (including juvenile justice, prisons, and other forms of confinement), as well as debates surrounding reformism, penal abolitionism, and punitivism as social responses; the use of technology and artificial intelligence in the legal-penal field and the ethical challenges associated with algorithmic societies, situated between political and legislative choices and everyday practice; and ideological polarisation and its impacts on the public sphere.

Participating in the construction of a shared future is part of the mission of Sociology – and of the Sociology of Law and Justice in particular, especially given its growing relevance across the multiple dimensions of the public sphere.

The Thematic Section of Sociology of Law and Justice welcomes proposals for thematic sessions and individual papers that fall, among others, within the following areas:

- Sociology of Law and Justice within Sociology: epistemological, theoretical, and methodological reflections on the action of the Sociology of Law and Justice, its objects, boundaries, and contributions to sociological debates and to public-sphere intervention.

- Law, fundamental rights, and democracy in contexts of crisis(es): reconfigurations of the rule of law, challenges to democratic constitutionalism, and the protection and redefinition of fundamental rights in contexts of social, political, and economic instability.
- Legal pluralisms, citizenship, and migration: interactions between state and non-state forms of regulation, mobility, belonging, exclusion, recognition, and the defence of rights, with a focus on vulnerable populations.
- Juvenile and criminal justice, crime, and social control: processes of criminalisation and decriminalisation, penal policies, purposes of punishment, juvenile justice, prison systems, and other measures of deprivation of liberty, including the experiences of vulnerable individuals and groups in custodial contexts.
- Violence, inequalities, and intersectionalities: symbolic and material forms of violence, social fragmentation, polarisation, and cultural conflicts, with particular attention to gender-based violence, racism, and other forms of structural discrimination in access to justice and in the application of the law.
- Technology, artificial intelligence, and law: the impacts of new technologies on legal systems, the use of algorithms, emerging ethics, and new social and legal relations.
- Technology, disinformation, and digital authoritarianism: the impacts of artificial intelligence and digital platforms on democracy, addressing informational manipulation, digital populism, and authoritarian tendencies within technological capitalism.
- Actors, institutions, and legal practices: the role of courts, legal professionals, and new actors in the administration of justice.
- Research ethics and interspecies and technological relations: ethical issues, privileges, limits, and ambiguities of research, and legal and ethical challenges in relations between humans, animals, and machines.

Sociologists and other social scientists, Sociology students at different levels of training and in various professional contexts, and professionals working in law and justice are all invited to participate in this broad, plural, and interdisciplinary debate, enriched by diverse professional and research experiences across the multiple domains of the Sociology of Law and Justice.

The submission of abstract proposals based on completed or ongoing research projects, action-research processes, theoretical and/or methodological reflections, and professional experiences is strongly encouraged.

Proposals will be assessed according to three criteria: (1) relevance of the research question; (2) rigour and coherence in the justification of methodological choices and in the analysis of results; (3) the presumed quality of the foundations of the work presented (which may be of different natures, including empirical research, theoretical discussion, or experiences drawn from professional contexts, among others).

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## Call for Papers Sociology of Religion [Thematic Section]

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The 14th Congress of the APS is themed ‘Futures in the making: sociology in the public sphere’. Within this framework, the sociology of religion can offer a set of theoretical reflections and empirical studies grounded in a reality increasingly marked by religion. Indeed, although privatisation is a feature of Western societies, resulting from secularisation, there has been a countervailing trend of religious return to the public sphere. Globalisation and migration have altered Western religious landscapes, with consequent identity reformulations strongly associated with religion. In Portugal, this religious presence in the urban space is not only maintained within the Catholic field, but is also asserted by immigrant groups of diverse ethnicities and religions. Even non-Catholic Christian groups, associated with recent migratory flows, have also made their mark on the public sphere. Although Portugal is a predominantly Catholic country, its religious landscape is in motion, already displaying some dynamics typical of a religious market.

In this context, several issues are welcome within our thematic section, such as:

- Privatisation versus de-privatisation
- Increasing presence of religion in the public sphere
- Impact of migration on the reshaping of the religious landscape
- Impact of migration on religious visibility in the public sphere

In addition, the classical questions within our sociological field are also always welcome:

- Secularist political and legal strategies in the regulation of religion
- Instrumentalisation of religion by individual or collective actors to promote specific interests within the dynamics of social and political power
- External religious plurality: variety of religious groups existing within a given country or territory, strategies used to gain share in the religious market, relations between religious groups, relations with political power, limitations on religious freedom
- Internal religious plurality: liberalising attitudes and attitudes defending fidelity to traditional normativity, a tension that cuts across Catholics, historic Protestants, Evangelicals, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and others
- Defence of values motivated by religion in domains related to private morality (sexuality, life ethics)
- Variations in political and religious attitudes and positions in generational terms, with particular emphasis on religiously committed (or not) youth.

Accordingly, we welcome proposals that fall within the topics mentioned or within the sociology of religion more generally. We therefore invite all sociologists, researchers and related professionals to submit proposals for abstracts of situated research, in both academic and non-academic contexts. Proposals may include theoretical, methodological and/or empirical analyses, namely applied research projects or action research, among others, at more or less advanced stages. We make a particular appeal for the participation of early-career researchers, students and professionals, who may present coursework, master's dissertations, doctoral theses or non-academic work, whether completed or ongoing.

In evaluating proposals, we will consider not only their relevance to our Thematic Section, but also their theoretical, methodological and/or empirical quality, their contribution to the field, and the absence of an ideological bias.

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## Call for Papers Sociology of Sport [Thematic Section]

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Rahul Kumar [FMH-UL e IHC-UNL]

The Sociology of Sport Thematic Section of the APS welcomes the submission of proposals for papers presenting research situated in both academic and non-academic contexts. These proposals should start from an analysis of the sporting phenomenon to interpret processes that engage with the theme of the XIV APS Congress "Futures Under Construction: Sociology in the Public Sphere". In a context of polycrisis, where geopolitical conflicts, social inequalities, environmental degradation, and financial instability intersect, how can the sociology of sport contribute to the production of socially relevant knowledge? How can a closer look at the sporting phenomenon, anchored in the theoretical and methodological tools of sociology, help us interrogate the power structures of contemporary societies and offer fresh perspectives on them? What is the meaning of the sporting phenomenon in the face of the epochal transformations we face?

Starting from this set of questions, and taking the worlds of sport as central elements in the construction of the contemporary public sphere – as contexts of social integration and exclusion, of professional practice but also of leisure time occupation, of economic production but also of social reproduction, of political organization and participation, and finally, as part of the core of modern media systems – we aim to measure the levels of autonomy and interdependence of the sporting field relative to other spheres of activity and consider the hierarchies that form within each of them and between them.

We are especially interested in papers that explore the following thematic areas, and related ones:

- Major sporting events and their relationship with international geopolitics, the reproduction of national identities, the construction of neoliberal capitalism, and modern systems of governmentality;
- Public debates around sport: with a special focus on their relations with public policies and ideological formations; with regional, national, and international political economy; with citizenship policies, for example concerning naturalized athletes and those from racialized minorities, etc.;
- Mediatizations of sport, particularly the space of sports commentary and opinion and its rhetorical processes, processes of naturalizing or contesting dominant values in sports media discourse in its various forms;
- Sport and its pathologies: doping, violence, sports betting, corruption, sexual abuse, racial and gender discrimination, etc.

- Sports public policies for different sectors of the sporting field: federated, associative/grassroots, school-based, the presence of sport in electoral and party programs; parliamentary debates on sport, etc.;
- Sport and the environmental crisis: the adaptation of sports clubs to sustainable development goals; the reconfiguration of sporting events based on environmental criteria; greenwashing policies, etc.

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## Call for Papers Sociology of Tourism [Thematic Section]

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Public sociology engages with tourism in a paradoxical way: as a global social fact, vividly illustrated by its near-extinction during the recent COVID-19 pandemic and by the subsequent apparently unstoppable growth worldwide. Tourism mirrors the intrinsic contradictions of our world and poses diverse challenges to both scientific analysis and political intervention.

There is probably no other duality of human behaviour as mutually exclusive as tourism and war. Yet one of the widely held convictions of the last seventy years appears to have been dissolved by reality: that international travel—wholly or partly touristic—would gradually bring imperialist impulses to an end. At the time we are writing this call, two wars, still regional but expansionist in character, threaten to develop into a new global conflict. Even if it is not among the first victims of wars, tourism is also implicated in these contexts of crisis: either because the two phenomena exclude one another, or because they are reconfigured into highly specific niches (as certain forms of dark tourism illustrate). But precisely because they are profoundly human and therefore social phenomena, the rise and/or decline of either demands deep reflection on the part of sociology.

Although it constitutes tourism’s great antithesis, war is not the only major challenge confronting the sociology of tourism today. Climate change, environmental destruction, problems of (un)sustainability, the housing crisis in major cities, persistent global inequalities, and anti-tourism social movements are some of the challenges that the sociological perspective faces and that, directly or indirectly, (re)define tourism as an object of analysis.

This call for papers/posters from the Thematic Section Sociology of Tourism is aligned with the general call for papers for the 14th Congress, whose general theme is ‘Futures under Construction: Sociology in the Public Sphere’.

It is an imperative that tourism practices and the phenomena associated with them be subject to governance processes and public policies; for that very reason, they constitute privileged objects for a sociology of the public sphere. The 14th Portuguese Congress of Sociology will seek to foster reflection on the relationships between sociological research, public policies, and the diverse forms of social intervention and social transformation.

It is in this context that the Thematic Section Sociology of Tourism invites all sociologists and social scientists from other disciplinary fields who take tourism phenomena, in their multiple configurations, as objects of study, reflection, or intervention, to submit proposals for papers and/or posters to the 14th Portuguese Congress of Sociology, which, fittingly, will take place in a pre-eminent tourist territory—the Algarve—between 22 and 25 March 2027.

This invitation is addressed not only to academic colleagues who devote their research and teaching to tourism, but also to all those for whom tourism forms part of their professional activity at, for example, municipal, associative, or business levels.

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## Call for Papers

### Thematic Section Territories: Cities, Countryside and Seas

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A comprehensive and integrated understanding of territories, cities, countryside and seas is essential to grasp the complexity of the contemporary world. It is within territories – in their plurality of geographies and populations – that the ways of life of human (and non-human) societies are inscribed. Cities, countryside and seas are, to varying degrees, shaped by an urban hegemony that global capitalism has generalised and neoliberalism has legitimized. Its impacts have produced new territorial asymmetries: property speculation, touristification, socio-spatial segregation, territorial stigmatisation, urban precarisation, the depopulation of rural areas, and the climate crisis affecting terrestrial and marine ecosystems. The deepening of multiple, intersecting crises – economic, geopolitical, environmental, democratic, mental health, and related to trust in science – exacerbates inequalities, increases vulnerabilities and raises questions about the very idea of the future. At the same time, practices of civic participation and political resistance are multiplying across different territorial contexts, promoting ideals and/or creating alternatives for social, cultural and environmental justice. In this context, the challenge facing Sociology in this Thematic Session is to conceive of territories as fields of analysis where inequalities and conflicts are inscribed, but also where possibilities for social transformation, the construction of new imaginaries, and the co-creation of sociological knowledge emerge.

Considering contemporary territories as a fundamental dimension of social life, we invite sociologists, social scientists and other scholars (academic and non-academic) to share the results of their research, as well as relevant professional experiences in the public sphere, including reflections on early stages of research. We also encourage the participation of students and early-career researchers, inviting them to submit proposals within the scope of this debate, as fairer futures depend on a new generation of social scientists.

This Thematic Section is open to a wide variety of topics and issues within the scope of the 14th Portuguese Congress of Sociology, under the theme “Futures Under Construction: Sociology in the Public Sphere”, and welcomes proposals for papers related to:

- Current trends and transformations in urban and rural areas;
- Urban, housing, inclusion and territorial management policies;
- Gentrification, touristification and the creative city;
- Creativity, aesthetics, artistic practices and urban cultures;
- Urban citizenship and the right to the city;
- Social and urban movements, resistance and activism;

- Mobility and urban sprawl;
- Delinquency and urban violence;
- Peripheries, territorial stigma and socio-spatial segregation;
- Poverty, homelessness and marginalisation;
- Migration, refugees and displacement;
- Climate and pandemic crises;
- Mega-events, festivals, and urban and rural rituals;
- Urban and community gardens, and agriculture;
- Forest, pastoral and maritime sustainability;
- Coastal cities, maritime labour and recreational uses;
- Policies for the planning and management of maritime territory and marine resources;
- Knowledge, landscapes and imaginaries of maritime culture.

We invite the submission of abstract proposals based on academic and non-academic research, including empirical work, theoretical and methodological contributions, as well as reports of professional experiences.

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The Thematic Section will give preference to in-person presentations, while reserving some space for online presentations.

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## Call for Papers

### Sociology Theories and Methodologies [Thematic Area]

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Margarida Perestrelo (Dinâmia'CET, ISCTE-IUL)

The Sessions of the Thematic Area of “Theories and Methodologies” of the XIV Portuguese Sociology Congress aim to reflect on current innovations and best practices in all aspects of social science research theory and methodology and to promote interdisciplinary debate on the practice of sociological reason, having as its fundamental objective to contribute for the knowledge of the complexity and plurality of social interactions, for the deepening of the efficiency and rigor in the mobilization of theories and research methods and techniques in the disciplinary areas concerned.

In this sense, we will focus on communication proposals that refer to original works developed within the social sciences and incorporate elements capable of contributing to their theoretical and methodological development, particularly those that focus on: i) problematization and critical discussion of the scope and boundaries of the paradigms that underpin the logic of truly operative inquiry into the social sciences of today; ii) discussing challenges and presenting innovative ways of solving the theoretical and practical problems raised by research practice; iii) in the empirically illustrated analysis of the potentialities and limitations of the methodological choices made, whether tributary to eminently qualitative, eminently quantitative or mixed approaches.

Considering the general theme of this 14th Portuguese Congress of Sociology, under the theme Futures Under Construction: Sociology in the Public Sphere, communication proposals will be encouraged, from a theoretical and methodological point of view, to discuss the contribution to the quality of public debate, to the underpinning of public policy, and to the strengthening of democratic life.

We invite you to submit proposals for research summaries located in academic and non-academic contexts, coming from different areas of professional activity and/or training, in response to this call, in response to this call for proposals.

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## Call for Papers

### Territories: Cities, Countryside and Seas [Thematic Section]

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A comprehensive and integrated understanding of territories, cities, countryside and seas is essential to grasp the complexity of the contemporary world. It is within territories – in their plurality of geographies and populations – that the ways of life of human (and non-human) societies are inscribed. Cities, countryside and seas are, to varying degrees, shaped by an urban hegemony that global capitalism has generalised and neoliberalism has legitimized. Its impacts have produced new territorial asymmetries: property speculation, touristification, socio-spatial segregation, territorial stigmatisation, urban precarisation, the depopulation of rural areas, and the climate crisis affecting terrestrial and marine ecosystems. The deepening of multiple, intersecting crises – economic, geopolitical, environmental, democratic, mental health, and related to trust in science – exacerbates inequalities, increases vulnerabilities and raises questions about the very idea of the future. At the same time, practices of civic participation and political resistance are multiplying across different territorial contexts, promoting ideals and/or creating alternatives for social, cultural and environmental justice. In this context, the challenge facing Sociology in this Thematic Session is to conceive of territories as fields of analysis where inequalities and conflicts are inscribed, but also where possibilities for social transformation, the construction of new imaginaries, and the co-creation of sociological knowledge emerge.

Considering contemporary territories as a fundamental dimension of social life, we invite sociologists, social scientists and other scholars (academic and non-academic) to share the results of their research, as well as relevant professional experiences in the public sphere, including reflections on early stages of research. We also encourage the participation of students and early-career researchers, inviting them to submit proposals within the scope of this debate, as fairer futures depend on a new generation of social scientists.

This Thematic Section is open to a wide variety of topics and issues within the scope of the 14th Portuguese Congress of Sociology, under the theme “Futures Under Construction: Sociology in the Public Sphere”, and welcomes proposals for papers related to:

- Current trends and transformations in urban and rural areas;
- Urban, housing, inclusion and territorial management policies;
- Gentrification, touristification and the creative city;
- Creativity, aesthetics, artistic practices and urban cultures;
- Urban citizenship and the right to the city;
- Social and urban movements, resistance and activism;

- Mobility and urban sprawl;
- Delinquency and urban violence;
- Peripheries, territorial stigma and socio-spatial segregation;
- Poverty, homelessness and marginalisation;
- Migration, refugees and displacement;
- Climate and pandemic crises;
- Mega-events, festivals, and urban and rural rituals;
- Urban and community gardens, and agriculture;
- Forest, pastoral and maritime sustainability;
- Coastal cities, maritime labour and recreational uses;
- Policies for the planning and management of maritime territory and marine resources;
- Knowledge, landscapes and imaginaries of maritime culture.

We invite the submission of abstract proposals based on academic and non-academic research, including empirical work, theoretical and methodological contributions, as well as reports of professional experiences.

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The Thematic Section will give preference to in-person presentations, while reserving some space for online presentations.

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**Call for Papers**  
**Work, Organizations and Professions [Thematic Section]**  
**Futures of work in the public sphere:**  
**digitalization, precarization and civic participation**

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Under the overarching theme “Futures in Construction: Sociology in the Public Sphere”, this thematic section invites reflection on the contemporary transformations of work, organizations and professions, linking structural changes to their impacts on the public sphere. This topic is particularly relevant in a context marked by the intensification of digitalization, the spread of flexible organizational models, and the growing precarization of labour relations. At the same time, these dynamics are reshaping professional identities, regulatory frameworks, and forms of collective action.

Adopting an interdisciplinary perspective - bringing together contributions from the sociology of work, organizations, and social inequalities - this thematic section welcomes submissions addressing, among others, the following dimensions: i) Reconfigurations of work and professions in the face of automation, artificial intelligence, and digital platforms, anticipating possible futures; ii) New forms of precariousness and labour market segmentation, particularly affecting highly qualified young people and workers in emerging sectors; iii) Implications of these transformations for civic participation, collective representation, and the public visibility of labour-related issues.

The thematic section “Work, Organizations and Professions” engages directly with the contemporary challenges identified by the XIV Portuguese Congress of Sociology. It invites the academic community of sociologists, professionals, institutional decision-makers, as well as all those experiencing work-related realities in non-academic contexts, to contribute with reflections, experiences, and research proposals.

Without restricting submission formats (papers, posters, in-person or online presentations), the following thematic areas are suggested:

- Futures of work: towards a workless society?
- Digital work, platformization and (de)regulation
- New jobs in platform capitalism
- Digitalization, robotization and Artificial Intelligence
- Trade unions: more democracy or more ideology?

- Professional precarization and informal labour
- (Trans)national labour markets, migration flows and unemployment
- Organizational environments in crisis (burnout, harassment, mental health, etc.)
- Public policies and regulatory institutions: contradictions and challenges
- Employment policies and labour regulation
- Labour human rights (right to disconnect, protection of private life, etc.)
- Gender inequalities and ways to overcome them
- Work, citizenship and participation in the public sphere

These topics are not exhaustive; rather, they aim to stimulate plural and interdisciplinary debate on the futures of work. Submissions may include empirical research findings, theoretical and methodological contributions, as well as reflections grounded in professional practice.

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