

## **POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY**

Degree (s):	Economics; Management; Finance; Mathematics Applied to Economics and Management
Group:	Optional course unit
Curricular year/semester:	3rd year – 1st Semester
ECTS / hours per week:	4 ECTS / 3.0 Hours
Workload per Week:	2Theoretical/Practical x 1.5Hours
Teacher responsible:	Professor João Carlos de Andrade Marques Graça

### **OBJECTIVES**

Discussion of the specificity of political approach to social realities: political sociology as a 'certain perspective' on society.

Presentation of the main currents of political philosophy configuring modernity: theories and doctrines; intended consequences and unforeseen effects.

Exposition of the main groups of problems characterizing contemporary political science, making explicit their background assumptions via the confrontation of various conflictive doctrinal currents.

### **PROGRAM**

- What is politics? What is the possible content of a science of political realities?;
- Contractarian ideas and its opponents in the origins of contemporary political thought;
- Republic, citizenship, rule of law, democracy, separation of powers: a critical approach aiming at identifying problematic zones behind the apparently obvious assumptions;
- Left and right: does all politics need cleavages? Are these always officially 'ideological'?
- Political parties and electoral systems: the justifying doctrines and the history of facts;
- Theories of justice as a relevant interface of economic and political theories;
- Post-cold-war panorama: the 'ends of history' and the 'clash of civilizations', globalization and nationalisms, racism, identity-politics and fundamentalisms;
- In what consists 'political development'? Possibilities and limits of a question.

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