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Curriculum

Tamila Carvalho holds an M.A. in International Relations - Peace, Security and Development Studies from the Faculty of Economics of the University of Coimbra (FEUC) and a B.A. in International Relations from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ). Her Master's thesis "Displacing the border: the 'Brazilian language' and the re/production of colonial difference" focuses on the production of contemporary colonial subjects in postcolonial contexts, with an emphasis on processes of raciolinguistic difference. Tamila Carvalho was the recipient of two awards based on her outstanding academic performance. The first was the Merit Board of the University of Coimbra, which includes the top 5 per cent students. The second was the Best Student Award by FEUC (2023), having ranked first in the master's programme. In 2012, she took part in an exchange program at Sciences-Po Aix-en-Provence (France) and attended classes in French. Previously, she volunteered as a researcher at the Observatory of Contemporary Politics and Economics and Human Rights Violations (OPEC-DH) of the UFRJ, carrying out research on human rights violations and migration studies (2010-2011). Her current research interests focus on Global South-North migration; peace, security and violence; gender and global humanitarianism/interventionism; language and ordinary processes of identity/difference; post/decolonial and feminist theories in IR. In addition to her academic career, Tamila has a successful track record in implementing Brazilian policies as a civil servant at the prestigious Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE). Her exceptional skills are evident as she was one of only 17 candidates out of 46,000 who qualified for the position of Technician of Geographical and Statistical Information in the state of Rio de Janeiro. As a civil servant, Tamila collected valuable data for national statistics through fieldwork in diverse social landscapes, including favelas, remote and residual rural areas, and high-class neighborhoods. She expertly supervised small teams of enumerators, trained and mentored new members, performed rigorous data quality assurance, and conducted surveys and georeferencing with precision.

Academic Qualifications

University/Institution	Type	Degree	Period
Linköping University	Training Session	Reproductive Racial Capitalism: New Theoretical Perspectives Exploring Inequalities	2026
Universidade de Coimbra	Other type of qualification	Curso de Formação de Inglês para Fins Acadêmicos III	2024
Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro	Other type of qualification	International Political Sociology Winter School	2024
Universidade de Coimbra	M.Sc.	Relações Internacionais - Estudos da Paz, Segurança e Desenvolvimento	2023
Universidade de Coimbra Centro de Estudos Sociais	Other type of qualification	Desarmar as opressões atuais a partir das epistemologias do Sul: o capitalismo, o colonialismo e o patriarcado	2021
Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro	Bachelor of Science	Relações Internacionais	2013
Institut d'Études Politiques d'Aix-en-Provence	Other type of qualification	Programme d' Études Politiques semestriel (PEPS)	2013
Centro Conjunto de Operações de Paz do Brasil - Sérgio Vieira de Mello	Other type of qualification	United Nations Civil-Military Cooperation in Peacekeeping Operations (UN CIMIC)	2013

External Professional Activities

Period	Employer	Country	Description
--	Casa do Brasil de Lisboa	Portugal	Collaborating with AIMA (Portuguese Immigration Agency) in its Task Force
--	Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics	Brazil	

Publications

• Conferences/Workshops and Talks

- Talk

1	Carvalho, T. (2026). From the Discriminatory 'You Speak Brazilian' in Portugal to Lélia Gonzalez's Pretuguês: Language, Race, and Decolonial Enunciation Within the Lusophone Space. Open class of the course "Portugal: The Journey from 'Welcoming' Policies to Anti-Immigration Mobilization".
2	Carvalho, T. (2025). "Brazilian speak" and the re/production of the colonial difference. 11th conference on Pluricentric Languages and their Non-Dominant Varieties Pluricentric Languages and Power: At the Crossroads of Legacies.
3	Carvalho, T. (2025). "You Speak Brazilian": the Politics of Language and Identity in Portugal's Educational Landscape. IMISCOE MITRA Standing Committee PhD Training & Symposium entitled "International Student Mobility in Changing Sociopolitical Landscapes".

4	Carvalho, T. (2025). Uma abordagem raciolinguística sobre o "falar brasileiro". V Congresso Internacional da Associação de Brazilianistas na Europa (ABRE).
5	Carvalho, T. (2025). Racing, Linguaging, Borders: A Literature Review on Border, Language, and Race in Higher Education. Workshop Language Diversity, Education and Learning in the Context of Migration and Diaspora.

• Other Publications

- Master's Dissertation

1	Carvalho, T. (2023). Deslocando a fronteira: O falar brasileiro e a re/produção da diferença colonial.
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Research Projects

Project Title	Role in Project	Partners	Period
Borders and language in the lusophone space: Brazilian immigrants in the Portuguese higher education system	PhD Scholar	CIES-Iscte	2025 - 2028

Awards

Prémio FIBE 2024 (2024)
Melhor estudante do curso de Mestrado em Relações Internacionais - Estudos da Paz, Segurança e Desenvolvimento (2023)
Merit Board University of Coimbra (2023)

Research Networks

Research Network Name	Representative Role	Period
International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE)	PhD Representative Standing Committee Education and Social Inequalities	Since 2025
MultiLiLiTrans - Literary multilingualism and social transformations in superdiverse societies	Management Committee	Since 2025

Organization/Coordination of Events

Type of Organization/Coordination	Event Title	Organizer	Year
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Coordination of scientific event (with scientific committee) outside of ISCTE-IUL	Webinar Series Language, Power, and Social Boundaries: Dynamics of Inclusion and Exclusion Across Social Spaces	IMISCOE Standing Committee Education and Social Inequalities & CIES-Iscte	2026
Member of scientific event's organizing committee	International Conference on Co-creative and Participatory Methods for Investigating and Challenging Racialisation	University of Parma	2025
Member of scientific event committee	Language Diversity, Education and Learning in the Context of Migration and Diaspora		Since 2025
Member of non-scientific event's organizing committee	Apoio logístico à Conferência Youth Blast 2012 (Major Group for Children and Youth, UNCSD Rio+20)		2012