



AFRICAN STUDIES

MA

ISCSP

INSTITUTO SUPERIOR DE
CIÊNCIAS SOCIAIS E POLÍTICAS
UNIVERSIDADE DE LISBOA

WHY

STUDY AFRICAN STUDIES AT ISCSP?

TRADITION AND INNOVATION

By studying Africa at ISCSP, you are joining a vibrant community of academics and national and international students who are actively concerned with understanding the African continent's complexity, diversity, contradictions, and challenges, as well as with evaluating research and contemporary debates about issues affecting different regions and countries.

With a long tradition in a high qualified teaching and researching, the study of Africa at ISCSP is distinctive in its combination of humanities and social sciences disciplines and of West and African perspectives about the historical, social, cultural, economic and political dynamics that have shaped Africa, as well as in its global vision of the continent that includes the North Africa.

ISCSP Library is one of the most important academic libraries for the study of Africa, attracting scholars and students from all over the world.



ISCSP is a centenary school and one of the oldest schools of the Universidade de Lisboa. Nowadays it is located at Campus Universitário da Ajuda, between Monsanto Forest Park and Tagus River in West Lisbon, with privileged access to city centre, Sintra and Cascais.

It offers a stimulating and welcoming academic atmosphere in social sciences, also hosting areas such as International Relations, Political Science, and Anthropology with whom African Studies fosters a healthy dialogue.

Teaching is supported in research conducted at the Centro de Estudos Africanos (CEAF) and other ISCSP research units such as Instituto do Oriente, Centro de Administração e Políticas Públicas, Centro Interdisciplinar de Estudos de Género, where students and academic staff are affiliated.

Academic staff is young, high qualified and specialized in diverse subareas of anthropology, with great experience in teaching and conducting undergraduate and graduate programmes and in supervising academic works, and with relevant research and national and international scientific production.

MA in African Studies at ISCSP along with CEAF stimulates high-quality research on a broad range of historical and contemporary African themes, promoting advancement in this area studies knowledge.

DEGREE PROGRAMME

MA IN AFRICAN STUDIES

The MA programme in African Studies offers students the opportunity to pursue different curricular tracks and acquiring different knowledge and skills profile they need to be able to succeed in doctoral studies or in a professional career in a wide range of different areas.

Students benefit from an active and international research community, integrating at CEAF and other research units to develop their research to the MA final works, supervised by high qualified and specialized academics and researchers.

The CEAF assumed the responsibility for coordinating, stimulating and promoting interdisciplinary study, research and discussion on Africa. It provides students with fieldwork and curricular traineeship opportunities at partner institutions, and develops other additional training activities such as community services, cultural and scientific events, knowledge sharing networks, national and international exchange and cooperation.

We privilege partnership with PALOP institutions and CPLP, and others such as Cruz Vermelha Portuguesa, Médicos do Mundo, AMI, UCCLA, Câmara de Comércio e Indústria Portugal Guiné-Bissau.

ISCSP annually conferred Merit Awards to distinguish MA final work in strategic research areas.

STUDY PLAN

Compulsory courses

Culture and Society: Sub-Saharan Africa

Culture and Society: Maghreb and Arab World

Africa: Regionalism and International System

Colonialism, Nationalism and Postcolonial Africa

Research Methodology

Political Economy of Development in Africa

Research Seminar: Project*

Option I

Option II

Option III

FINAL WORK

Optional Courses

Migration Dynamics and Refugees in Africa

Geopolitics of Africa: State, Conflict and Security

Education, Gender and Citizenship in Africa

Nature Conservation and Local Communities in Africa

Heritage and Politics of Culture in Africa

Memory and Imagining Present: African Narratives

“My experience as a student on African Studies at ISCSP was extremely rich and unforgettable. The curriculum content is broad and diversified curriculum and it contributes to further develop students’ intellectual skills and the understanding of several social realities of African continent. A highly qualified staff provided students a multitude of knowledge and offered all the support I needed along the course. In 2016, ISCSP distinguished my MA Dissertation assigning the Honourable Mention of the “CPLP Studies Awards”. I received the distinction with exceeding great joy and I felt gratitude as ISCSP recognise the efforts and the merit of its students.”

GABRIELI GAIO



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

We offer unique experiences to develop your anthropology knowledge and research skills, preparing you for the career path you choose in several national and international organizations:

- Government, NGO and UN agencies.
- Diplomacy, armed forces and police.
- Companies and liberal professionals of all sectors.
- Universities, research centres and consulting services.



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