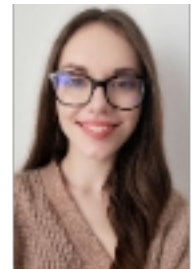


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Curriculum

Joana Rafael Pereira is a PhD candidate in International Studies at Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon, where she is a recipient of a doctoral research grant from the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT). She holds an M.A. in International Studies from Iscte, where she completed the dissertation “Afghan Women and Structural Violence: The Implication of Discourse in the War on Terror”, and a B.A. in Languages, Literatures and Cultures from the University of Lisbon, with a major in North American Studies and a minor in Asian Studies. Currently, her PhD project, “Afghan Women in the Diaspora: Resistance Against the Taliban’s Gendered Oppression Post-2021”, examines women’s political and social mobilization in diaspora contexts, with a particular focus on transnational resistance, identity negotiation, and digital activism.

Academic Qualifications

University/Institution	Type	Degree	Period
ISCTE-Instituto Universitario de Lisboa	M.Sc.	Estudos Internacionais	2023
Universidade de Lisboa - Faculdade de Letras	Licenciante	Línguas, Literaturas e Culturas	2021

External Professional Activities

Period	Employer	Country	Description
2026 - 2026	Afghanistan Research Hub	Germany	

Publications

• Conferences/Workshops and Talks

- Talk

1	Pereira, J. R. (2026). Chair of the Panel "Governance and Resistance under Taliban Rule". Reimagining Afghan Futures: Mapping Knowledge across Disciplines.
2	Pereira, J. R. (2025). Digital Resistance: Afghan Women's Use of Social Media Against Political Violence . Popular Culture and World Politics v16.

• Other Publications

- Master's Dissertation

1	Pereira, J. R. (2023). Afghan women and structural violence: The implication of discourse in the war on terror.
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Research Projects

Project Title	Role in Project	Partners	Period
Afghan Women in the Diaspora: Resistance Against the Taliban's Gendered Oppression Post-2021	PhD Scholar	CEI-Iscte	2025 - 2028

Research Networks

Research Network Name	Representative Role	Period
International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE)	PhD Representative	2026 - 2028

Organization/Coordination of Events

Type of Organization/Coordination	Event Title	Organizer	Year
Member of scientific event's organizing committee	Reimagining Afghan Futures: Mapping Knowledge across Disciplines	Afghanistan Research Hub	2026

Coordination of non-scientific event	Webinar Gender Apartheid and Feminist Resistance in Afghanistan	CEI-Iscte	2026
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