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Curriculum

Sociologist (Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon, 2020) and has Master in Public Policy (Iscte, 2024), having written her Master's dissertation on the concept of Age-Friendly Cities, entitled "Rethinking social policies for ageing with dignity in the metropolitan context: a case study among Lisbon's parishes", recognised with the Silva Leal Prize of 2025.

She is currently a research assistant at CIES-Iscte on IN-Iscte - A Space to Grow, a project under the Programme to Promote Success and Reduce Dropouts in Higher Education (Impulso MAIS Digital/ PRR Programme). She is responsible for the executive coordination of IN-Iscte's activities and field team.

She participated in the 'Future-Ready Universities: Challenges, Responses, and Shared Learning' mobility programme, which took place in Vilnius, Lithuania, where she had the opportunity to present the developments and results of the project in question.

Contributed to the development of several papers, prepared for the international conferences EDULEARN 25, INTED 2026, CIDU 2026, and the III Ibero-American Congress for Quality Education.

She was also a guest assistant at Iscte, where she taught courses in the Soft Skills Lab (LCT-Iscte).

Her main research interests are Social Inequalities, Territories, Inclusion, Well-being and Higher Education.

Research Interests

Social Inequalities

Territories

Inclusion

Well-being
Higher Education

Academic Qualifications

University/Institution	Type	Degree	Period
ISCTE-Instituto Universitario de Lisboa	Training Session	Design Thinking	2026
ISCTE-Instituto Universitario de Lisboa	Training Session	Masterclass Ética na Docência	2025
ISCTE-Instituto Universitario de Lisboa	Training Session	Políticas Públicas para Investigadores	2025
ISCTE-Instituto Universitario de Lisboa	Training Session	Seminário de Especialização em Inteligência Artificial Generativa no Ensino e Investigação - 6.ª Edição	2025
PWN Lisbon	Training Session	Programa YOUTH - 7.ª Edição	2025
ISCTE-Instituto Universitario de Lisboa	Training Session	Masterclass Design Universal para a aprendizagem	2025
KAOSPILOT	Training Session	Masterclass Designing and Facilitating Learning Spaces	2024
ISCTE-Instituto Universitario de Lisboa	M.Sc.	Políticas Públicas	2024
ISCTE-Instituto Universitario de Lisboa	Training Session	Competências em Buddy Mentoring	2024
ISCTE-Instituto Universitario de Lisboa	Training Session	Curso Métodos de Avaliação de Impacto das Políticas Públicas	2022
ISCTE-Instituto Universitario de Lisboa	Licenciante	Sociologia	2020

Teaching Activities

Teaching Year	Sem.	Course Name	Degree(s)	Coord
2025/2026	2º	Public Speaking with Drama Techniques		No
2025/2026	2º	Competencies for the Labor Market		No
2025/2026	1º	Buddy Mentoring Skills	Institutional Degree in Softskills;	No
2025/2026	1º	Competencies for the Labor Market		No
2024/2025	2º	Buddy Mentoring Skills	Institutional Degree in Softskills;	No

2024/2025	2º	Public Speaking with Drama Techniques	Institutional Degree in Softskills;	No
2024/2025	2º	Competencies for the Labor Market	Institutional Degree in Softskills;	No

Publications

• Conferences/Workshops and Talks

- Publication in conference proceedings

1	Roque Ferreira, M., Gomes, S. & Mauritti, R (2026). Student Engagement In Higher Education: A Discussion Beyond Numbers. In INTED2026 Proceedings 20th annual International Technology, Education and Development Conference. Valência: IATED.
2	Mauritti, R, Roque Ferreira, M., Pintassilgo, S. & Lopes, A. L. (2025). Enhancing Student Success and Reducing Dropout: a Case Study from a Portuguese University. In EDULEARN 25. (pp. 6484-6489). - Times Cited Google Scholar: 1
3	Rodrigues, D., Lopes, A. L., Mauritti, R, Roque Ferreira, M. & Pintassilgo, S. (2025). Early Detection of At-Risk University Students Using Machine Learning: a Study of Model Performance in Evolving Academic Environments. In EDULEARN 2025. (pp. 6538-6545).

- Talk

1	Roque Ferreira, M., Gomes, S. & Mauritti, R (2026). STUDENT ENGAGEMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION: A DISCUSSION BEYOND NUMBERS. 20th International Technology, Education and Development Conference.
2	Mauritti, R, Lopes, A. L., Pintassilgo, S. & Roque Ferreira, M. (2026). Mobilizar a comunidade académica para a equidade e o sucesso: a governação para um ensino superior inclusivo em Portugal. XIV Congresso Iberoamericano de Docencia Universitaria.
3	Justino, E., Mauritti, R, Roque Ferreira, M. & Oliveira, E. (2026). Programas de Mentoria para a Inclusão Social: Uma Abordagem Holística no Contexto Universitário. XIV Congresso Iberoamericano de Docencia Universitaria.
4	Gomes, S., Roque Ferreira, M., Oliveira, E. & Faneca, C. (2025). Mentoria e Desenvolvimento Pessoal: Impactos Multidimensionais na Experiência Universitária. III Congresso Ibero-americano para uma educação de qualidade - Mentoria e Desenvolvimento de Competências.

• Other Publications

- Other publications

1	Mauritti, R, Roque Ferreira, M., Gomes, S., Veiga, A., Oliveira, E. & oliveira, M. (2025). Manual de Boas Práticas: Programas de Mentoria. Manual de Boas Práticas: Programas de Mentoria.
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- Master's Dissertation

1	Roque Ferreira, M. (2025). Repensar as políticas sociais para a velhice com dignidade no contexto metropolitano: Estudo de caso entre freguesias do concelho de Lisboa.
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Research Projects

Project Title	Role in Project	Partners	Period
IN_Iscte – espaço para crescer	Executive Coordinator	CIES-Iscte	2024 - 2026

Awards

Silva Leal Prize (2025)
Academic Excellence Award - Entrance Award (2017)

Professional Associations

Portuguese Sociological Association (Since 2026)
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