

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

April 2019 - present

Saint Petersburg School Participatory Budgeting (Russian Federation) - Consultant

World Bank in Russia

- Design, implementation and evaluation of the School Participatory Budgeting Participatory budgeting, participatory democracy, participatory governance, transparency

November 2017 - present

Participatory Budgeting of the Sakhalin Government (Russia) - Consultant

World Bank in Russia

- Design, implementation and evaluation of the Participatory Budget for the Russian region of Sakhalin. Participatory budgeting, participatory democracy, participatory governance, transparency

March 2017 - present

Participatory Mining Fund - Consultant

World Bank, USA, and Mexican Federal Government

- Design, implementation and evaluation of a Participatory Budget pilot in the Municipality of Cananea (North of Mexico) with the resources of the mining activities
- Consolidate a methodology and prepare the dissemination of a Participatory Budget model at national level (over two hundred miners municipalities). Participatory budget, participatory democracy, participatory governance, transparency

February 2017 - present

Youth Participatory Budgeting at National level (Portugal) - Consultant

Government of the Republic of Portugal (Secretary of State for Youth and Sport)

- Conception of the methodology of the process
- Construction of work tools
- Training of governmental and regional teams
- Monitoring and evaluation of the process

Participatory budget at national level, participatory democracy, participatory governance

November 2016 - Present

National Strategy for Participatory Governance at Municipal Level (Mozambique) - International Senior Expert

National Association of Municipalities of Mozambique (ANAMM)

- Diagnosis of practices of participatory democracy in Mozambique
- Diagnosis of good practice at international level
- Produce the National Strategy

Participatory governance, participatory democracy, local governments

October 2015 – June 2016

Medium Cities in Europe and Brazil - International Senior Expert

Ministry of National Integration of the Federal Government of Brazil, Brazil

- Conducting a study about the development of medium-sized cities and integrated governance models in the European Union
 - Produce a report and public presentation and discussion in Brasilia (Brazil).
[Medium-sized cities, integrated governance.](#)
- January 2015 - Present **“Don’t Waste Our Future” – Project’s coordinator**
In Loco Association, Portugal - <http://in-loco.pt/pt/projectos/20150225/dont-waste-our-future>
- Coordination of the team, the relation with the partnership and the activities in Portugal
 - Relationship with the sponsor program (European Union)
 - Produce reports
[Food waste, new models of consumption, sustainable life styles, schools and local government, European cooperation](#)
- October 2014 - Present **“Portugal Participa” - Project’s coordinator**
In Loco Association, Portugal - www.portugalparticipa.pt
- Coordination of the team, the partnership and the activities
 - Produce reports
 - Relationship with the sponsor program (EEGRANTS) and the media
[Participatory governance, participatory democracy, local governments and active citizenship](#)
- June 2014 - Present **“Participatory Budgeting for the Improvement of Municipal Governance in Mozambique” - Project’s coordinator**
World Bank, USA and In Loco Association, Portugal - <http://in-loco.pt/pt/projectos/20140715/orcamentos-participativos-para-a-melhoria-da-governacao-municipal>
- Consultant for the implementation of participatory budgeting in three Mozambican cities (Maputo, Nampula and Quelimane)
 - Coordination of a proposal for a national policy for the dissemination of Participatory Budgets in Mozambique
 - Coordination of a team composed by two more international consultants and one local consultant
 - Produce manuals, reports of good practices and progress reports
[Participatory governance, participatory democracy, participatory budgets, local governments, transparency, international cooperation](#)
- March 2014 - Present **“COMPARTE - Participatory Democracy for Coexistence, Development and Good Governance in Nicaragua” – Team member**
In Loco Association, Portugal - <http://in-loco.pt/pt/projectos/20140715/comparte>
- Coordinates the electronic learning platform of the project
 - Member of the Scientific Council
 - Produce progress reports
[Participatory governance, participatory democracy, local governments, international cooperation](#)
- January 2014 – January 2015 **Participatory Democracy training course – Project’s coordinator**
In Loco Association, Portugal - <http://in-loco.pt/pt/projectos/20130715/curso-de-democracia-participativa>
- Coordination the program, the trainers team, the relation with the partnership (Municipality of Cascais)
 - Trainer
[Participatory democracy, participatory governance, best practices, local governments](#)
- March 2013 - Present **DEAR STUDENT - STrengthened and sUstainable Development in Educative centers and Network of local sTakeholders through DEAR – Team member**
In Loco Association, Portugal - <http://in-loco.pt/pt/projectos/20130124/dear-student>

- Coordination the team, the relation with the partnership and the activities in Portugal
- Relationship with the sponsor program (European Union)
- Produce reports and manuals

Sustainable development, schools and local governments

January 2013 – December 2014

Social Diagnosis and Plan of São Brás de Alportel – Project's coordinator

In Loco Association and City Council of São Brás de Alportel, Portugal

- Coordination the team and the relation with the partners
- Produce the Social Diagnosis and Plan

Social development, social planning, poverty and social exclusion

November 2011 - Present

“BIP/ZIP - Program of Neighbourhoods and Priority Intervention Areas of Lisbon” - Consultant

In Loco Association, Portugal

- Design program
- Monitoring and external evaluation

Urban sustainable development, urban deprived territories, poverty and social exclusion

September 2011 – August 2014

Local Products – Cooperation between Portugal and São Tomé e Príncipe – Project's coordinator

In Loco Association, Portugal - <http://in-loco.pt/pt/projectos/20130325/produtos-locais-cooperacao-com-sao-tome-e-principe>

- Coordination the team, the relation with the partnership and the activities in Portugal
- Relationship with the sponsor program (PRODER 2014-2020)
- Produce a book and eight television programs
- Produce reports

Local and sustainable development, employment, international cooperation

August 2011 – June 2013

“Maputo's Participatory Budgeting - Mozambique” – International consultant

World Bank, USA

- Institutional and territorial diagnosis
- Design the methodology of the process
- Political negotiation of the methodology
- Training teams
- Monitoring and reports

Participatory democracy, participatory budgets, local governments, transparency

April 2011 – December 2013

“Participatory Budgeting as innovative tool for reinventing local institutions in Portugal and Cape Verde? A critical, analysis of performance and transfers” – Team member

In Loco Association, Portugal - <http://in-loco.pt/pt/projectos/20130124/estudo-orcamentos-participativos-em-portugal-e-cabo-verde>

- Coordination the research about the Participatory Budgeting in Cape Verde
- Giving national and international lectures
- Produce reports

Participatory democracy, participatory budgets, local governments, transparency, bilateral cooperation

January 2010 – December 2010

“For an Algarve without poverty” – Project's coordinator

In Loco Association, Portugal

- Coordination the team, the relation with the partnership and the activities
- Trainer of social institutions and local governments
- Produce reports

Poverty and social exclusion, social planning, social institutions and local governments

January 2010 – December 2010

“Characterization study of the immigrant population of Municipality of Faro” – Project’s coordinator

In Loco Association, Portugal

- Coordination the team and the activities
- Produce study reports

Study, immigrants, local governments

September 2009 - Present

Masters of Adult Education and Local Development – Invited lecture

Coimbra University - School of Education of Coimbra

- Invited lecturer to teach the subject of “Project Planning and Organization”

University, adult education, local development, project planning and assessment

January 2008 – Present

“Participatory Budgeting Processes” – Consultant

In Loco Association, Portugal

- Consultant for the Municipal Councils of Lisbon, Cascais, Odemira, Portimão, Vila Verde, Alenquer, Ponta Delgada (Azores), Funchal (Madeira), Lagoa, Águeda, Lousã, Caminha
- Institutional and territorial diagnosis
- Design the methodology of the process
- Political negotiation of the methodology
- Training teams
- Monitoring and reports

Participatory democracy, participatory budgets, local governments, transparency

January 2008 – June 2009

“Portugal Participatory Budgeting” – Project’s coordinator

In Loco Association, Portugal

- Coordination of the team, the partnership and the activities
- Consulting for municipalities
- Training teams
- Produce reports
- Relationship with the sponsor program (EQUAL – European Initiative) and the media

Participatory governance, participatory democracy, local governments and active citizenship

January 2007 – December 2011

“Cape Verde Participatory Budgeting” – International consultant

United Nations, Cape Verde; Government of the Republic of Cape Verde; In Loco Association, Portugal;

- Consultant for the Municipal Councils of São Miguel, Santa Cruz (Santiago island), Mosteiros (Fogo island), Paul (Santo Antão island)
- Institutional and territorial diagnosis
- Design the methodology of the process
- Political negotiation of the methodology
- Training teams
- Monitoring and reports

Participatory governance, participatory democracy, participatory budgets, local governments, transparency, international cooperation

January 2007 – October 2008

Social Diagnosis and Plan of São Brás de Alportel – Project’s coordinator

In Loco Association and Municipal Council of Faro, Portugal

- Coordination the team and the relation with the partners
- Produce the Social Diagnosis and Plan

- January 2007 – November 2008 [Social development, social planning, poverty and social exclusion](#)
“Characterization study of the immigrant population of Municipality of São Brás de Alportel” – Project’s coordinator
In Loco Association, Portugal
- Coordination the team and the activities
 - Produce study reports
- [Study, immigrants, local governments](#)
- January 2006 – December 2008 “Master’s Degree Course on Adult Education and Community Action” – Invited lecturer
Seville University, Spain
- Invited lecturer to speak on the theme of “Training for work and Adult Education”
- [University, adult education, training, community action](#)
- January 2006 – July 2006 Development Social Plan of Sines – Consultant
In Loco Association and City Council of Sines, Portugal
- Coordination the team and the relation with the partners
 - Produce the Development Social Plan
- [Social development, social planning, poverty and social exclusion](#)
- September 2005 – June 2007 “Degree course in sociology” – Invited lecturer
Algarve University, Portugal
- Invited lecturer to teach the subjects “Planning and Assessment” and “Globalisation and Social Emancipation”
- [University, sociology, planning, assessment, globalization, social emancipation](#)
- August 2005 – September 2006 “Monapo: destination development - Mozambique” – Team Member
In Loco Association, Portugal
- Lecturer on “Project Conception and Planning” for Municipal Managers and Partners from the Monapo Municipality, Nampula Province, Mozambique
- [International cooperation, project conception and planning](#)
- January 2005 – December 2006 “Grândola in the Integration Network” - External assessor of the project
Grândola Municipal Council, Portugal
- External assessment
 - Produce reports
- [Employment, social development, social cohesion](#)
- January 2003 – December 2004 “Operational Programme of Employment, Training and Social Development” - Member of the intercalary assessment team
Centre for Territorial Studies, Portugal
- External assessment for measure 5.1.2 of the Operational Programme in Alentejo e Algarve regions
 - Produce reports
- [External assessment, employment, social development, social cohesion](#)
- March 2002 – December 2002 “Escolhas – Programme for the Prevention of Criminality and the Integration of Young People in the most Vulnerable Districts of Lisbon; Porto and Setúbal” – External member of assessment team
Centre for Territorial Studies
- External assessment
 - Produce reports
- [External assessment, urban sustainable development, social development, social cohesion](#)

- January 2002 – January 2003 **“Social Development Plan of Grândola” – Consultant**
 Grândola Municipal Council, Portugal
- Produce the Development Social Plan
- [Social development, social planning, poverty and social exclusion](#)
- January 2002 – October 2002 **“Third Crossing over the River Tejo (TTT)” – Team member**
 Ministry for Social Equipment / The Institute for Roadways in Portugal
- Responsible for the area of the preliminary assessment of social impacts due to the construction of the TTT
- [Social impacts assessment, sustainable urban development, transports](#)
- June 2001 – July 2002 **“Assessment of the impacts from the guaranteed minimum wage in the Algarve and Alentejo regions” – External assessment member team**
 The Social Development Institute, the Alentejano Coastal Institute of Higher Studies, In Loco Association, Portugal
- Member of the team for the assessment of the impacts
 - Produce reports
- [Social impacts assessment, social cohesion](#)
- November 2001 **“National Support Programme for the Promotion of Family based Agriculture of the São Tomé e Príncipe” – Lecturer on Impact Assessment**
 São Tomé e Príncipe Ministry of Agriculture and In Loco Association
- Lecturer on Impact Assessment for the technicians of the “Following up and Assessment Group” of the National Support Programme
- [Impacts assessment, training, international cooperation](#)
- September 1998 – December 1999 **“A New Land – a Viability Study for Cooperation with the Portuguese Communities Resident Abroad” – Project’s coordinator**
 In Loco Association, Portugal
- Study coordination
 - Produce reports
- [Study, international cooperation, Portuguese communities](#)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2007 - 2002 **Masters Degree in Planning and Assessment of Development Processes**
 Higher Institute of Work and Business Sciences, Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL)
- Planning and assessment of public policies
 - Social cohesion
 - Urban sustainable development
- [Dissertation entitled “Participatory Budgeting as the New Democratic Experiment – the case study of Guaraciaba/SC \(Brazil\) Local Authority Area. Final grade “Very good”.](#)
- 1993 - 1999 **Honours Degree in Sociology**
 Higher Institute of Work and Business Sciences, Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL)
- Social cohesion and social development
 - Globalisation and urban development
 - Local development
- [Dissertation entitled “Development with a Human Face – the case study of Local Development Activity Leaders”. Dissertation classification: 17 marks \(1999\)](#)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Portuguese

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
Spanish	C1	C2	C1	C1	C1
Replace with name of language certificate. Enter level if known.					
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
Replace with name of language certificate. Enter level if known.					

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills Good communication skills gained through my experience as teacher and lecturer in different meeting, seminars and conferences.

Organisational / managerial skills Leadership (Chairman of the Board of In Loco Association, responsible for a team of 30 people).
Coordination and moderation of different projects and teams.
Good ability to mediate conflicts

Computer skills Good command of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook).
Good ability to use a range of software and online resources.

Other skills Photography

Driving licence Driving licence for A1, B1 and B categories

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Positions
Publications
Conferences/Seminars

POSITIONS

- Chairman of the Board of In Loco Association (April 2009 – April 2017)
- Chairman of the Local Action Group “Interior do Algarve Central” (LEADER Program) (August 2009 – April 2017)
- Director of the Center for New Opportunities (January 2009 – December 2011).

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- DIAS, Nelson e JÚLIO, Simone (2019) Trinta anos de Orçamentos Participativos no Mundo. Entre o passado, as tendências mais recentes e os desafios futuros, Edição Epopeia / Oficina, Portugal, ISBN 978-989-54167-1-4
- DIAS, Nelson (Org.) (2018) Hope for Democracy – 30 Years of Participatory Budgeting Worldwide. Epopeia Records e Oficina, ISBN 978-989-54167-0-7. Também disponível edição em russo (2019).
- DIAS, Nelson (2018) Intervenções Integradas em Territórios Prioritários – Guia de Disseminação, Associação In Loco, Portugal, ISBN 978-972-8262-17-4
- DIAS, Nelson (2015) Orçamentos Participativos e Planificação Participativa em Moçambique – Proposta de Diferenciação e Articulação Metodológicas, Itália, In Loco Association. Available in [Portuguese](#).
- DIAS, Nelson (Org.) (2014) Hope for Democracy – 25 Years of Participatory Budgeting Worldwide, Lisboa. In Loco Association. Available in [English](#)
- DIAS, Nelson (2013) For Cascais, I do it – Participatory Budget - Citizenship in the Heart of People, Câmara Municipal de Cascais, Lisbon. Available in [Portuguese](#) and in [English](#).
- DIAS, Nelson (Org.) (2013) Esperança Democrática – 25 Anos de Orçamentos Participativos no Mundo, Lisboa, In Loco Association. Available in [Portuguese](#)

- DIAS, Nelson (Coord.) (2009) Actas do III Encontro Nacional de Orçamentos Participativos (Minutes of the Third National Meeting of Participatory Budgeting). Available in [Portuguese](#).
- CABANNES, Yves (2009) 72 Frequent Questions on Participatory Budgeting, ONU-HABITAT, Centre for Social Studies and In Loco Association, Lisbon (Co-Coordinator of the Portuguese Edition). Available in [Portuguese](#).
- DIAS, Nelson (Coord.) (2007) Actas do I Encontro Nacional de Orçamentos Participativos (Minutes of the First National Meeting of Participatory Budgeting). Available in [Portuguese](#).
- DIAS, Nelson (2008) Orçamento Participativo – Animação Cidadão para a Participação Política (Participatory Budgeting - Political stimulation for Citizen Participation). Available in [Portuguese](#).
- DIAS, Nelson and PALMA, Graça (2001) Dar Rosto à Intervenção – Os Animadores de Desenvolvimento Local, Faro, In Loco Association. Available in Portuguese.
- SOARES, Priscila et al (Coord.) Training for Development – Training/Professional Integration within the Territory, Xátiva, del Crec Editions (Co-author). Available in Portuguese and Spanish.

BOOKS (CHAPTERS)

- DIAS, Nelson (2011) “Associativismo e Cultura” (Associativism and Culture) in A Cultura em Conferência, Universidade do Algarve/Direção Regional de Cultura do Algarve, Loulé. Available in Portuguese.
- DIAS, Nelson (2011) “Da crise da democracia liberal aos novos experimentalismos democráticos – os orçamentos participativos” (From the crisis of liberal democracy to new democratic experimentalism - participatory budgets), in Ensaios pela democracia, justiça, dignidade e bem-viver. Edições Afrontamento. Porto. Available in Portuguese.
- DIAS, Nelson, Priscila Soares e Vanessa Sousa (2010), “Idosos Isolados” (“The elderly living alone”) in GUERRA, Isabel, Teresa Costa Pinto, Marta Martins, Sara Almeida, Alda Gonçalves, Portraits of a Portugal in Change, Lisboa, Tinta-da-china. Available in [Portuguese](#)
- DIAS, Nelson *et al* (2010) Actividades Económicas de Pequenas Escala (“The economic activities of small scale”) in GUERRA, Isabel, Teresa Costa Pinto, Marta Martins, Sara Almeida, Alda Gonçalves, Portraits of a Portugal in Change, Lisboa, Tinta-da-china. Available in [Portuguese](#).

ARTICLES

- SOUSA, Vanessa Duarte; DIAS, Nelson; ALMEIDA, Maria Helena (2018) "Production and Transfer of Knowledge Between Citizens and Local Governments in Democratic Participatory Processes: The Case of the Participatory Budget in Cascais", in *The role of knowledge transfer in open innovation*, IGI Global, Estados Unidos da América
- DIAS, Nelson; SOUSA, Vanessa (2015) "Sete Teses para Compreender os Orçamentos Participativos em Portugal" (Seven Theses to Understand the Participatory Budgeting in Portugal) in *REDE Review*, In Loco Association. Available in Portuguese.
- DIAS, Nelson, SOUSA, Vanessa (2015) "Orçamentos Participativos em Moçambique – Conjuntura, Trajectórias e Equívocos" (Participatory Budgets in Mozambique - Scenarios, Trajectories and Misconceptions) in *REDE Review*, In Loco Association. Available in Portuguese.
- DIAS, Nelson (2010) "Participatory Budgets in Portugal - a new promotion of local democracy", in Silva, and Eduardo Cunha, Eleonora, *International Experiences of Participation*, Federal University of Minas Gerais and Cortez Editora, São Paulo, Brazil. Available in Portuguese.
- DIAS Nelson, SOUSA, Vanessa (2010) «From the "small is beautiful" to the "small is unsustainable" – reflections of the impoverishment of the country», in review "Society and Labour", *MTSS*, pp 141-153. Available in [Portuguese](#).
- DIAS, Nelson; Allegretti, Giovanni (2009) "Participatory Budgets in Portugal - in search of a democracy of proximity or a functional rationality?", In *Revista Towns, Community and Territories*, No. 18, Centre for Territorial Studies / ISCTE Lisbon. Available in Portuguese.
- DIAS, Nelson; ALLEGRETTEI, Giovanni (2009) *The Variable Geometry of Participatory Budgeting: Which Lessons from the new Portuguese Explosion? in Learning Democracy by Doing: Alternative Practices in Citizenship Education and Participatory Democracy*, University of Toronto, (pg. 623). Available in [English](#).
- DIAS, Nelson (2008), "*Is another democracy possible? The Experiences of Participatory Budgeting*", in *e-notebooks*, 1, 183-205. The Coimbra University Centre for Social Studies, Coimbra. Available in [Portuguese](#).
- DIAS, Nelson and ALLEGRETTI, Giovanni (2007) "*Portugal: participation or the advent of a policy of proximity*", "*Territoires*" Magazine n.º 480, Setembre 2007, Paris. Available in French.
- CAPELO, Filipa; SILVA, Carlos; DIAS, Nelson (2005) "*Poverty and Social Exclusion: a case study in a neighbourhood in an Algarve Municipality*", in *Configurations, Sociology Magazine*, N.º 1 / 2005, Studies Branch in Sociology at Minho University, Braga. Available in Portuguese
- DIAS, Nelson (2002) "*Development with a Human Face. The case study of Local stimulation for development in the Serra do Caldeirão*", in *Adult Training, Citizenship and Development: an ecological-pedagogical perspective and practice*, Xátiva, del Crec Editions. Available in Spanish.

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- DIAS, Nelson (Coord.) (2014) *Carta Social de São Brás de Alportel* (Social diagnosis and plan of São Brás de Alportel Municipality). Available in [Portuguese](#).
- DIAS, Nelson (Coord.) (2011) *Diagnóstico da População Imigrante do Concelho de São Brás de Alportel* (Diagnosis of the Immigrant Population of São Brás de Alportel Municipality). Available in [Portuguese](#).
- DIAS, Nelson (Coord.) (2008) *Carta Social do Conselho de Faro* (Social diagnosis and plan of Faro Municipality). Available in [Portuguese](#).
- DIAS, Nelson and CAPELO, Filipa (2006) *The Social Development Plan of Sines 2006-2011*, Sines Municipal Council, Sines. Available in Portuguese.
- SOUSA, Vanessa; DIAS, Nelson (2003) *Diagnosis and Social Development Plan in the Grândola Local Authority Area Social Network Programme*, Grândola Municipal Council. Available in Portuguese.
- SOUSA, Vanessa; DIAS, Nelson (2002) *Profile Characterizations of those benefiting from the Minimum Wage: Young People in Situations of being marginalized*, the Collection of Assessments of the impact of the guaranteed minimum wage, Lisbon, Social, Development Institute. Available in Portuguese.
- SOUSA, Vanessa; DIAS, Nelson (2002) *Profile Characterizations of those benefiting from the Minimum Wage: the over 55s living in isolation*, the Collection of Assessments of the impact of the guaranteed minimum wage, Lisbon, Social, Development Institute. Available in Portuguese.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

- "Present and future of Participatory Budgeting - New experiences"* in 15th IOPD Conference, Madrid, Spain, March 24, 2015
- "Participatory Budgeting in Portugal 2002 - 2014"*, Oficinas do Convento, Montemor, February 6, 2015
- "Democracy and participatory budgets: a quarter century of democratic hope"*, Malaga, Spain, December 12, 2014
- "Participatory Budgeting in Portugal 2002 - 2014"*, 1st Conference Portugal Participa, Cascais, December 4, 2014
- "Democratic Hope - 25 Years of Participatory Budgets Worldwide "*, Paris, France, October 10, 2014
- "Participatory Budgeting in Portugal 2002 - 2014"* in Conference Participatory Budgeting in Metropolitan Context - Experiences and Challenges, Odivelas, 9 October, 2014
- "25 years of Participatory Budgeting in the world and Perspectives of Participatory Democracy"* - 14th Conference of the IOPD, Canoas, Brazil, June 4, 2014
- "The Participatory Budgeting networks - the case of Portugal"* in 14th Conference of the IOPD, Canoas, Brazil, June 3, 2014
- "The Participatory Budget - 40 before the April 25 Revolution in 1974"*, Ansião, April 25, 2014
- "The Participatory Budget in Portugal"*, Mollina, Spain, March 14, 2014
- "Participatory Budgeting in Europe"* [a brief overview], in the I Conférence Internationale sur la participation citoyenne à la budgétisation et gestion des affaires locales et régionales en Afrique, Tunis, Tunisia, December 4, 2013.
- "The Participatory Budgeting in Portugal"* in the Seminar Public Management Participated by the Community - Dream or Possibility, Leiria, November 20, 2013.
- "The Participatory Budget and the construction of collective action"* in the conference "The rehabilitation of Mouraria in the context of new forms of democratic participation", Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Lisbon, 29 and 30 October, 2013
- "New Relationship between state and society: participation and citizenship"* as part of the Seminar Scenarios for the Future of Latin America, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Lisbon, July 9, 2013.
- "Participation in Portugal at the time of crisis"* in the Third International Seminar "The dynamics of local participation in Brazil and Europe: experiences in dialogue", Centre for Social Studies, Lisbon, 7 July, 2013
- "A World Panorama of Participatory Budgeting"*, Ponta Delgada, Azores, 22 May, 2013
- "A decade of participatory budgeting in Portugal: numbers, models and trajectories"*, in 4th Social Forum, Alcanena, May 2, 2013
- "Democracy and Political Participation"* – Lab of Ideas and Proposals for Portugal, Porto, May 12, 2012
- "Ten years of Participatory Budgeting: trajectories, models and case studies"* in Regional Congress of the Baixo Alentejo - Sustainable development in low density territories, Beja, 29 October, 2011.
- "The Participatory Budget and the new social movements"*, Complutense University, Madrid, 20 October, 2011
- "Participatory Budgeting - understand the dynamics and the future challenges"*, in Bogota, Colombia, 17 June, 2011
- "Panoramic view about 10 years of Participatory Budgeting in Portugal"*, in Seminar Participatory Budgets - New Challenges of the Local Governance, Leiria, March 19, 2011

- "Infoop - a tool for the design, management and evaluation of Participatory Budgeting"* in XI Conference of International Observatory of Participatory Democracy, Lleida, Spain, April 7, 2011
- "Participatory Budgets in Portugal - a genetic code under construction"*, in International Colloquium Portugal entre desassossegos e desafios", Coimbra, February 17, 2011;
- "Participatory Budgets in Portugal - an interpretation matrix"* in II Assembly of the Participatory Budgeting World Platform, Dakar, Senegal, February 10, 2011
- "New Technologies and Participatory Budgets - the case of infoOP"*, in PARLOCAL International Seminar, Malaga, Spain, January 21, 2011
- "Culture and Associations"* in the cycle of debates "Culture Conference", whose aim is to collect contributions for the preparation of the Regional Plan for Culture 2011-2020 Algarve, Centro Cultural de Lagos, December 17, 2010
- "Looking for a new right to the city - The case of Participatory Budgeting"*, in Colloquium "From the city to the territory - looking for the lost space", ISCTE, Lisbon, December 15, 2010
- "Participatory Budgeting - presentation and contextualization"* in Participatory Budgeting Seminar, Reflect for Action, Aveiro, November 12, 2010
- "Strategies for Sustainability - the case of In Loco Association"* Seminar about Sustainability in the Third Sector, Macedo de Cavaleiros, November 2, 2010
- "Participatory Budgeting – a Democracy Tool"* in Civic Forum of Rio Maior, Rio Maior City Library, 13 October 2010
- "La Participatory Democracy – new social and political movement of the 21st century"*, XV International Day of Participation - Evaluating Participatory Practices, University Complutense de Madrid, 20 April 2010
- "The participatory budgeting – from the located experimentalism to the construction of collective knowledge and information"*, in V World Urban Forum, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, March 23, 2010
- "From small is beautiful to small is unsustainable - either to wipe out the economic activities of small scale"*, in Fourth Congress of Rural Studies, University of Aveiro, February 4, 2010
- "Participatory Budgeting"* under the GLOCAL - 1st National Conference on Local Agenda 21, Cascais, September 24, 2009
- "The Challenges of Participatory Democracy"*, under the II Conference of the Spanish Network of Participatory Budgeting in Santa Cristina d'Aro, Girona, Spain, 3 and 4 July 2009
- "Democracy and Participation - The case of Participatory Budgeting"* in Pátio das Letras in Faro, June 27, 2009
- "Participatory Budgets in the World - some recent trends"*, under the International Forum "Local Governance and Territorial Development", in Praia, Cape Verde, 14 and 15 May 2009
- "Reinventing Participation - The Participatory Budgeting"* under the First International Meeting of Local Development in Sao Tome and Principe, 4 to April 10, 2009
- "The decentralization of participation in promoting development"* under the International Meeting of Participatory Democracy, Decentralization and Local Development, Bayahibe, Dominican Republic, 18 to 20 March 2009
- "Participatory Democracy - the construction of a new global social movement?"* As part of the World Meeting of the Participatory Budgeting Network, organized by the Forum of Local Authorities within the World Social Forum in Belem, Brazil, January 29, 2009
- "Participatory Budgeting and Networking"* as part of the International Participatory Budgeting Seminar organized by the Belo Horizonte Prefecture in Belo Horizonte (Brazil), 10th to 12th December 2008

"Participatory Budgeting: some present day tendencies" as part of the IV Latin America Cities and Local Governments Congress organized by the Federation of Latin America Cities, Municipalities and Associations in Mexico City, 27th August 2008

"New Processes in making participatory budgeting known" as part of the International Participatory Budgeting Seminar organized by the Local Authorities Forum and by Ecatepec Municipality, in Ecatepec (Mexico), 26th August 2008

"Participatory Budgeting: some present day tendencies" as part of the International Day conferences *"Participatory Budgeting: citizen investigation-action"*, organized by Diputación of Málaga, in Antequera (Spain), 3rd July 2008

"Participatory Budgeting in Cabo Verde", as part of the "National Education for Development and Decentralized Cooperation Seminar" organized by the Evangelisation and Cultures held at the Foundation Calouste Gulbenkian, Foundation in Lisbon, 30th June 2008

"A Geography of Participatory Budgeting in Portugal" as part of the II National Meeting on Participatory Budgeting and Local Democracy, Palmela, 15th May 2008

"New ways of establishing participation and social cohesion", as part of Odemira's Social Forum, organized by Odemira Municipal Council, 10th May 2008

"The Influence of Democratic Government on Budgeting and Urban Planning", as part of the I Meeting of Portuguese speaking Local Governments, organized by the National Confederation of the Municipalities of Brazil, 16th April 2008

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"From the Ungovernable City to the Desirable City" given at the World Conference for the Development of Cities, organized by the Porto Alegre Prefecture, the Rome Local Authority Area, the National Confederation of Brazilian Municipalities, the Rio Grande do Sul State Government, the Ministry for Cities and the Brazil Federal Government, Porto Alegre / Brazil (15th February 2008)

"Participatory Budgeting in Portugal –in search of a more intimate democracy" at the III Iberian – American and African Congress – Adult Education and Community Development, organized by the Universities of the Algarve and Seville and by the Vila Real de Santo António Municipal Council, Vila Real de Santo António (28th October 2007)

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"Participatory Budgeting – structuring new ways to democracy", as part of the training course organized by the General Management of Local administration, United Nations Organization Offices in Cabo Verde and a platform for Non governmental Organizations, Paul (Sto. Antão), Cabo Verde, 7th August 2007

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"Is Another Democracy Possible? The Case Study of Participatory Budgeting", as part of the II Young Social Scientists Cycle, promoted by Coimbra University's Social Studies Centre, 25th June 2007, Coimbra

"Participatory Budgeting in Portugal – a first approach to existing experiences", at the International Day conferences on Participatory Prepositions, 28th to 30th March 2007, in Malaga

"São Brás de Alportel Participatory Budgeting – potentials and limits" at the Conference *"Participatory Budgeting: the promotion of a local, active citizenship"*, 3rd March 2007, Casa da Fonte, Couto de Esteves – Sever do Vouga

"A New Democratic Experience: the case study of Participatory Budgeting", The Algarve University's Economics Faculty, 9th November 2006

"Another democracy is possible – the experience of participatory budgeting", in Citizenship – International Congress on Discussions and Practices, 30th June 2006, Fernando Pessoa University, Porto

"From fractures in participatory democracy to the construction of participation", in I Winter Meeting– Local Development and Life Long Education: Strategies for Democracy, Coimbra Higher School of Education, 13th January 2006

"Portuguese Brazilian Entrepreneurship: differences and similarities", as part of the Campus Millôr Fernandes Administration Course, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, 5th September 2005

"Tools of participation and local development in Portugal", at the Tunápolis Participatory Budgeting Council in the Far West of Santa Catarina State, Brasil, 30th August 2005

"Local citizenship as a form of resistance to hegemonic globalisation" given at the VIII Portuguese – Afro- Brazilian Social Science Congress– The Social Question in the third millennium, 16th September 2004 held at Coimbra University's Economics Faculty

"Local Development at a historic crossroad" at the Local Development Seminar– What Future do we want? 10th July 2004, in S. Torcato – Guimarães

"The Third Crossing of the Tejo Chelas-Barreiro and its impacts on development in Barreiro", at the Barreiro Meeting of the XXI Century on 13th March 2004, in the Barreiro Municipal Library

"New Forms of Participation in an era of communication in virtual reality", at the International Seminar on Citizens' Participation in the Construction of the European Social Model organized by BASE-FUT Free Time Centre , 24th January 2003, in Praia da Rocha, Portimão

"Local Development as a Strategy for the Participation of an ostracized population", at the Seminar on Participation of an ostracized population organized by the Porto Branch of the European Network against Poverty, Portugal. 30th October 2002, at the Fernando Pessoa University in Porto

"Impacts and assessment models in the Rural Context", at the Second Week of Social Services at the Catholic University Week in Lisboa, 6th June 2002

"Movement for another type of Globalization" – debate cycles on "Between the Local and the Global Fernão Mendes Pinto School, in Almada, on 16th April 2002

"A look at the Processes of Local development – the Experience of In Loco" – Thematic Meeting: Community Development, the Maria's Sacred Heart Drop in Centre, Portalegre, 13th December 2001

"Local Enlivening Dynamics and Partners for Development – The Experience of the In Loco Association", at the I National Meeting of Enlivening Dynamics courses, organized by the Santarém, Higher School of Education in Santarém, on 5th and 6th December 2001

"Local Enlivening Dynamics for Development – The Experience of the In Loco Association", at the Meeting on Socio-educational Dynamics and Local Development, organized by the Coimbra Higher School of Education, in Coimbra, on 14th and 15th de November 2001

"Development with a Human Face–Enlivening Dynamics for Local Development", at the International Seminar on Adult Training, Citizenship and Development – an Ecological / Pedagogical Perspective and Practice, in Valência, 5th and 6th Setember 2001

"Portuguese Communities Resident Abroad and Local Development in Portugal", at the Portuguese Communities and Local Development Meeting no organized by Animar, in Tavira, on 29th April 2001