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Course Unit Program
Development of Thought and Social Work Theory

Academic Year 2023/2024

1. Organic Unit

Higher Institute of Social Work

2. Course

SOCIAL WORK

3. Cycle

3rd

4. Course Unit

Development of Thought and Social Work Theory (I2003)

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:	20,00
Practical classes:	
Theoretical-Practical Classes	10,00
Tutorial Guidance:	

9. ECTS Credits

10,00

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

11. Regent

Prof. Doutora MARIA JÚLIA FARIA CARDOSO

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Deepening of knowledge about the foundations of Social Work, the paradigms that influence the theoretical-methodological-ethic construction and professional behaviour.

15. Specific Objectives

Deepen knowledge of the social theories and paradigms that influence knowledge, practice and the production of knowledge in Social Work;

Debate current theoretical developments and their influence on Social Work: from adaptation to social reality to criticism and social change.

16. Skills to be acquired

- knowledge of the epistemology of Social Work and the paradigms of the Social and Human Sciences that influence Social Work;
- ability to problematise social and professional issues and produce knowledge based on them;
- developing an interest in Social Work research.

17. Teaching Methodology



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- Presentation of the contents of the programme by the lecturer by guest lecturers who are experts in the different influential currents in Social Work;
- availability of texts by authors who are a reference in Social Work knowledge;
- debate and analytical reflection on the contents of the programme and the establishment of links with issues related to professional practice and possible research topics for doctoral students.

18. Course Unit Program

- I - Process of development of thought in Social Work
 - construction of the identity of Social Work
 - social sciences paradigms and influences on Social Work: positivism-functionalism, structuralism, dialectical materialism
- II - Theoretical approaches and their influence on professional behaviour
 - The positivist-functionalist tradition and the adaptive and psychosocial rehabilitation perspective
 - Phenomenology and systemic interactionism
 - The critical tradition and the anti-oppressive perspective
- III - Reconfiguration of the theoretical field and professional action: the ethical-political project of Social Work and its contribution to the development of the Social Sciences.

19. Assessment Methods

The course unit will be assessed on the basis of an individual written assignment (10 pages) on the development and theoretical production of Social Work, based on a Social Work author indicated by the lecturer and/or proposed by the doctoral student. The work should emphasise the epistemological aspect of Social Work and the paradigm that guides the perspective defended by the author. It should contain a critical analysis by the doctoral student, supported by other authors.

The work must be ha

20. Didactic Resources

Texts; information/key ideas in power point; open classes/conferences; be-on database.

21. Sustainability Objectives

- Objective 4 - Quality Education
- Objective 10 - Reduced Inequalities
- Objective 16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

22. Keywords

Social Theory
Social Sciences Paradigms
Social Work
Critical thinking
Theory-practice relationsh



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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): Adams, Robert., Dominelli, Lena, Payne, Malcolm
Title: Social Work - themes, issues and critical debates.
Edition: Year: 1998
Local: London
Publisher: The Open University, MacMillan Press Ltd

Author(s): Amaro, Maria Inês
Title: Urgências e Emergências do Serviço Social
Edition: 2^a Year: 2015
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Universidade Católica

Author(s): Healy, Karen
Title: Social Work Theories in Context: Creating Frameworks for Practice
Edition: Year: 2014
Local:
Publisher: Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): Fook, Jan e Fiona Gardner
Title: Practising critical reflection: a resource handbook
Edition: Year: 2007
Local:
Publisher: Open University Press

Author(s): Netto, José Paulo
Title: A Construção do Projeto Ético-Político do Serviço Social
Edition: Year: 2010
Local: Brasília
Publisher: Rev Serviço Social e Saúde: Formação e Trabalho Profissional;



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