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CURRENT POSITION

Banco de Portugal, Lisbon, Portugal
Lawyer

NOVA Law School, Lisbon, Portugal
Guest Lecturer for the academic year 2022-2023 (“Investigation and Crime”, Master in Law and Security)
Researcher at CEDIS - Research Centre on Law and Society
Coordinator of the English-language Seminars on the State and the Study of Law

University of Santiago, Praia, Cape Verde
Guest Lecturer for the academic year 2021-2022 (“Methodology of legal research” and “Financial Markets”, Master in Business and Labour Law)

EDUCATION

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 2020-2021
Visiting Researcher, Department of Criminal Law

NOVA Law School, PhD candidate, - 2017
GPA: 18 (out of 20), Scale A, currently preparing the PhD proposal
Disciplinary focus: Criminal Law, Cybercrime, organised crime and economic criminality

NOVA Law School, Master’s Degree, 2015-2017
GPA: 19 (out of 20), Scale A, Ranked 1st out of 224 post-graduates
Disciplinary focus: Criminal Law, Taking of Evidence and New Technologies
Awarded a Merit Scholarship by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education for students with exceptional performance, which included a cash prize of 2.500€.
Recipient of the Prize “Caixa Geral de Depósitos” for best post-graduate student during the academic year 2017/2018, covering the tuition fees for the PhD program at NOVA Law School

NOVA Law School, Bachelor’s Degree, 2011-2015
GPA: 18 (out of 20), Scale A, Ranked 4th out of 144 graduates
Awarded a Merit Scholarship by the NOVA University of Lisbon, covering the tuition fees for the Master’s Degree

FURTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

School of Law of the University of Lisbon, 03.2018-08.2018
Post-graduation course on Law Enforcement, Compliance and Criminal Law
Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, 09.2017-09.2017
Summer Course on Space Law and Policy, organized by the European Centre for Space Law
Portuguese Foundation of Science and Technology, 2015-2017
Scientific Researcher

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

(Article) “*Ciberespaço como contexto de risco delitivo reforçado: Tempo e espaço no ciberespaço e respaldo na dogmática jurídico-penal*”, Estudos em Homenagem à Professora Doutora Maria Helena Brito, Almedina (em curso de publicação) [Translation: “*Cyberspace as a space of reinforced risk: time and space in cyberspace and its impact on criminal law dogmatics*”]

(Article) “*El delito de agresión sexual en el ciberespacio: reflexiones sobre el problema de la proximidad virtual. Comentario a la STS 447/2021, de 25 de mayo*”, in Revista Crítica de Jurisprudencia Penal, InDret Penal, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, 2021 [Translation: “*The crime of sexual assault in cyberspace: reflections on the problem of virtual proximity. Commenting on the decision nr. 447/2021 of the Supreme Court of Spain*”]

(Article) “*A proteção jurídico-penal da liberdade sexual: análise dogmática do crime de coação sexual*”, in Manual de Boas Práticas Judiciais em matéria de Violência de Género e Violência Doméstica, Associação Portuguesa de Mulheres Juristas, 2019 [Translation: “*The judicial protection of sexual freedom: analysis of the crime of sexual coercion*”]

(Book) “*Novas tecnologias e legalidade da prova em processo penal: Natureza e enquadramento do GPS como método de obtenção de prova*”, Almedina, 2018 [Translation: “*New Technologies and the principle of legality in criminal proceedings: GPS as a new method of taking of evidence*”]

(Article) “*Enriquecimento ilícito/injustificado: breves notas sobre a construção de um tipo incriminador*”, CEDIS, 2016 [Translation: “*Unjust Enrichment: Brief Notes on the construction of a legal text*”]

(Article) “*A Superveniente Insuficiência Económica das partes como alegado fundamento de inoponibilidade da convenção de arbitragem*”, PLMJ Arbitration Journal, 2016 [Translation: “*Supervening financial hardship as a reason for unenforceability of an arbitration agreement*”]

(Article) “*Um Processo Penal desassossegado: da reforma de 2013 à reconfiguração do regime legal em face do Acórdão n.º 174/2014 do Tribunal Constitucional*”, Portuguese Journal of Criminal Science, 24, nr. 2 (apr.-jun. 2014), 261-305. [Translation: “*An agitated Criminal Procedure Code: from the 2013 amendment to the reorganization of the legal regime promoted by the Constitutional Court decision 174/2014*”]

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association in 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Portuguese Securities Market Commission, Lisbon, Portugal, 2018-2021

Lawyer, working on enforcement in capital markets and financial market crimes

PLMJ Law Firm, Lisbon, Portugal, 2016-2018

Junior Lawyer, working with the law firm’s Criminal Law department and providing ongoing legal advice mostly on financial economic criminality and cybercrime. Worked for 6 months with the law firm’s Arbitration department in international arbitrations (in English).

PARTICIPATIONS, ACADEMIC HONORS AND PRIZES

(2020) YERUN Research Mobility Award for European researchers

(2019) Merit Scholarship by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education for students with exceptional performance, which included a cash prize of 2.500€

(2018) Prize “Caixa Geral de Depósitos” for best post-graduate student during the academic year 2017/2018, covering the tuition fees for the PhD program at NOVA Law School (amount of 3.500€)

(2017-2013) Representative of the Students at the NOVA Law School Council

(2016) Member of the International Board of Review (IBOR) for the Telders International Law Moot Court Competition of 2016

(2015/2016) Merit Scholarship by NOVA University of Lisbon for being the best student of the curricular part of the master’s degree, covering the tuition fees for the master’s thesis

(2015) Member of the Portuguese Winning Team in the International Law Moot Court

(2015) Member of the European Winning Team in the EUROPA Moot Court Competition (taking place in English), International Rounds, Greece

(2014) Prize for Best Speaker in the PHILIP C. JESSUP International Law Moot Court (taking place in English), National Rounds

(2014) Member of the Portuguese Winning Team in the PHILIP C. JESSUP Competition (taking place in English), International Rounds, Washington D.C., US

(2014) Merit Scholarship by NOVA Law School for her exceptional performance during the “Licenciatura” degree, covering the tuition fees for the Master’s Degree

(2013) Prize for Best Speaker in the Constitutional Law Moot Court, National Rounds

(2012) Merit Scholarship by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education for completing her studies in High School with a score of 19/20, which included a cash prize

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive Criminal Law, Procedural Criminal Law, Comparative Criminal Law, Legal Philosophy, Jurisprudence

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent in Portuguese and English.

Capable in German (B.2. level)

Capable in Spanish, Italian and French.