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Course Unit Program
PUBLIC POLICIES, CITIZENSHIP AND RISK

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Higher Institute of Social Work

2. Course

SOCIAL WORK

3. Cycle

2nd

4. Course Unit

PUBLIC POLICIES, CITIZENSHIP AND RISK (M6304)

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

Prof. Doutora VANDA SOFIA BRAZ RAMALHO

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

To deepen knowledge and develop critical analysis skills regarding the processes on which citizenship is founded, and to understand the importance of public policies in its consolidation.

15. Specific Objectives

- Deepen knowledge and develop critical analysis skills of the processes upon which citizenship is founded, and understand the importance of public policies in its consolidation.
- Articulate dimensions of citizenship within the context of the global risk society.
- Explore and analyze public policy measures.
- Deepen understanding of political practice in social work within a global context.
- Support master's students in defining research.

16. Skills to be acquired

- Ability to analyze and articulate the dimensions of citizenship within the context of contemporary societies and their relationship with new social risks.
- Analytical and critical capacity regarding the diversity of policy measures, their importance, and limitations.
- Understanding, diagnosing, and engaging in political practices related to social needs in a risk society.

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17. Teaching Methodology

Theoretical-practical teaching resorting to interaction, presentations and debate with students on key issues linked to Syllabus.

18. Course Unit Program

I. STATE, POLICIES AND SOCIAL PROTECTION: REVISITING CONCEPTS
II. PUBLIC POLICIES AND SOCIAL RISKS:
2.1 The dilution of the solidarist paradigm based on the ? risk technology?: framework and limitations
2.2 The obsolescence of traditional forms of policy regulation public policies in the face of new risks in the global risk society
III. CURRENT ISSUES AT THE INTERSECTION OF CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC POLICIES IN THE RISK SOCIETY:
3.1. The neoliberal threat and the new social risks to the welfare state
3.2 The redefinition of the role of the state in the global geopolitical context and its impact on social regulation
IV. STRATEGIES FOR INCLUSION AND CONSOLIDATING CITIZENSHIP:
4.1. A new social contract for a truly just society?
4.2. The territorialization of policies: The Power of community governance between the State, the Market and the Local Development Movement.
V. THE POLITICAL PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK: Overcoming political impotence for a just and sustainable world

19. Assessment Methods

The evaluation will seek to assess the acquisition of knowledge and skills by students, using interventions in class, written texts and individual oral presentations.

20. Didactic Resources

Audiovisual Media (PC/Data Show/Power Point/Videos)
Recommended and complementary bibliography
Didactic games
Press and other media
Distributed texts
Data base

21. Sustainability Objectives

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Public policies are essential for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 2030, UN) in a risk society. The sustainability goals most related to this curricular unit are:

1- No Poverty
3- Good Health and Well-being
4- Quality Education
5- Gender Equality
8- Decent Work and Economic Growth
10- Reduced Inequalities
11- Sustainable Cities and Communities
16-Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions
17-Partnerships for the Goals

22. Keywords

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Author(s):	Albuquerque, C. & Luz, H. A.		
Title:	Políticas Sociais em tempos de crise		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2016
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Pactor		

Author(s):	Beck, U.		
Title:	Sociedade de risco Mundial. Em busca da segurança perdida		
Edition:		Year:	2021
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Edições 70		

Author(s):	Casquilho-Martins, I.		
Title:	O conhecimento e a prática política na intervenção social in Fialho, J. (Org.). Manual para a Inteve		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2021
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Sílabo		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	Cabral, M. V.		
Title:	Dimensões da Cidadania. A mobilização política em Portugal numa perspetiva comparada		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2014
Local:	Porto		
Publisher:	Aftontamento		

Author(s):	Bonoli, G.		
Title:	The polítícs of' the new social polícies: providing coverage against new social risks in mature Welf		
Edition:		Year:	2005
Local:			
Publisher:			

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