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Curriculum

For more than a decade, since 2007, I have been building up a relevant body of ethnographic knowledge mainly focused on Senegal and other countries in the region. My approach is multidisciplinary and although I'm mainly focused in academic work I have also produced work in video and photography. I have conducted long-term ethnography (3+ years) and I have been shaping my scientific activity around a couple of main concerns like the relation of West African societies with externalized ideological conundrums and interventions, mainly in postcolonial times, but also going back to the colonial epoch. I have taken interest in development, technology and lately in human rights. I'm interested in how these 'languages' and discourses become vernacularized and are translated into practice, catalysing (and often imposing) social change or finding multilayered resistances, culturally and politically. Concretely, my main domains of specialization are Anthropology, African Studies and Human Rights. I graduated in Anthropology in 2005 and until 2009 I have had several experiences on the domain of development, water politics, migration and rural sustainability in a drought stricken area in northern Senegal, namely volunteering work in 2007 and the shooting and direction of the research documentary Waalo Waalo. From 2009 until 2016, while producing my PhD thesis I focused, in the same region, on the appropriation of technology (particularly ICTs), and how these not only represent new tools for communication but also a greater degree of exposure to global trends, bringing with them new spaces of autonomy but also suspicion. It was also during the PhD that I became interested in gender issues, intergenerational relations and social change. In 2016 when I was granted the PhD in African Studies I started working as a project manager in a research-action project focused on FGM/C, subject on which I have specialized since then. My current general research interests focus areas such as: Gender, Gender-Based Violence, Violence Against Women, FGM/C, Human Rights, Body Politics, Sexuality. I'm also particularly interested in situating this research in West Africa and focus: youth sexuality, FGM/C and homophobia, making use of a regional focus. West African societies present many similarities, but also differences which I believe should be considered together, for both historical reasons and present day interconnectedness. I have also, in parallel, been invested in Documentary film and Photography since 2005. I have acquired several competencies in both these areas: technical and artistic. Both are complementary to research

but both are also independent of research, configuring several side projects like the documentary 'Waalo Waalo' (2007-2009) and the on-going project 'Yoon' (2017 - ...), and other smaller projects.

Research Interests

Anthropology

African Studies

West Africa

Sexual and Reproductive Rights

Gender

Academic Qualifications

University/Institution	Type	Degree	Period
ISCTE - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa	PhD	Estudos Africanos	2016
ISCTE - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa	Licenciante	Antropologia	2005

Supervisions

• Ph.D. Thesis

- Ongoing

	Student Name	Title/Topic	Language	Status	Institution
1	Alessandra Terra Magagnin	Dinâmicas de Comunicação em Sociedades Africanas Perante Fluxos Externos: Estudo de Caso de Sociedades do Sul da Guiné-Bissau	Portuguese	Developing	Iscte
2	Pedro Manuel Calado Ferreira	As Potências do Magrebe e a questão do Saara Ocidental: Conflito, Relações Bilaterais e Política Externa.	Portuguese	Developing	Iscte

• M.Sc. Dissertations

- Concluded

	Student Name	Title/Topic	Language	Institution	Concluding Year
1	Marta Gingeira Afonso	Segregationist Enclaves in the Republic of South Africa. Gated Communities as Spaces that Propagate Racist Ideologies	Portuguese	Iscte	2021

2	Mireia Rodrigo Fernández	Migration of unaccompanied minors from Morocco to Europe: the pursuit of an Amazigh Nation?	English	Iscte	2021
3	Isaiete Augusto Jabula	Resistances to the abandonment of early and/or forced marriage and FGM in the ECOWAS region: the case of Guinea-Bissau	Portuguese	Iscte	2021
4	Aulato Djaló	Female Genital Mutilation in Portugal for the past 20 years	Portuguese	Iscte	2020
5	Ondina Maria Ganito Giga	Contributions to the characterization of girls' drop-out in Mozambique - Case study of Anchilo Secondary School in Nampula Province	Portuguese	Iscte	2019
6	Samoshkina Maria	Towards gender equality in Africa: gender aware IT	English	Iscte	2018

• M.Sc. Final Projects

- Concluded

	Student Name	Title/Topic	Language	Institution	Concluding Year
1	Salomão Moreira Focna	Cultural diversity in the construction of national identity in Guinea-Bissau's carnival	Portuguese	Iscte	2023

Total Citations

Web of Science®	1
Scopus	1

Publications

• Scientific Journals

- Scientific journal paper

1	Falcão, R. (2023). From social peace to code of silence: The social ethics of sutura in Senegal. <i>Cadernos de Estudos Africanos</i> . 46, 13-37
2	Neto, P. F. & Falcão, R. (2023). Seeing like a routier: Routiers' borderscapes between Southern Europe and West Africa. <i>Etnográfica</i> . 27 (3), 583-598 - Times Cited Web of Science®: 1 - Times Cited Scopus: 1 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 1

3	Falcão, R. (2021). Senegal: O crescimento acelerado das indústrias extrativas sob a égide de Macky Sall. <i>Janus: Anuário de relações exteriores</i> . 20, 56-57 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 1
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- Scientific journal editor

1	Carvalho, C., Falcão, Ricardo & Jabula, I. (2023). <i>Cadernos Estudos Africanos</i> .
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- Review article

1	Falcão, Ricardo (2020). Garbage Citizenship: Vital Infrastructures of Labor in Dakar, Senegal by Rosalind Fredericks (review). <i>African Studies Review</i> . 63 (2), E30-E32
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• Books and Book Chapters

- Book editor

1	Carvalho, C., Falcão, Ricardo & Patrício, Marta (2018). <i>Corte/Mutilação Genital Feminina: respostas institucionais integradas</i> . Lisboa. Centro de Estudos Internacionais.
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- Book chapter

1	Neto, P. & Falcão, R. (2022). Routiers' transformational trajectories of waste, from Portugal to Senegal. In Manuel João Ramos, Pedro Neto, Giulia Daniele (Ed.), <i>Border crossings in and out of Europe</i> . (pp. 87-105). Lisboa: CEI-Iscte. - Times Cited Google Scholar: 4
2	Falcão, R. & Carvalho, C. (2022). Women rights crossing border and FGM/C: Violent traditions, cultural differences, and juridical conundrums. In Giulia Daniele, Manuel João Ramos, Pedro Figueiredo Neto (Ed.), <i>Border crossings in and out of Europe</i> . (pp. 132-154). Lisbon: Centro de Estudos Internacionais do Instituto Universitário de Lisboa . - Times Cited Google Scholar: 2
3	Falcão, R. (2017). Migração, movimentos migratórios e etnicidade. In <i>Guia de Formação Académica Multissetorial Sobre Corte/Mutilação Genital Feminina</i> . (pp. 59-63). Madrid: Dykinson. - Times Cited Google Scholar: 1
4	Falcão, R. (2017). Historicidade do C/MGF e das agendas anti-C/MGF. In <i>Guia de Formação Académica Multissetorial Sobre Corte/Mutilação Genital Feminina</i> . (pp. 33-36). Madrid: Dykinson. - Times Cited Google Scholar: 2
5	Carvalho, C. & Falcão, Ricardo (2017). Ethnography: FGM/C and cultural differences. In <i>Multisectoral Academic Training Guide on Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting</i> . (pp. 130-134). Madrid: Editorial DYKINSON.
6	Falcão, Ricardo (2014). Senegalese Youth at the crossroads between Cossan (Tradition) and the appropriation of ICTs – Technology, Body and Autonomy. In Josep Marti (Ed.), <i>African Realities: Body, Culture and Social Tensions</i> . (pp. 19-52): Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

• Conferences/Workshops and Talks

- Publication in conference proceedings

1	Falcão, R. (2018). Resistance to change: FGM/C and gendered inequality in Senegal. In Michela Fusaschi and Giovanna Cavatorta (Ed.), IV International Seminar MAP-FGM. (pp. 181-191). Torino: Meti Edizioni. - Times Cited Google Scholar: 3
2	Falcão, R. (2014). Youth appropriation of the body: Youth appropriation of ICTS: Senegalese youth at the crossroads between Coosan (tradition) and Dund Toubab (the life of the whites). In 5th European Conference on African Studies. African Dynamics in a Multipolar World. (pp. 827-858).: Centro de Estudos Internacionais do Instituto Universitário de Lisboa. - Times Cited Google Scholar: 2

- Conference proceedings editor

1	Carvalho, C., Falcão, R. & Patrício, M. (2018). Corte/Mutilação Genital Feminina: respostas institucionais integradas. Lisboa. Centro de Estudos Internacionais.
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- Talk

1	Falcão, Ricardo & Garrido, R. (2021). Sexual Citizenship and Intolerance Towards LGBTQI People: from Citizens to Outlaws. IPSA 26th World Congress of Political Science: New Nationalisms in an Open World.
2	Falcão, Ricardo (2021). Women's activism in Senegal: pushing through social constraints. Activisms in Africa 2021.
3	Falcão, Ricardo (2020). Valores globais, sensibilidades locais: África face aos Direitos Sexuais e Reprodutivos. Curso Política Internacional Africana.
4	Falcão, Ricardo (2020). Tradições violentas, diferença cultural e ambiguidades jurídicas. Violência doméstica e de género e mutilação genital feminina.
5	Falcão, Ricardo (2018). Resistance to Change: FGM/C and gendered inequality in Senegal. FGM/C: from Medicine to Critical Anthropology.
6	Falcão, Ricardo (2017). MAP-FGM: forming «future professionals» to improve systemic response capacity to cultural differences inscribed in women's bodies. #HeforShe "Women's Rights are Human Rights".
7	Falcão, Ricardo (2016). O pânico moral e a crise das masculinidades: as TIC no Senegal. Pensar África: seminário permanente de Estudos Africanos.
8	Falcão, Ricardo (2014). Ébola e as culturas do medo. Os desafios do Ébola.

- Conference paper not in proceedings

1	Falcão, Ricardo (2019). Sutura: social life, protection and intimacies. VII Congresso da Associação Portuguesa de Antropologia.
2	Carvalho, C. & Falcão, Ricardo (2019). Sexual and Reproductive Rights and gendered cultural resistances in Western Africa, inequality, violence and illegitimacy. II Conferência Internacional Ativismos em África.
3	Falcão, Ricardo (2019). Public exposure and social control: gender . 8th European Conference in African Studies,.

4	Falcão, Ricardo (2018). "We're experts in everything and specialized in almost nothing": professionals dealing with GBV on the aftermath of FGM/C in a Lisbon municipality". International Forum Female Genital Mutilation - Exploring strategies and good practices - From local global.
5	Carvalho, C. & Falcão, Ricardo (2017). Comparing agendas on preventing FGM/C in Guinea-Bissau, Senegal and Gambia. Activism in Africa.
6	Falcão, Ricardo (2017). Senegal's non-compliance with LGBTQ rights claims. Activisms in Africa.
7	Falcão, Ricardo (2010). O papel das TIC no Desenvolvimento: migrações e globalização senegalesas. Congresso Ibérico de Estudos Africanos 7.

• Other Publications

- Entries/Forewords/Afterwords

1	Carvalho, C., Falcão, Ricardo & Jabula, I. (2025). Introdução: Direitos e Saúde Sexual e Reprodutiva na África Ocidental – Contextos, Desafios e Transformações no Senegal, Guiné-Bissau e Cabo Verde. Cadernos de Estudos Africanos. 7-11
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- Doctoral Thesis

1	Falcão, Ricardo (2016). Apropriação das TIC no Senegal: Sociabilidades Jovens e Valores Sociais em Crise. - Times Cited Google Scholar: 5
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- Report

1	Carvalho, C. & Falcão, Ricardo (2020). 2º relatório do projeto Os direitos sexuais e reprodutivos e as resistências culturais com base no género na África Ocidental: desigualdade, violência e ilegitimidade.
2	Carvalho, C. & Falcão, Ricardo (2019). Os direitos sexuais e reprodutivos e as resistências culturais com base no género na África Ocidental: desigualdade, violência e ilegitimidade. 1º relatório.
3	Falcão, Ricardo, Patrício, Marta & Carvalho, C. (2018). Final Report of the Multisectorial Academic Programme to Combat and Prevent Female Genital Mutilation.
4	Falcão, Ricardo & Carvalho, C. (2017). Intermediate Report January 2017 CEI-IUL / ISCTE-IUL, Multi sectorial Academic Programme to prevent and combat Female Genital Mutilation (FGM/C).

Research Projects

Project Title	Role in Project	Partners	Period
Sexual and Reproductive Rights and gendered cultural resistances in Western Africa: inequality, violence and illegitimacy.	Principal Researcher	CEI-Iscte - Leader	2018 - 2021

Multi sectorial Academic Programme to prevent and combat Female Genital Mutilation	Scholar	CEI-Iscte, URJC - (Spain), Wassu-UAB - (Spain), RHEA - (Belgium), UNIROMA3 - (Italy), FAC - (Italy)	2016 - 2018
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Products

Product Type	Product Title	Detailed Description	Year
Digital Materials or Audiovisual Resources	Yoon	YOON follows the regular round trip taken by Senegalese routier Mbaye Sow, on an old Peugeot 504, along the 4000 Kms that separate the two places he calls home. It's a perilous and lonesome journey south, filled with (mis)encounters and all kinds of challenges and compromises, where a complex network of relationships and grey areas must be navigated.	2021