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### **Education**

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Virginia (2012)

Dissertation: *The Ideals of Agency: Autonomy, Sociality, Individuality*

M.A., Philosophy, University of Virginia (2009)

B.A., *Honors*, Philosophy and Political Science, University of Miami (2005)

### **Areas of Specialization**

Ethics; Political Philosophy; Technology and Applied Ethics; Philosophy of Mind and Artificial Intelligence

### **Academic Positions**

Associate Professor (Professor Associado), Institute of Political Studies (IEP) at the Catholic University of Portugal (UCP), Lisbon (Spring 2022-Present)

Director of the Digital Ethics Laboratory—Laboratório da Ética Digital (LED)—at the Catholic University of Portugal, Lisbon (2021-Present)

Lead Researcher and Head of Research Program in “Technology, Data, and Politics,” Centro de Investigação de Estudos Políticos (CIEP), Institute of Political Studies (IEP) at the Catholic University of Portugal (Fall 2020-present)

Visiting Research Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, USA (2018-Present)

Assistant Professor (Professor Auxiliar), Institute of Political Studies (IEP) at the Catholic University of Portugal (UCP), Lisbon (2016-2022)

Coordinator, MA Program in Governance, Leadership, and Democracy Studies, Institute of Political Studies (IEP) at Catholic University Lisbon, Portugal (Fall 2016-Spring 2020)

Lecturer, University of Virginia, USA (2014-2016)

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, USA (2012-2016)

Graduate Instructor and Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia, USA (2006-2008)

### **Publications: Articles**

1. “Laboratory Happiness or Human Flourishing? The Empirical Science of Happiness in Phenomenological Perspective,” (2022) *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry* 41: 115-138 (note: this is a *Quartile 1* journal)
2. “Can Machines Have Common Sense?” (2021) *The New Atlantis* 65: 94-109
3. “Ethics Beyond Computation: Why We Can’t (and Shouldn’t) Replace Human Moral Judgement with Algorithms,” (2019) *Social Research: An International Quarterly* 86: 977-999
4. “Propositional Attitudes and Practical Skills in Action Theory” (2018) *European Journal of Philosophy* 26: 449-476 (note: *Quartile 1* journal)
5. “Knowing More Than We Can Tell: Ethical Virtue, Perception, and Practical Skill” (2017) *Social Theory and Practice* 43: 775-804
6. “Human Agency, Reasons, and Inter-Subjective Understanding” (2014) *Philosophy* 89: 135-160
7. “Agency, Autonomy, and Social Intelligibility” (2012) *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 93: 255-278 (note: *Quartile 1* journal)
8. “Human Agency and the Ethics of Meaningful Work” (2012) *The Hedgehog Review* 14: 48-57

### **Publications: Book Reviews**

1. “Review of Paul Bloomfield’s *The Virtues of Happiness*” (2015) *Utilitas* 27: 257-262 (note: *Quartile 1* journal)
2. “Review of Timm Triplett’s *Morality’s Critics and Defenders*” (2015) *Teaching Philosophy* 38: 334-338
3. “Google Me This: Review of Nicholas Carr’s *The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains*” (2011) *The Hedgehog Review* 13: 93-96

### **Publications: Edited Volumes**

1. *Authoritarian Power and the Challenges to Liberal Democracy: Geopolitics, Economics, and Advanced Technologies* (Portuguese title: *Poder Autoritário e as Ameaças a Democracia Liberal*), co-edited with Francisco Proença Garcia, with whom I wrote the introductory chapter (Alethea 2022).

### **Articles Currently Under Review or in Preparation**

1. “Moral Wisdom Without Persons? Philosophical Questions about Using Artificial Intelligence for Ethical Decision-Making” (in preparation with co-author from Boston College)
2. “Ethical Virtue, Artificial Intelligence, and the Future of Warfare” (in preparation)
3. “Practical Excellence: Ethical Virtues, Skills, and the Ideal of Craftsmanship” (currently under editorial review)
4. “Deep Engagement and the Good Life: How Pleasure, Attention, and Skillful Agency Contribute to Human Happiness” (in preparation)

### Invited Colloquia and Conference Presentations

1. Invited Presentation: “Philosophical Ethics and the Science of Happiness,” School of Management, Catholic University Eichstatt-Ingolstadt, Germany (July 2022)
2. Invited Presentation: “Ethical Artificial Intelligence and the Military,” for the conference *Virtue in the Loop: Designing Ethical Military Artificial Intelligence Systems*, Catholic University of America (April 2022)
3. Invited Presentation: “The Attractions—and Limits—of Empirical Psychological Studies of Human Happiness,” School of Management, Catholic University Eichstatt-Ingolstadt, Germany (July 2021)
4. Invited Presentation: “Populism and Truth in the Media: Solutions During COVID” (with Benjamin Moffitt and Simona Baretta), Strategic Alliance of Catholic Research Universities (SACRU) and Boston College (March 2021)
5. Invited Presentation: “Artificial Intelligence and Politics,” Center for Informatics of the Academic Association of Coimbra University (CIAAC), Coimbra, Portugal (March 2021)
6. Research Presentation: “Social Order Through Algorithms? The Promises and Perils of Artificial Intelligence for Democratic Societies,” Research Center of the Institute for Political Studies (CIEP), Catholic University of Portugal (May 2020)
7. Invited Presentation: “The Psychology of Happiness and the Phenomenology of Value,” Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, USA (February 2020)
8. Invited Presentation: “Surveillance Capitalism versus Surveillance Authoritarianism: What’s the Difference?” EUROPÆUM conference “China and Europe,” Mafra, Portugal (February 2020)
9. Invited Presentation: “Ethics Beyond Computation: Why We Can’t (and Shouldn’t) Replace Human Moral Judgement with Algorithms,” Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, USA (May 2019)
10. Conference Presentation: “Practical Excellence: Ethical Virtues and the Ideal of Craftsmanship,” University of Cape Town, South Africa (August 2017)
11. Invited Presentation: “Practical Knowledge, Skill, and Social Order,” Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Conference, Department of Political Economy, Kings College London, UK (June 2017)
12. Invited Presentation: “Go with the Flow? Skillful Agency and Human Flourishing,” Department of Philosophy, Miami University Ohio, USA (January 2016)
13. Invited Presentation: “Go with the Flow? Skillful Agency and Human Flourishing,” Department of Philosophy, Ohio University, USA (January 2016)
14. Invited Presentation: “Pleasure, Wellbeing, and Fully-Engaged Agency,” Department of Philosophy, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA (January 2015)
15. Invited Presentation: “What is Human Well-Being?” Graduate Programs of Philosophy and Psychology, Pontifical Catholic University, Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS), Porto Alegre, Brazil (August 2014)

16. “The Nature and Limits of Personal Autonomy,” Invited Two-Part Seminar, Institute of Political Studies (IEP), Catholic University Lisbon, Portugal (March 2014)
17. Conference Presentation: “Pre-Reflective Action and Practical Skill,” Sociedade Inter-Americana de Filosofia (Inter-American Society of Philosophy), Salvador, Brazil (October 2013)
18. Conference Presentation: “Two Rival Views of Human Agency,” Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, USA (September 2012)
19. “Agency, Autonomy, and Social Intelligibility,” Conference Presentation, Philosophy Department, University of Virginia, USA (2011)

### **Teaching Activities at Catholic University Portugal**

#### **2021/2022:**

1. Artificial Intelligence Ethics (undergraduate)
2. Artificial Intelligence and Politics (graduate/MA)
3. Great Books Tradition VI (TGL 6): Kant, Burke, Mill, Tocqueville (undergraduate - *em Português*).
4. History of Political Thought (HPP): Nietzsche (graduate)

#### **2020/2021:**

1. The Pursuit of Happiness: Philosophy to Political Economy (undergraduate);
2. Artificial Intelligence and Politics (graduate/MA);
3. Great Books Tradition VI: Kant, Burke, Mill, Tocqueville (undergraduate - *em Português*).
4. Rising Authoritarian Powers and the Challenges to Democracies (graduate/MA seminar)

#### **2019/2020:**

1. The Pursuit of Happiness: Philosophy to Political Economy (undergraduate);
2. Wisdom and Leadership: Lessons from Classical Philosophy (graduate/MA);
3. Introduction to PPE: Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (undergraduate);
4. Great Books Tradition VI: Kant, Burke, Mill, Tocqueville (undergraduate - *em Português*).
5. International Seminar: Social Order Through Algorithms? Artificial Intelligence and the Human Future (graduate/MA)

#### **2018/2019:**

1. The Pursuit of Happiness: Philosophy to Political Economy (undergraduate);
2. Wisdom and Leadership: Lessons from Classical Philosophy (graduate/MA);
3. Introduction to PPE: Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (undergraduate);
4. Great Books Tradition VI: Kant, Burke, Mill, Tocqueville (undergraduate - *em Português*).

#### **2017/2018:**

1. Virtues and Vices in the History of Political Philosophy (undergraduate);
2. The Pursuit of Happiness: Philosophy to Political Economy (undergraduate);

3. Wisdom and Leadership: Lessons from Classical Philosophy (graduate/MA);
4. Great Books Tradition VI: Kant, Burke, Mill, Tocqueville (undergraduate - *em Português*).
5. International Seminar: The ‘Failure’ of Liberal Democracy?

**2016/2017:**

1. Key Concepts of Political Philosophy: Happiness, Virtue, and Autonomy (undergraduate);
2. Utopianism and Realism in Political Philosophy (undergraduate);
3. Wisdom and Leadership: Lessons from Classical Philosophy (graduate/MA);
4. Great Books Tradition VI: Kant, Burke, Mill, Tocqueville (undergraduate - *em Português*).
5. International Seminar: Critique of Modern Utopian Philosophy

**Courses taught at University of Virginia (2007-2012):**

1. Seminar in Ethics: Hume, Kant, and Aristotle (undergraduate);
2. Honors Tutorial: Meta-Ethics and Moral Psychology (undergraduate, for Honors Program);
3. Virtue Ethics (undergraduate);
4. Introduction to Existentialism (undergraduate);
5. Autonomy in Moral and Political Philosophy (undergraduate)

**Graduate Research Supervision, Thesis Supervision, and Participation in Juries (UCP):**

1. Supervision of the research of 6 Graduate Students (MA and PhD) with full-time scholarships within CIEP project “Rising Authoritarian Powers and the Challenges to Democracies”: Constanca Matos, Luis Leal de Faria, Maria Monteiro, Manuel Torres, Corina Lozovan, Pamela Machado. This research was published in the book, *Authoritarian Power and the Challenges to Liberal Democracies* (Alethea 2022), edited by William Hasselberger and Francisco Proença Garcia.
2. Currently Supervisor of 3 MA Theses in progress (IEP-UCP):
  - i. Maria Monteiro, *The Future is Now: Liberal Democracies and the Challenge of Artificial Intelligence*
  - ii. Afonso Alves, *Politics and the Problem of Dirty Hands*
  - iii. Ana Sofia Baguinho, *Artificial Intelligence and Surveillance*
3. Currently Supervisor of 2 PhD Thesis in progress (IEP-UCP):
  - i. Mira Qweider, *A Remedy for Democracy’s Competence Flaw: Kant and the Rule of the Good Will*
  - ii. Julia de Silva, *The Power of Tech Giants in the Age of Artificial Intelligence*
4. Discussant for 2 PhD Project Defenses (IEP-UCP): Bruno Garschagen, Luis Santos
5. Discussant for 1 MA Thesis Defense (IEP-UCP): Jayden Hodgeson
6. Arranged and served as President of Jury for 11 MA Thesis Defenses (IEP-UCP)

## **Service to Universidade Catolica Portuguesa:**

### **Grant Writing and Program Coordination**

1. Successful Grant Writer for Fulbright Award, “UCP Project in Artificial Intelligence Ethics” (awarded in 2021/2022, grant for 2023/2024)
2. Successful Grant Writer for “Rising Authoritarian Powers and Western Democracies: Investment, Technology, Surveillance,” on behalf of CIEP and IEP-UCP (awarded 2019, grant for 2020-2022)
3. Successful Grant Writer for Fulbright Award, “The Virtue of Civility and the Rule of Law,” visit and presentation by Jonathan Jacobs (Director of Criminal Justice Ethics at the City University of New York, CUNY) at IEP-UCP (November 2017).
4. Lead Researcher and Coordinator for CIEP project “Rising Authoritarian Powers and Western Democracies: Investment, Technology, and Surveillance,” IEP-UCP (2019-present)
5. Coordinator of the MA Program in Governance, Leadership, and Democracy Studies (MAGLDS) at IEP-UCP (2016-Spring 2020)
6. Tutorial Leader for over 26 Graduate MA Tutorial Meetings, IEP-UCP (2016-2020)

## **Service to Universidade Catolica Portuguesa:**

### **Internationalization**

1. Coordinator of the Working Group on “Artificial Intelligence, Agency, and the Human Person,” for the Strategic Alliance of Catholic Research Universities (SACRU)
2. Coordinator of the International Research Group on “Artificial Intelligence Studies” for The International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU)
3. Arranged 4 webinars with international academic specialists for project “Rising Authoritarian Powers and the Challenges to Democracies”: Zachary Cooper (Georgetown), Samantha Hoffman (Australian Strategic Policy Institute), John Owen (University of Virginia), Anne Meng (University of Virginia) (2020-2021)
4. Arranged the in-person visit of Prof. Joseph Davis (Department of Sociology, and former Editor of the Hedgehog Review, at the University of Virginia) to give a two-day International Seminar on “The Liberal Self and the Facebook Generation” at IEP-UCP (May 2019)
5. Arranged the in-person visit of Prof. Carmen Pavel (Department of Political Economy, Founder of PPE Program, Kings College London) to give a two-day International Seminar on “Reasons for International Rules” at IEP-UCP (March 2019)
6. Arranged the in-person visit of Prof. John Owen IV (Chair of the Politics Department at the University of Virginia) to give the Churchill Memorial Lecture for IEP-UCP (September 2018)

7. Represented IEP-UCP at the EUROPAEUM Academic Council, Barcelona, Spain (May 2018)
8. Arranged the in-person visit—and secured a Grant from the *Fulbright Foundation* to pay for the travel costs—for Prof. Jonathan Jacobs (Director of Criminal Justice Ethics at the City University of New York) for presentation “The Virtue of Civility and the Rule of Law” at IEP-UCP (November 2017)

**Served as Editorial Referee for the Academic Journals:**

1. *Mind* (Oxford University Press)
2. *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* (Springer)
3. *Criminal Justice Ethics* (CUNY)
4. *Philosophical Papers* (Routledge)
5. *Philosopher’s Imprint* (University of Michigan)

**Additional Research, Conference Organizing, and Professional Service**

Co-Organizer of the conference *Being Human in the Age of Brain Science: Models of the Mind and their Social Effects*, University of Virginia, USA (February 2020)

Co-Organizer of the conference *Persons Without Qualities: Metrics, Algorithms, and Reshaping of Ourselves*, University of Virginia, USA (April 2019)

Co-Organizer of the conference *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Network* (PPE Network) jointly organized by University of Arizona, USA, and IEP-UCP, in Estoril, Portugal (July 2016)

Researcher for the *Thriving Cities Project* (interdisciplinary program to measure human wellbeing in North American cities), Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, USA (2014-2015)

Teaching and Technology Support Partner (supporting professors in using new technologies for their teaching and research), University of Virginia, USA (2008-2010)

**Academic Honors and Teaching Awards**

1. Member, Seminar of Young Scientists of the Portuguese Academy of Sciences (Seminário das Jovens Cientistas de Academia das Ciências), three-year position (2021-2024)
2. Dissertation Scholarship, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia (2011-2012)
3. Dissertation Scholarship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia (2010-2011)
4. Nominee for University of Virginia’s “Edgar J. Shannon Award for Best Graduating Doctoral Student” (2013)
5. Junior Fellow, Honors Society of Fellows, University of Virginia (2010-2011)
6. Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Philosophy, University of Virginia (2008)

7. Honoree, “7 Society Award for Superb Graduate Teaching,” University of Virginia (2008)
8. Undergraduate Awards: Phi Beta Kappa Key (2004), Phi Sigma Tau Award (2004)

### **Non-Academic Work, Languages, and Background**

Researcher and Translator (Portuguese), Washington Global Consultants and Patton Boggs  
Law: Consultancy Project with the Embassy of Angola to the United States (2008-2009)

Musician: Guitar, Keyboard, Music Technology, Computer Music Production

Native English Speaker, Fluent in Portuguese

Born in Ankara, Turkey, and lived in various countries in Europe, the Middle East, and North America