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Course Unit Program
PUBLIC POLICIES, CITIZENSHIP AND RISK

Academic Year 2026/2027

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

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12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

To deepen students' understanding of citizenship and public policies, examining their role in promoting citizens' participation in social, political, and economic life. To develop a critical perspective on emerging forms of social vulnerability and risk and evaluate public policy responses, fostering an integrated understanding of public intervention and its contribution to a more inclusive and sustainable society.

15. Specific Objectives

- Understand and critically analyse the foundations of citizenship and the role of public policies in promoting participation and social cohesion.
- Articulate the different dimensions of citizenship within the context of the global risk society.
- Understand and critically evaluate public policy measures.
- Deepen knowledge of the political dimension of Social Work in a global context.
- Support master's students in the development of their research pathway

16. Skills to be acquired

- Ability to develop critical analyses of the multiple dimensions of citizenship in contemporary societies.
- Ability to critically evaluate public policy measures, recognising their contribution, scope and limitations in addressing social problems.
- Ability to understand, assess and intervene in response to complex social needs, mobilising the political dimension of Social Work within the context of the risk society.



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17. Teaching Methodology

Theoretical-practical teaching based on interaction, lectures, and discussion with students on the key issues related to the topics covered in the course syllabus.

18. Course Unit Program

- I. STATE, PUBLIC POLICIES AND SOCIAL PROTECTION: CONSOLIDATION AND CONCEPTUAL DEEPENING
- II. PUBLIC POLICIES AND NEW SOCIAL RISKS
 - 2.1. The erosion of the solidarity-based paradigm founded on risk technology: framework and limitations.
 - 2.2. The obsolescence of traditional forms of public policy regulation in the face of the challenges of the global risk society.
- III. CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AT THE INTERSECTION OF CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC POLICIES
 - 3.1. The challenges posed by neoliberalism and new social risks to the Welfare State.
 - 3.2. The redefinition of the role of the State in the global geopolitical context and its impacts on social regulation.
- IV. STRATEGIES FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION AND CONSOLIDATION OF CITIZENSHIP
 - 4.1. A new social contract for a more just and sustainable society?
 - 4.2. The territorialisation of public policies: community governance, the State, the market, and local development.
- V. THE POLITICAL DIMENSION OF SOCIAL WORK
 - 5.1. From professional action to political intervention: contributions of Social Work to a more just and sustainable society.

19. Assessment Methods

Assessment will aim to evaluate, through a dialogical approach, students' acquisition of knowledge and skills by means of class participation, written assignments, and individual oral presentations.

20. Didactic Resources

Audiovisual Resources (PC/Data Projector/PowerPoint/Videos)
Required and Supplementary Bibliography
Press and Other Media
Databases

21. Sustainability Objectives



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Public policies are fundamental to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 2030, United Nations) within a risk society. In this context, this course unit is particularly related to the following SDGs:

- 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

Public Policies
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23. Main Bibliography

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Publisher: Pactor
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