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Course Unit Program
Contemporary Social Problems

Academic Year 2023/2024

1. Organic Unit

Higher Institute of Social Work

2. Course

SOCIAL WORK

3. Cycle

2nd

4. Course Unit

Contemporary Social Problems (M6201)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

1st

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

1st Semester



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8. Class type and workload (work time)

Theoretical classes:

Practical classes:

Theoretical-Practical Classes 15,00

Tutorial Guidance: 20,00

9. ECTS Credits

7,50

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

11. Regent

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12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Promote a reflective analysis of contemporary societies and social problems that stem from the societal transformations associated with the globalization process.

Identify contemporary social issues and new social spaces that enhance the dynamics of social innovation, within the framework of Social Work praxis in the 21st century.

15. Specific Objectives

Establish a relationship between contemporary social problems and new spaces of Social Work intervention.

Produce transdisciplinary debate on the impact of profound and rapid changes on citizens, families, groups and institutions.

Create the theoretical bases for the design of scientific and professional projects.

16. Skills to be acquired

Develop critical thinking and the scientific habitus of reading and reflecting on themes presented;

In the field of knowledge, identify and produce a reflection on contemporary social problems and improve skills to intervene socially, within the scope of Social Work, contributing to social change.

In the field of knowing how to be, position yourself critically, learn to question and assume the role of an actor in solving social problems.



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17. Teaching Methodology

Theoretical exposition of the subject, by the teacher, with indication of the bibliography of reference and support to the study;

Presentation of the key ideas of supporting texts by the students, followed by debate on the respective themes;

Participation of guest specialists in the main themes of this program.

18. Course Unit Program

1. Contemporary Social Problems: definition and theoretical perspectives
2. Globalization, well-being, cohesion, transformation and social change
3. Risk and uncertainty in contemporary society
4. Migration issues: protection and promotion of human rights of migrants and refugees
5. New poverty, unemployment and job insecurity: the social and human impacts of contemporary crises
6. Demographic aging: challenges and dilemmas
7. Transformations in the family, conjugal and family violence
8. Problems of ideological origin: Racism, sexism, ethnic, religious and gender discrimination
9. War and global insecurity
10. Emergence and worsening of environmental and technological problems: ecological and digital transition in the 20th century. XXI
11. Human Rights, Sustainable Development and Community Empowerment
12. Public policies and practice of Social Work: new spaces for reflection and action

19. Assessment Methods

Attendance and participation in classes

Presentation of the key ideas, in a synthetic and coherent way, of supporting texts of the reference bibliography

Elaboration of a work, in article format, on one of the Contemporary Social Problems that integrate the syllabus of the curricular unit.

20. Didactic Resources

Computer;

Projector;

PowerPoint presentations;

Documentation and bibliography recommended by the teacher.

21. Sustainability Objectives

The U.C. Problems Social Contemporaneos aims to contribute to sustainability in the following areas: 1-Substantially increase the number of young people and adults with relevant qualifications, including technical and professional skills, for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship. 2-Ensure equal opportunities in university education. 3-Respect for cultural diversity. Social and environmental responsibility. 4-Capacity training for the development of SDG 2023, UN



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22. Keywords

Social issue
Globalization
Risk Society
Social exclusion

23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): Anthony Giddens
Title: O mundo na era da globalização
Edition: 9ª Edição Year: 2012
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Presença

Author(s): Anthony Giddens
Title: Sociologia
Edition: 9ª Edição Year: 2013
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian

Author(s): Hermano Carmo (Ed.)
Title: Problemas sociais contemporâneos
Edition: 1ª Edição Year: 2001
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Universidade Aberta

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): Linda A. Mooney, David Knox e Caroline Schacht
Title: Understanding Social Problems
Edition: 7ª Edição Year: 2011
Local: Belmont
Publisher: Wadsworth Cengage Learning

Author(s): Vincent N. Parrillo (Ed.)
Title: Contemporary Social Problems
Edition: 6ª Edição Year: 2005
Local: Boston
Publisher: Pearson



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