

BRIEF CV

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1. ACADEMIC DEGREES

- Aggregation in International Public Health, UNL (2011)
- PhD in International Health, Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UNL (2006)
- Post-Graduation in International Health, Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UNL (2003)
- Graduation in Psychology, Faculty of Psychology of University of Lisbon (1998)

2. ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Associate Professor with Aggregation at National School of Public Health, UNL (since 2018)
- Associate Professor with Aggregation (part-time invited professor) at NOVA Medical School, UNL (since 2013; Invited Assistant Professor: 2007- 2011)
- Associate Professor with Aggregation at Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UNL (2012-2018; Invited Assistant Professor: 2006 -2012)

3. RELEVANT SCIENTIFIC/ PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Vice-President of Scientific Council of the National School of Public Health, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa (since 2019)
- Coordinator of Public Health Research Center - National School of Public Health Universidade NOVA de Lisboa (since 2019)
- Member of the Scientific and Technical Advisor Committee (STAC) of the TDR/World Health Organization (2016-2019)
- Member of the Steering Committee of European Public Health Association (EUPHA) – Section on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health (Since 2012)
- Consultant of the WHO, the ECDC, the IOM, the World Bank, the UNICEF and in missions to Portuguese Speaking countries (Since 2007)
- Act as member of the evaluation panel or as independent reviewer (calls for projects, research fellowships and lecturers positions) for renowned institutions such as EDCTP; Department for International Development - United Kingdom Government; European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership; Wellcome Trust Research Training Fellowship (UK); Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO); Foundation for Science and Technology (Portugal); National Programme for HIV/Aids; academic institutions; among others.
- Coordinator of the PhD program in “International Health”, Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UNL (2015-2018)
- Principal Investigator of the thematic line “Health Challenges of Travelers and Migrants, Research Unit “Global Health and Tropical Medicine” - Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (2015-2018)
- Member of the Scientific Committee of Doctoral Program “International Health” (2011-2018)
- Member of Pedagogical Council of the Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UNL (2012-2018)
- Director of the International Public Health and Biostatistics Unit, Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UNL (2012-2015)
- Director of the Master in “Health and Development”, Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UNL (2012-2015)
- Coordinator of the International and Technical Cooperation division of WHO Collaborating Centre on Health Workforce Policy and Planning – Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UNL (2012-2017)
- Member of the COST Action IS1103 – Adapting European health systems to diversity (ADAPT) (2014-2016)
- Coordinator of Migrants Health Group of the Research Laboratory “Centre for Malaria & Tropical Diseases” (2010-2015)
- Coordinator of the courses “Health Promoters” and “Cultural Mediators for Health” for the Plan of Intervention in Maternal and Child Health and Family Planning in migrant communities (1999-2000)

4. TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Teaching activities in Public Health (Health Promotion, Health Determinants, Health Research Methodology, Health Evaluation, Health of Valuable Groups,) in PhD, masters, postgraduate, and degree programs at several national and international university institutions. Participated in the coordination, structuring, and implementation of academic programs (masters and PhD), supervision and implementation of short and e-learning courses, training at national level and Portuguese-speaking African countries. Supervision of several PhD and master degree thesis. Scientific and research fellows' supervision.

5. SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS

The scientific activity develops in areas of Health Promotion and Public Health, in particular on social and behavioural sciences, health evaluation, methodologies in health research, disease prevention, in fields of HIV prevention, sexual health, migration and health, health care services, behavioural change, among others. The research activities are mainly aimed to identify and address health needs of vulnerable populations and the political, social, and behavioural determinants, as well as the development and evaluation of interventions and policies for the improvement of populations' health. Includes the conceptual and methodological development of research and intervention with vulnerable populations, using community based participatory approach and combining quantitative and qualitative methods, in order to promote a base for comparative studies.

6. PARTICIPATION IN PROJECTS

She has been involved in international research (EU and in Portuguese-speaking African countries) and national projects concerning health promotion and health of vulnerable groups - migrants' health; sexual health promotion - HIV/other STI prevention; access to health services and community intervention. The research activities are mainly aimed to identify and address health needs of vulnerable populations and the political, social, and behavioural determinants, as well as the development and evaluation of interventions and policies for the improvement of populations' health. She also has been involved in the development of methodological approaches in research and intervention with vulnerable populations, using community-based participatory research, combining quantitative and qualitative methods, promoting exchange of information and a basis for comparative studies.

Integrates or integrated the team of 40 research projects, 14 of them as Principal Investigator of the project or of the national team in international projects.

7. PUBLICATIONS

Published more than 100 articles in indexed journals, 10 books (as author and co-author) and 24 book chapters. Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.pt/citations?user=dDj-XuJ6hLMC&hl=pt-PT>
Spocus: <https://www.scopus.com/authid/detail.uri?authorId=8869411500>
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8. COMMUNICATIONS

More than 200 communications in international and national scientific meetings and conferences with peer-review.

9. MEMBER OF EDITORIAL BOARD OF SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

- Associate Editor of "BMC International Health and Human Rights" and "BMC Health Services Research"; and member of Editorial Board of "AIMS Public Health", "Mid Sweden Journal of Public Health", "Portuguese Journal of Public Health".

10. ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Participation on organizing and on Scientific Committee of 25 international and national scientific meetings.

11. LANGUAGE SKILLS

Native – Portuguese; Fluent – English; Basic user – Spanish and French