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Curriculum

Leonor Bettencourt has a PhD in Social Psychology from Iscte-IUL and is a researcher at the Centre for Social Research and Intervention (CIS-IUL), where she has been working in several projects since 2014.

The work developed has focused on themes of Environmental Social Psychology, Community Psychology, and Education. Through an interdisciplinary approach, she has been focused on understanding the psychosocial processes underlying people-place relationships, uses of public space, and acceptance of new laws and new public policies' implementation, as well as, school-work transition and inclusive education. Regarding the field of public policies, she has also dedicated her work to scientific advice, especially in the area of Education [Education Observatory of Lezíria do Tejo (Intermunicipal Community of Lezíria do Tejo | 2019/2020); Regional Forum for Professional Qualification (Regional Government of the Azores | 2021/2022)], and Public Participation Processes of young people ("Youth Circles: Active Citizenship" | 2020). Currently, she is a member of the project TR@ck-IN - Public Employment Services Tracking Effectiveness to Support Rural NEETs, funded by the EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Youth Employment.

Research Interests

Environmental Social Psychology; Social Psychology; Public Policies; Education; Public Participation

Academic Qualifications

University/Institution	Type	Degree	Period
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ISCTE-Instituto Universitario de Lisboa	PhD	Doutoramento em Psicologia Social	2020
Faculdade de Psicologia da Universidade de Lisboa	M.Sc.	Mestrado Integrado em Psicologia Clínica Sistémica	2011
Faculdade de Psicologia da Universidade de Lisboa	Licenciate	Licenciatura em Ciências Psicológicas	2009

Total Citations

Web of Science®	123
Scopus	107

Publications

• Scientific Journals

- Scientific journal paper

1	Bettencourt, L., Correia, N., Mazzocchi, P. & Rocca, A. (2025). NYNA NEETs and digitalisation: How many challenges on the horizon?. Social Inclusion. 13
2	Santos, A. S. R., Bettencourt, L., Roque, I. & Sousa, J. C. (2025). Skilled transitions: Digital training programmes as active labour market strategies in rural Portugal. Social Inclusion. 13, 1-19 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 2
3	Bettencourt, L., Simões, F., Fernandes, B. & Fonseca, J. (2024). Designing vocational training policies in an outermost European region: Highlights from a participatory process. European Educational Research Journal. 23 (4), 524-543 - Times Cited Web of Science®: 7 - Times Cited Scopus: 8 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 12
4	Mazzochi, P., Agahi, O., Beilmann, M., Bettencourt, L., Braziene, R., Edisherashvili, N....Yurukov, B. (2024). Subjective wellbeing of NEETs and employability: A study of nonurban youths in Spain, Italy, and Portugal. Politics and Governance. 12 - Times Cited Web of Science®: 11 - Times Cited Scopus: 13 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 16
5	Garcia, D., Simões, F., Bettencourt, L., Aguiar, C., Ferreira, I. A., Mendonça, J....Lendzhova, V. (2023). Predictors of secondary education completion across Portuguese municipalities: Evidence from the 2009-2018 period. Societies. 13 (9) - Times Cited Web of Science®: 3 - Times Cited Scopus: 3 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 4

6	Bettencourt, L., Castro, P. & Dixon, J. (2021). Can regenerated inner-city areas remain sites of public-place sociability? Psycho-social processes predicting public sociability in a changing neighbourhood. <i>Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology</i> . 31 (1), 9-25 - Times Cited Web of Science®: 7 - Times Cited Scopus: 5
7	Bettencourt, L., Dixon, J. & Castro, P. (2019). Understanding how and why spatial segregation endures: a systematic review of recent research on intergroup relations at a micro-ecological scale. <i>Social Psychological Bulletin</i> . 14 (2) - Times Cited Web of Science®: 46 - Times Cited Scopus: 51
8	Castro, P., Seixas, E., Neca, P. & Bettencourt, L. (2018). Successfully contesting the policy sphere: examining through the press a case of local protests changing new ecological laws. <i>Political Psychology</i> . 39 (1), 107-123 - Times Cited Web of Science®: 35 - Times Cited Scopus: 23
9	Castro, P. & Bettencourt, L. (2017). Exploring the predictors and the role of trust and concern in the context of data disclosure to governmental institutions. <i>Behaviour and Information Technology</i> . 36 (3), 321-331 - Times Cited Web of Science®: 4 - Times Cited Scopus: 4
10	Bettencourt, L. & Castro, P. (2015). Diversity in the maps of a Lisbon neighbourhood: community and 'official' discourses about the renewed Mouraria. <i>Culture and Local Governance</i> . 5 (1-2), 23-43 - Times Cited Web of Science®: 10

• Books and Book Chapters

- Book editor

1	Castro, P., Bettencourt, L. & Mouro, C. (2017). <i>Chamem-nos pescadores: Memórias e Histórias da vida do mar na Costa Vicentina</i> . Lisboa. Outro Modo, Cooperativa Cultural, CRL.
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• Conferences/Workshops and Talks

- Talk

1	Do Bú, E., Marques, S., Samora-Arvela, A., Montalvão, M., Eloy, S., Ramos, M....Gerardo, F. (2025). Ambientes Urbanos "Amigos da Idade" na Redução do Idadismo e na Promoção do Bem-Estar e da Saúde Mental. XII Simpósio Nacional de Investigação em Psicologia.
2	Samora-Arvela, A., Montalvão, M., Marques, S., Eloy, S., Ramos, M., Mendonça, J....Bettencourt, L. (2025). Ruas amigas das pessoas idosas: padrões de utilização e configuração espacial de pedestres e ciclistas em Lisboa. XII Simpósio Nacional de Investigação em Psicologia.
3	Prieto-Flores, Ò., Agahi, O., Braziene, R., Rodrigues, R. B., Rocca, A., Mazzochi, P....Simões, F. (2024). Impact analysis of PES in assisting young people in transitioning out of NEET status in Spain. 2nd Italian Conference on Economic Statistics.
4	Bettencourt, L., Simões, F. & Fernandes, B. (2022). Designing Vocational Training Policies For The Next Ten Years In An Outermost European Region: Highlights From A Participatory Process . 1st International Conference Rural Youth and the New Youth Guarantee.

5	Bettencourt, L., Castro, P. & Dixon, J. (2018). Sociability in Place in the Inner-city – a study in a Neighbourhood of Lisbon. 25th Meeting of the International Association People-Environment Studies.
6	Bettencourt, L., Castro, P. & Dixon, J. (2017). How well do you know your neighbourhood? Predicting uses of public place in the changing urban environment of Mouraria. XIV Congresso de Psicologia Ambiental – PSICAMB-Espaços e Comportamento Humano: do local ao global.
7	Castro, P., Seixas, E., Necas, P. & Bettencourt, L. (2016). Successfully contesting the policy sphere: an analysis through the press of the contestation of new ecological laws. 39th Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology - ISPP.
8	Bettencourt, L. & Castro, P. (2016). Mapping the Micro-ecology and Representations of Intergroup Relations in a Lisbon Neighbourhood. Cities as Community Spaces Conference - 3rd International Conference on Cultural Relations in Europe and the Mediterranean.
9	Bettencourt, L. & Castro, P. (2016). Micro-ecology of intergroup relations in a Lisbon neighbourhood. 24th IAPS Conference .
10	Bettencourt, L. & Castro, P. (2016). Espaço público, representações sociais e memória social num bairro em reabilitação: viver na Mouraria. XII Encontro Nacional de Investigação em Psicologia Social e das Organizações – (Re) descobrir a Psicologia, novas tendências e oportunidades.
11	Bettencourt, L. & Castro, P. (2016). Micro-ecologia das relações intergrupais no bairro da Mouraria. IX Simpósio Nacional de Investigação em Psicologia.
12	Bettencourt, L., Castro, P. & Dixon, J. (2016). Public space, social representations and social memory in a neighbourhood undergoing a rehabilitation program: living in Mouraria. Study 2: Place and intergroup relations in a changing neighbourhood: Exploring representational profiles in Mouraria. LiSP Annual Meeting.
13	Mouro, C., Castro, P. & Bettencourt, L. (2015). Community resistance to law-regulated practices: applying a stage model for predicting biodiversity conservation behaviours. 11th Biennial Conference on Environmental Psychology.
14	Bettencourt, L. (2015). Attitudes towards Flu and Flu Pandemics: a Comparative Study from 2009 to 2013/14 in Portugal. Workshop Coping with Health Risks in the Big Data Age.
15	Bettencourt, L. & Castro, P. (2014). Viver num bairro urbano: O papel da memória social e do lugar. X Encontro de Investigação em Psicologia Social e das Organizações.
16	Bettencourt, L. & Castro, P. (2014). Community Changes in Mouraria: Relation to Place in a Renewed Neighbourhood. International Conference Mapping Culture - Communities, Sites and Stories.
17	Bettencourt, L. & Castro, P. (2014). Neighbourhood Relationships in Mouraria. Young Researchers Workshop - 23rd IAPS Conference.
18	Bettencourt, L. & Castro, P. (2013). Posição dos Portugueses face ao Fornecimento, Partilha e Protecção de Dados Pessoais. Colóquio Liberdades e Direitos em Tempos de Insegurança.

• Other Publications

- Other publications

1	Do Bú, E., Marques, S., Samora-Arvela, A., Montalvão, M., Eloy, S., Ramos, M....Gerardo, F. (2025). Ambientes Urbanos "Amigos da Idade" na Redução do Idadismo e na Promoção do Bem-Estar e da Saúde Mental. XII Simpósio Nacional de Investigação em Psicologia.
2	Samora-Arvela, A., Montalvão, M., Marques, S., Eloy, S., Ramos, M., Mendonça, J....Bettencourt, L. (2025). Ruas amigas das pessoas idosas: padrões de utilização e configuração espacial de pedestres e ciclistas em Lisboa. XII Simpósio Nacional de Investigação em Psicologia.
3	Do Bú, E., Marques, S., Samora-Arvela, A., Montalvão, M., Eloy, S., Ramos, M....Gerardo, F. (2025). Ambientes Urbanos "Amigos da Idade" na Redução do Idadismo e na Promoção do Bem-Estar e da Saúde Mental. XII Simpósio Nacional de Investigação em Psicologia.
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5	Bettencourt, L., Simões, F., Ferreira, I., D'Jamila Garcia, Aguiar, C. & Moleiro, C. (2020). Fatores do contexto escolar na transição do 1º para o 2º ciclo de escolaridade do Ensino Ba ´ sico: Como se posiciona a Lezi ´ ria do Tejo entre as NUTS III? Short-brief nº 3. Fatores do contexto escolar na transição do 1º para o 2º ciclo de escolaridade do Ensino Ba ´ sico: Como se posiciona a Lezíria do Tejo entre as NUTS III? Short-brief nº 3.
6	Bettencourt, L., Simões, F., Ferreira, I., D'Jamila Garcia, Aguiar, C. & Moleiro, C. (2020). Transic,ã~o do 1º para o 2º ciclo de escolaridade do Ensino Ba ´ sico e estatuto socioecono ´ mico: Como se posiciona a Lezi ´ ria do Tejo entre as NUTS III, na u ´ ltima de ´ cada? Policy-brief nº 2. Transic,ã~o do 1º para o 2º ciclo de escolaridade do Ensino Ba ´ sico e estatuto socioecono ´ mico: Como se posiciona a Lezíria do Tejo entre as NUTS III, na u ´ ltima de ´ cada? Policy-brief nº 2.

- Report

1	Simões, F., Bettencourt, L. & Fernandes, B. (2022). Agenda Regional para a Qualificação Profissional Valorizar os Açorianos, Horizonte 2030.
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Research Projects

Project Title	Role in Project	Partners	Period
OVER-SEES: VET excellence leadership for the twin transition in European Islands	Researcher	CIS-Iscte (CED) - Leader	2025 - 2029
GreenCity4Aging: the effects of urban green streets on mobility, social integration and ageism against older people	Researcher	CIS-Iscte (H4A), ISTAR-Iscte, SCML - (Portugal)	2023 - 2026

Public employment services tracking effectiveness in supporting rural NEETs	Researcher	CIS-Iscte (CED), UCSC - ASAG - (Italy), UdM - (Spain), Iscte - Leader (Portugal), UdG - (Spain), UPN - (Italy), UT - (Estonia), ILO - Consultant (Switzerland), UHEI - Consultant (Germany), UV - (Lithuania), ICS/UL - (Portugal), SWU - (Bulgaria)	2021 - 2024
Protecting privacy and personal data in a post-Charter Europe	Research Assistant	DINAMIA'CET-Iscte (GEC), CEDIS - (Portugal)	2011 - 2013