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Curriculum

I finished my Bachelor's Degree in Economics in 2017 at Nova School of Business and Economics and my Master's Degree in International Business in 2020 at Aarhus Universitet. I am currently a PhD Candidate of International Studies at ISCTE. My thesis "If you can't beat them, join them - A study of corruption's self reinforcement in democracies" focuses on individuals' and society's participation in sustaining corruption. The thesis will approach this subject by integrating knowledge from different areas, such as political science, criminology, psychology, social psychology and sociology. I want to understand better the social and psychological mechanisms that bring people to participate in corruption. I have participated in two articles approved for publishing in specialised journals. I have presented two papers at conferences. I have collaborated in the organisation of an academic event, where I also participated in the research proposal evaluation committee.

Research Interests

Corruption; individuals; morality; society; democratic contexts

Academic Qualifications

University/Institution	Type	Degree	Period
ISCTE-Instituto Universitário de Lisboa	PhD	Estudos Internacionais	2027

Aarhus Universitet	M.Sc.	International Business	2020
Universidade Nova de Lisboa Nova School of Business and Economics	Licenciate	Economia	2017

Total Citations

Web of Science®	4
Scopus	0

Publications

• Scientific Journals

- Scientific journal paper

1	Ascenso, I., Ramos, M. R., Moriconi, M. & Marques, S. (2025). Leaders or villains? The role of corruption in shaping the stereotypes of politicians. <i>European Journal of Social Psychology</i> . 55 (2), 294-310 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 1
2	Leis, O., Sharpe, B. T., Moriconi, M., Ascenso, I. & Barkoukis, V. (2025). Educational needs of the esports industry: A Delphi study. <i>Journal of Electronic Gaming and Esports</i> . 3 (1) - Times Cited Web of Science®: 4 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 9

Research Projects

Project Title	Role in Project	Partners	Period
If you can't beat them, join them: A study of corruption's self-reinforcement in democracies	PhD Scholar	CEI-Iscte	2024 - 2028

Organization/Coordination of Events

Type of Organization/Coordination	Event Title	Organizer	Year
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Member of non-scientific event's organizing committee	Suporte ad-hoc na organização do XII Congresso Latinoamericano de Ciência Política - América Latina como Ator na Reconfiguração Geopolítica Global. As principais responsabilidades incluem esclarecer dúvidas a participantes e interessados no evento, suporte em back-office para o website e coordenação entre as duas entidades organizadoras (CÉI-ISCTE e ALACIP).		2023 - 2024
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