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Course Unit Program
Globalization and Inequalities

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Higher Institute of Social Work

2. Course

SOCIAL WORK

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Globalization and Inequalities (L4504)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

1st

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

2nd Semester

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8. Class type and workload (work time)

Theoretical classes:	30,00
Practical classes:	
Theoretical-Practical Classes	
Tutorial Guidance:	20,00

9. ECTS Credits

6,00

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

11. Regent

Prof. Doutora VANDA SOFIA BRAZ RAMALHO

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

- Understand the concepts and notions of globalization and discuss dynamics present in its context;
- Acquire knowledge about contemporary social inequalities, developing skills of analysis and reflection on their multidimensional and global effects.

15. Specific Objectives

- Characterize globalization within a historical process with recent intensification, analyzing its various dimensions;
- Reflect on the Social Work intervention in a globalized world;
- Know and deepen the theme of Globalization and Inequalities in the framework of the promotion of human development and the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Study the types of inequalities, their manifestations and effects with reference to European Union and national policies.

16. Skills to be acquired

- It is intended that students acquire information and tools that will enable them to understanding and critical analysis of Globalisation and Inequalities;
- That students acquire skills for understanding the dynamics of the contemporary world and stimulate the will to know, understand and analyse the Globalisation process, in its complexity and multidimensionality.

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17. Teaching Methodology

Expositive method (lectures) combined with the active method with reflection and debate on the subject of lectures, recommended reading texts and statistical data related to the themes of the course unit (tutorials).

18. Course Unit Program

1 - GLOBALISATION AND COMPLEX SOCIETIES
1.1 - Concepts and definitions of globalization
1.2 - Historical Context of globalization
1.3 - Main Dimensions of globalization
1.4 - Effects of globalization: risks and social vulnerabilities in a plural and global world
2 - CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL INEQUALITIES
2.1 - Concepts and notions on social inequalities and categorical inequalities
2.2 - Multidimensionality of Social Inequalities
2.3 - Inequalities, poverty and social exclusion: Inequalities economic, labour, education, health, gender, socio-cultural and digital
2.4 - Influence of social inequalities in mobility and social participation
3 - HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
3.1 - Human, social and sustainable development: basic concepts
3.2 - Goals, dimensions and Human Development Index - UNDP.
3.3 - The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): priorities and aspirations of global sustainable development according to Agenda 2030.
4 - SOCIAL WORK IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBALIZATION: Human rights, social justice and social change in the framework of global social inequalities

19. Assessment Methods

- 2 written tests
- Presentation on themes in the field of social inequalities, according to the outline provided
- Other elements: Attendance at classes and participation in extracurricular activities indicated as relevant

20. Didactic Resources

Computer/Projector/Power Points/Videos
Moodle
Documentation and bibliography recommended by the teacher
Didactic games

21. Sustainability Objectives

SGD 4 - Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
SDG 8 - Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
SGD 10 - Reduce inequality within and among countries

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22. Keywords

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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s):	António Firmino da Costa		
Title:	Desigualdades sociais contemporâneas		
Edition:	1ª Edição	Year:	2012
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Mundos Sociais		

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

Author(s):	Renato do Carmo, João Sebastião, Joana Azevedo, Susana Martins da Cruz, António Firmino da Costa		
Title:	Desigualdades Sociais. Portugal e a Europa		
Edition:	1ª Edição	Year:	2018
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Mundos Sociais		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	Anthony Giddens e Philip W. Sutton		
Title:	Sociologia		
Edition:	9ª Edição	Year:	2023
Local:	Porto Alegre		
Publisher:	Penso		

Author(s):	Nações Unidas		
Title:	Transformando nosso mundo: A agenda 2030 para o desenvolvimento sustentável		
Edition:	Digital	Year:	2015
Local:	Documento Online		
Publisher:	https://brasil.un.org/pt-br/91863-agenda-2030-para-o-desenvolvimento-sustent%C3%A1vel		

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