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Course Unit Program
Globalization and Inequalities

Academic Year 2026/2027

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 and know the types of inequalities, their manifestations and effects with reference to European Union and national policies.
- To acknowledge and c

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;
- 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, videos 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

1.5 - Contemporary globalization: Tensions and dynamics regarding instability, (dis)order, or (de)globalization

1.6 - Globalization, power, and inequalities: Perspectives from the ?Global Majority

2 - CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL INEQUALITIES

2.1 - Concepts and notions on social inequalities and categorical inequalities

2.2 - Multidimensionality and intersectionality of Social Inequalities

2.3 - Inequalities, poverty and social exclusion: Class Inequalities (economic & labour), education, health, gender, socio-cultural, environmental 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 globalization and social inequalities, according to the outline provided by the teacher and Attendance at classes

20. Didactic Resources

Computer and projector.

Moodle videos and presentation slides.

Documentary films and short-form videos.

Instructor-recommended documentation and bibliography.

Educational games

21. Sustainability Objectives



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SDG 1: No Poverty
SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being
SDG 4: Quality Education
SDG 5: Gender Equality
SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure
SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions
SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

22. Keywords

Globalisation
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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
ISBN Code: 9789898536150

Author(s): Anthony Giddens
Title: O mundo na era da globalização
Edition: 9ª Edição Year: 2012
Local: Lisboa
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ISBN Code: 9789722325738

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
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24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): Anthony Giddens e Philip W. Sutton
Title: Sociologia
Edition: 9ª Edição Year: 2023
Local: Porto Alegre
Publisher: Penso
ISBN Code: 9786559760220

Author(s): Nações Unidas
Title: Transformando nosso mundo: A agenda 2030 para o desenvolvimento sustentável
Edition: Digital Year: 2015



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