

GLOBAL Ph.D. PROGRAMME IN LAW

Designed for talented young scholars dedicated to research
“A fully-funded programme to help you reach your full potential”



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STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The programme is divided into two stages: the first two semesters comprise coursework designed to equip students with the appropriate general background and methodological tools to conduct their doctoral research, and provide faculty guidance in planning the doctoral project; the remaining six semesters are then focused on individual research and writing.

METHODOLOGY SEMINAR

A seminar on the methodology of legal argument taking as a paradigm the ‘judicial point of view’, with the aim of encouraging a reflective or argumentative (as opposed to ‘plain fact’ or ‘legalistic’) attitude about the law and introducing or revisiting some of the key texts of legal philosophy.

INSTRUCTOR:

Gonçalo Almeida Ribeiro (CGSL)

RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Designed in the form of modules taught by distinguished international faculty, the research workshop will explore and reassess key methodological approaches to legal research to help students meet the demands of their own doctoral research.

INSTRUCTORS:

Matej Accetto (CGSL, coordinator):
Introduction to Legal Research

Deborah Hensler (Stanford Law School):
Empirical Methods for Legal Research

Mauro Bussani (University of Trieste):
Comparative Methods for Legal Research

Nuno Garoupa (CGSL):
Analytical Methods for Legal Research

Damian Chalmers (LSE):
Normative Methods for Legal Research

SCIENTIFIC DEBATE FORUM

A research forum discussing works in progress of invited speakers, designed to integrate PhD students into the research community at Católica and develop its international dimension.

CONVENOR:

Jan Dalhuisen (CGSL)

THESIS PROPOSAL AND RESEARCH PLAN

The second semester is dedicated to revising and finalizing the thesis proposal as well as planning the doctoral research with the support of faculty tutors and under the guidance of the dissertation supervisors assigned individually depending on the area of PhD research, drawn from Lisbon-based and international faculty affiliated with CGSL.

DOCTORAL RESEARCH AND WRITING

The remaining six semesters are dedicated to individual research and writing under the supervision of the assigned dissertation supervisors, with PhD seminars allowing for candidates to present their progress on the thesis and obtain feedback from their peers. It is expected that the candidates spend at least one and up to two years as visiting researchers at appropriate research centres outside Portugal.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applications

Candidates must hold a basic law degree and either a master's degree in law or the pre-Bologna bachelor's degree coupled with an outstanding academic record. (Applications from candidates without a basic law degree and degree(s) in other disciplines may exceptionally be accepted for review by the Committee, provided that the research proposal has an interdisciplinary focus).

The applications must also include the preliminary research proposal and an example of previous scholarly work. (Full instructions available on our website.)

A network of international partners

In planning both their research in Lisbon and research stays abroad, PhD candidates will benefit from Católica's extensive network of international partner universities, research institutions and academics.

Funding guaranteed

The Programme is fully-funded: all admitted students will receive a full tuition waiver and a monthly stipend, as well as expenses related to research stays abroad.

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A FULLY-FUNDED Ph.D. PROGRAMME

TITO RENDAS

Ph.D. student

"Católica's Global Ph.D. Programme strikes the ideal balance between responsible supervision of the candidate's work and room for independent reflection. Moreover, candidates are encouraged to take advantage of Católica's wide range of protocols with prestigious law schools worldwide, allowing them to spend a number of semesters in those institutions and to have contact with some of the foremost specialists in their academic field. It is, in sum, the archetype of a truly global doctoral programme in law."

TRACY MAGUZE

Ph.D. student

"Instead of adhering to the traditional approach where PhD students spend long periods in isolated study, the Programme offers courses which allow students to meet with fellow PhD candidates, participate in engaging debates on contemporary issues and exchange ideas with academics from diverse backgrounds. [...] the Global School attracts students from all over the world and this allows me to network with and become part of a diverse alumni group."



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PROGRAMME

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COURSE UNITS

Methodology Seminar 1st semester - 10 ECTS
Scientific Debate Forum 1st semester - 10 ECTS
Research Workshop 1st semester - 10 ECTS
Preparation of the Thesis Proposal
2nd semester - 30 ECTS
Dissertation 3rd to 8th semesters - 180 ECTS



Professors Gonçalo Almeida Ribeiro and Matej Accetto with students

Focused on law in a global context and with English as the working language, the Global PhD Programme builds on the success of Católica's LL.M. programmes. A select group of students will be recruited each year from among the world's brightest to join Católica Global School of Law (CGSL) and the Católica Research Centre for the Future of Law (CRCFL) as PhD students. Doctoral candidates will gain direct access to the prominent international faculty that teaches at CGSL. CRCFL will afford them a space to conduct their research and full engagement with the Centre's active and diverse community of scholars. Candidates will also benefit from an extensive set of exchange agreements and scientific protocols that CGSL has with high profile law schools and research institutions in the United States, Europe, Latin America and Asia. PhD students are encouraged to spend at least one year abroad as visiting fellows at a partner institution and will be funded accordingly.

The Global PhD Programme embodies a new model of doctoral studies in law within continental Europe. The Programme honours the tradition of regarding the doctoral thesis as a substantial and original contribution to legal scholarship, evidencing the ability of the candidate to conduct independent high-quality research. Unlike the traditional model, which relies on the willingness and natural ability of the candidate to produce a dissertation in an atmosphere of solitary intellectual confinement, the Programme is designed to create a research community of scholars whose work is monitored and guided according to the best international standards in the field.