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Curriculum

Luís Mah is an assistant professor in Development Studies at the Department of Political Economy at ISCTE-University Institute of Lisbon. Between 2015-2022, he lectured at the Master in International Development and Cooperation and the PhD in Development Studies at ISEG-Lisbon School of Economics and Management/University of Lisbon. He has been working for almost 19 years with civil society actors and formerly led the United Nations Millennium Campaign (UNMC) in Portugal. He is particularly interested on the global implications of the (re)emergence of Asia and the international development cooperation of the European Union. He holds a PhD in Development Studies from LSE-London School of Economics and Political Science (London,2004), a MA in Political Science from Yonsei University (Seoul, 1996) and a Licenciate in Social Communication by Nova University Lisbon.

Research Interests

Political Economy of Development, Global Asia, Global Europe

Academic Qualifications

University/Institution	Type	Degree	Period
Harvard University John F Kennedy School of Government	Other type of qualification	Executive Education: Leadership for the 21st Century: Chaos, Conflict and Courage	2008
Dignity International	Other type of qualification	Global Programme on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	2004
LSE-London School of Economics and Political Science	PhD	Development Studies	2004
Yonsei University	M.Sc.	Political Science	1996
Universidade Nova de Lisboa - Faculdade de Ciencias Sociais e Humanas	Licenciate	Comunicação Social	1993

Teaching Activities

Teaching Year	Sem.	Course Name	Degree(s)	Coord.
2026/2027	2º	Contemporary Economic Issues	Bachelor Degree in Economics;	No
2026/2027	2º	Global Development Project Management and Evaluation		Yes
2026/2027	2º	Seminar – Global Development Challenges	Master Degree in Development Studies;	Yes
2026/2027	2º	2nd Cycle Internship	Master Degree in Monetary and Financial Economics; Master Degree in Governance and Sustainability of the Sea; Master Degree in Economics and Public Policies; Master Degree in Social Studies of the Environment and Sustainability;	No
2026/2027	1º	Master Dissertation in Development Studies		Yes
2026/2027	1º	Master Project in Development Studies		Yes
2026/2027	1º	International Political Economy	Master Degree in Political Economy;	Yes
2026/2027	1º	Cooperation for Global Development		Yes
2026/2027	1º	Theories of Development	Master Degree in Development Studies;	Yes
2026/2027	1º	Environmental Risk and Societal Resilience	Master Degree in Coordinated Human Response, Health and Displacement;	No
2026/2027	1º	Development Policy, Politics and Power	Master Degree in Development Studies;	Yes

2026/2027	1º	Research Seminar in Development Studies		Yes
2026/2027	1º	Master Dissertation in Development Studies		Yes
2026/2027	1º	Master Project in Development Studies		Yes
2025/2026	2º	Contemporary Economic Issues	Bachelor Degree in Economics;	No
2025/2026	2º	Comparative Political Economy	Doctorate Degree (PhD) in Political Economy, Interdisciplinary Ph.D.;	No
2025/2026	2º	2nd Cycle Internship	Master Degree in Human Resources Development Policies; Master Degree in Monetary and Financial Economics; Master Degree in Governance and Sustainability of the Sea; Master Degree in Economics and Public Policies; Master Degree in Development Studies; Master Degree in Political Economy; Master Degree in Social Studies of the Environment and Sustainability;	No
2025/2026	2º	Civic-Led Global Development		Yes
2025/2026	2º	Social Impact in Global Development Projects		Yes
2025/2026	1º	Master Dissertation in Development Studies		Yes
2025/2026	1º	International Political Economy	Master Degree in Political Economy;	Yes
2025/2026	1º	Cooperation for Global Development		Yes
2025/2026	1º	Theories of Development	Master Degree in Development Studies;	Yes
2025/2026	1º	Environmental Risk and Societal Resilience		Yes
2025/2026	1º	Decolonising Global Development		Yes
2024/2025	2º	Contemporary Economic Issues	Bachelor Degree in Economics;	No
2024/2025	2º	Seminar – Global Development Challenges	Master Degree in Development Studies;	No

2024/2025	2º	2nd Cycle Internship	Master Degree in Human Resources Development Policies; Master Degree in Monetary and Financial Economics; Master Degree in Governance and Sustainability of the Sea; Master Degree in Economics and Public Policies; Master Degree in Development Studies; Master Degree in Political Economy; Master Degree in Social Studies of the Environment and Sustainability;	No
2024/2025	2º	The 'Re' Emergence of Asia-Pacific: Ideas, Institutions and Agents		Yes
2024/2025	2º	Civic-Led Global Development	Institutional Degree in Escola de Ciências Sociais e Humanas;	Yes
2024/2025	1º	Master Dissertation in Development Studies		Yes
2024/2025	1º	International Political Economy	Master Degree in Political Economy;	Yes
2024/2025	1º	Cooperation for Global Development		Yes
2023/2024	2º	Contemporary Economic Issues	Bachelor Degree in Economics;	No
2023/2024	2º	Global Development Project Management and Evaluation		Yes
2023/2024	2º	Seminar on the Theory and Practice of Development		Yes
2023/2024	2º	Comparative Political Economy	Doctorate Degree (PhD) in Political Economy, Interdisciplinary Ph.D.;	No
2023/2024	2º	2nd Cycle Internship	Master Degree in Human Resources Development Policies; Master Degree in Monetary and Financial Economics; Master Degree in Governance and Sustainability of the Sea; Master Degree in Economics and Public Policies; Master Degree in Development Studies; Master Degree in Political Economy;	No
2023/2024	2º	Globalization and Development Challenges		Yes
2023/2024	1º	Master Dissertation in Development Studies		Yes
2023/2024	1º	Readings in Political Economy	Master Degree in Political Economy;	No
2023/2024	1º	International Political Economy	Master Degree in Political Economy;	Yes
2023/2024	1º	Development Economics	Bachelor Degree in Economics;	Yes
2022/2023	2º	Contemporary Economic Issues	Bachelor Degree in Economics;	No

2022/2023	2º	Master Dissertation in Social and Solidary Economics		Yes
2022/2023	1º	Master Dissertation in Social and Solidary Economics		Yes
2022/2023	1º	Political Economy and Globalization	Bachelor Degree in Political Science;	Yes
2022/2023	1º	International Political Economy	Master Degree in Political Economy;	Yes
2022/2023	1º	Development Economics	Bachelor Degree in Economics;	Yes

Supervisions

• Ph.D. Thesis

- Ongoing

	Student Name	Title/Topic	Language	Status	Institution
1	Tinuola Olajumoke Onifade	Climate Policy and Social Behaviour in Nigeria	English	Developing	Iscte
2	Bruna Adele	Architecture of Authority under International Funding: Transnational Decision-Making in the Lobito Corridor	--	Developing	Iscte
3	Ana Paula Lopes Fernandes	South – South Providers and the transformation of Development cooperation: Brazil, Türkiye and Indonesia (2015-2025)	--	Developing	Iscte

• M.Sc. Dissertations

- Ongoing

	Student Name	Title/Topic	Language	Status	Institution
1	Edson Wiljai Semedo Incopté	State Capacity Building and the Development of Guinea-Bissau (1973–1991)	Portuguese	Delivered	Iscte
2	António Pedro Vaz Ferreira Sá Rodrigues	The Role of Community Intelligence in Development Planning: Perspectives from Kenya and Rwanda	English	Delivered	Iscte
3	Ludovico Edoardo Truffelli	Managing External Economic Relations: ASEAN Engagement with China and the European Union	English	Delivered	Iscte
4	Marta Maria Marques Teodoro	Global Gateway: Values-driven investment?	--	Developing	Iscte

5	José Diogo de Oliveira Resende	The Politics of Containment: EU Migration Policy and the Maghreb	English	Delivered	Iscte
6	Erineu Quintino Nhaga	Guinea-Bissau and Sustainable Development Goal 2 (SDG 2): Challenges for Food Security	Portuguese	Delivered	Iscte
7	Beatriz Andrade Cunha Matos da Costa	Dinâmicas Locais e Capital Privado: Uma Análise Crítica das Relações Multissetoriais na Perspetiva dos Estudos do Desenvolvimento	--	Developing	Iscte
8	Nadine Adolfo Caly	Protected Areas and the Challenges of Socioeconomic Development in Guinea-Bissau: Theo Case of the Tarrafes do Rio Cachéu Natural Park	Portuguese	Delivered	Iscte
9	Marta Lourenço Boavida da Silva	International Volunteering in Portuguese Development NGOs: Contributions, Challenges and Impact Assessment in the Context of Development Cooperation	Portuguese	Delivered	Iscte
10	Filipe André Batista Cardoso	Private Sector and Global Development: The Case of Nike	--	Developing	Iscte
11	Matheus Ferreira Quaresma	Institutionalizing Environmental Governance in the UN System: The Green Climate Fund's Role in North–South Relations, 2015–2020	--	Developing	Iscte

- Concluded

	Student Name	Title/Topic	Language	Institution	Concluding Year
1	Adilson Mauro de Carvalho Santana	East African Federation: the role of Pan-Africanism in the development of the region	Portuguese	Iscte	2025
2	Anna Lova Birgitta Bergdahl	From Solidarity to National Interest: The Influence of the Swedish Populist Radical Right on Development Aid after the 2022 national elections	English	Iscte	2025
3	Mafalda Matias Afonso	Public Policies for Climate Change Adaptation in São Tomé and Príncipe	Portuguese	Iscte	2024
4	Ricardo Manuel Pereira Colaço	Portugal and Humanitarian Action: A Critical Analysis	Portuguese	Iscte	2024

5	Tiago Silva Martinho	The European Union's reciprocal and nonreciprocal trade relations: The cases of Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) and the Generalized Schemes of Preferences (GSP)	English	Iscte	2024
6	Kian Gaston Stoupignan	Political Economy of Energy Transition in Developing Countries: a Comparative Case Study of Indonesia and the Philippines	English	Iscte	2024
7	Bianca Chaim Mattos	The role of central banks in promoting divestment in carbon intensive sectors	English	Iscte	2024
8	Marcos Antoninho Cá	Court of Auditors and encourege good governance pratices in public institutions	Portuguese	Iscte	2023
9	Ivano Albino Umboca Lopes Carvalho Monteiro	Bissau, areas of Caracol and Safim	Portuguese	Iscte	2023
10	Ana Luísa Pinto Viana	A Boa Governação nas Políticas de Cooperação Europeias - Uma à análise à parceria U.E-ACP: A European Comission Governance Initiative Tranche	Portuguese	Iscte	2014

Total Citations

Web of Science®	39
Scopus	8

Publications

- **Scientific Journals**

- Scientific journal paper

1	Duggan, N., Haastrup, T., Hogan, J. J., Mah, L. & Bernardo, L. (N/A). African agency in geopolitical times: Playing with EU and Chinese ontological security. Third World Quarterly, N/A. https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2025.2551134 - Times Cited Web of Science®: 4 - Times Cited Scopus: 5 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 7
2	Mah, L., Haastrup, Toni & Duggan, Nial (2021). Navigating ontological (in) security in EU-Africa relations. Global Affairs, 7(4), 541?557. https://doi.org/10.1080/23340460.2021.1981144 - Times Cited Web of Science®: 23 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 49

3	Mah, L. (2015). Reshaping European union development policy: Collective choices and the new global order. Revista Brasileira de Politica Internacional, 58(2), 44?64. https://doi.org/10.1590/0034-7329201500203 - Times Cited Web of Science®: 5 - Times Cited Scopus: 3 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 19
4	Mah, L. (2013). A emergência do modelo de desenvolvimento chinês. Relações Internacionais, 38. - Times Cited Google Scholar: 3
5	Mah, L. (2007). Um Novo Paradigma Europeu na Cooperação para o Desenvolvimento. Relações Internacionais, 14. - Times Cited Google Scholar: 2

• Books and Book Chapters

- Book author

1	Mah, L., Haastrup, T. & Duggan, N. (2020). The Routledge Handbook of EU-Africa Relations. Routledge. https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315170916 - Times Cited Web of Science®: 7 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 48

- Book chapter

1	Mah, L. (2023). The financialization of EU development policy: blended finance and strategic interests (2007-2020). In Ève Chiapello, Anita Engels and Eduardo Gonçalves Gress (Ed.), Financializations of Development: Global Games and Local Experiments. Routledge. https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003039679 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 16
2	Mah, L. (2019). Portugal e o bazar africano: Mapeando trocas comerciais, fluxos de investimento e de ajuda ao desenvolvimento. Política Externa Portuguesa e África: Contextos e Tendências Contemporâneas. Centro de Estudos Internacionais - CEI - ISCTE. - Times Cited Google Scholar: 3
3	Mah, L. (2019). A liderança chinesa da nova ordem económica asiática: impacto na governação financeira global. In Sandra Fernandes e Licínia Simão (Ed.), Multilateralismo. Imprensa da Universidade de Coimbra. https://doi.org/10.14195/978-989-26-1750-3_1 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 1
4	Mah, L. (2019). Beyond aid: how trade interests trumps EU-ASEAN development cooperation. In Rosana Tomazini, Fábio de Queiroz e Ana Barros-Platiau (Ed.), Relações Internacionais da União Europeia: Agendas e Parcerias. Juruá Editora.

• Other Publications

- Working Papers

1	Mah, L., Biekart, K. & Silva, A. L. (2022). Navigating change in international development using innovation: the case of national NGO platforms in Brazil and the Netherlands. ISS Working Paper Series,. - Times Cited Google Scholar: 3

2	Mah, L. (2018). Promoting private sector for development : the rise of blended finance in EU aid architecture. Promoting Private Sector for Development: The rise of blended finance in EU aid architecture,. - Times Cited Google Scholar: 10
3	Santos, Inês, Dias, Sara Peres & Mah, L. (2016). Juventudes partidárias portuguesas : que visão sobre o desenvolvimento global?. WP CESA CSG,. - Times Cited Google Scholar: 1
4	Mah, L. & Freitas, R. (2014). The Marketplace of Aid in Africa. Choice in Critical Conditions. Les Cahiers du Centre Émile Durkheim,.
5	Mah, L. & Freitas, R. (2012). European responses to Asia's enhanced role as an aid donor. CIES e-Working Paper,.
6	Mah, L. & Freitas, R. (2012). The Possibilities for Enhancing Ownership of Development in Africa: the role of regional integration in the external relations of Africa. WP CESA,. https://doi.org/10400.5/4646 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 6
7	Mah, L. (2011). Lessons from Korea to Africa : leaders, politics and developmental states. WP CESA,. - Times Cited Google Scholar: 11

- Non-peer-reviewed papers

1	Mah, L. (2016). Águas turbulentas no mar do Sul da China. Observare - Janus 2015-2016 - Integração Regional e Multilateralismo,.

- Recensions in journals

1	Mah, L. (2014). Repensar as origens da emergência económica da Europa moderna. R:I Relações Internacionais,.
2	Mah, L. (2014). Em Busca Das Fundações Intelectuais Do Renascimento Asiático. Relações Internacionais,.
3	Mah, L. (2006). O Banco de Wolfensohn. Relações Internacionais,. - Times Cited Google Scholar: 2
4	Mah, L. (2006). Tragam o Estado de Volta. Relações Internacionais,.

- Report

1	Silva, A. L., Luís Pais Bernardo & Mah, L. (2021). The Future of International Development Cooperation – Fragmentation, Adaptation and Innovation in a Changing World.. - Times Cited Google Scholar: 4
2	Silva, A. L., Luís Pais Bernardo, Vieira de Assis, Renata & Mah, L. (2021). A Cáritas Portuguesa e a Resposta à Covid-19..
3	Mah, L., Assis, Renata Vieira de, Bernardo, Luís Pais & Silva, Ana Luísa (2021). A Rede Cáritas em Portugal e a Resposta à COVID-19..

4	Silva, Ana Luísa, Bernardo, Luís Pais & Mah, L. (2021). The future of international development cooperation : fragmentation, adaptation and innovation in a changing world.. - Times Cited Google Scholar: 3
5	Silva, Ana Luísa, Bernardo, Luís Pais & Mah, L. (2021). O Futuro da Cooperação Internacional para o Desenvolvimento: fragmentação, adaptação e inovação num mundo em mudança.. - Times Cited Google Scholar: 4

• Conferences/Workshops and Talks

- Talk

1	Mah, L. & Bernardo, L. (2025). Connecting markets: business power, development and the EU Global Gateway. DSA 2025,.
2	Mah, L. & Bernardo, Luís Pais (2024). Connecting Markets: Business Power and the EU Global Gateway. The Global Gateway - The European Union's New Economic Security Tool?',. - Times Cited Google Scholar: 3
3	Mah, L., Haastrup, T. & Duggan, N. (2024). A European answer to the Chinese question in Africa? The global gateway and European-Chinese competition in Africa. ECPR 12th Biennial Conference of the SGEU,.

Research Projects

Project Title	Role in Project	Partners	Period
Erasmus Mundus Joint Master on Coordinated Humanitarian Response, Health and Displacement (HumanResponse)	Researcher	IRU-Iscte - Leader, CIES-Iscte, NTNU - (Norway), MAKERERE - (Uganda), NKUA - (Greece), Uni-CV - (Cape Verde), US - (Cape Verde), Universidade de Rovuma - (Mozambique)	2024 - 2030

Academic Management Positions

Coordenador do 2º Ano (2028 - 2029)
Unit/Area: Master Degree in Development Studies

Coordenador do 1º Ano (2028 - 2029)
Unit/Area: Master Degree in Development Studies

Coordenador do 1º Ano (2027 - 2028)
Unit/Area: Master Degree in Development Studies

Coordenador do 2º Ano (2027 - 2028)
Unit/Area: Master Degree in Development Studies

Director (2026 - 2027)
Unit/Area: Master Degree in Development Studies

Coordenador do 2º Ano (2026 - 2027)
Unit/Area: Master Degree in Development Studies

Coordenador do 1º Ano (2026 - 2027)
Unit/Area: Master Degree in Development Studies

Coordenador do 1º Ano (2025 - 2026)
Unit/Area: Master Degree in Development Studies

Director (2025 - 2026)
Unit/Area: Master Degree in Development Studies

Coordenador do 2º Ano (2022 - 2024)
Unit/Area: Master Degree in Development Studies

Director (2022 - 2024)
Unit/Area: Master Degree in Development Studies

Coordenador do 1º Ano (2022 - 2024)
Unit/Area: Master Degree in Development Studies

Membro (Docente) (2016 - 2028)
Unit/Area: Comissão Pedagógica