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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas of Specialization: Metaphysics (esp. emergence, mereology, neo-Aristotelianism) and Philosophy of Science (esp. unity of science, philosophy of biology)

Areas of Competence: Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (Aristotle, Aquinas), Philosophy of Religion, Ethics, Political Philosophy

EDUCATION

MA in Philosophy, Central European University (CEU) September 2021 – June 2023

With Distinction

Dissertation: *A Hole Without the Whole: Hylomorphism Against Causal Closure of the Physical*

Advisor: István Bodnár

BA in Philosophy, University of Porto (FLUP) September 2017 – June 2020

Faculty of Arts

With Distinction

Final average: 18 out of 20; A in ECTS Grading System

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Don Lavoie Fellowship January – May 2024
Mercatus Center, George Mason University
Value: \$1,250
- CEU Master's Scholarship September 2021 – June 2023
Value: 10000€
- CEU Alumni Scholarship September 2021 – June 2022
Value: 2500€
- Huawei Scholarship for ÖJAB dormitories 2022-2023
Value: 3000€
Essay: <https://www.huawei-university.com/joa1999-da-silva-huawei-scholarship-2022-23/>
- Instituto +Liberdade Essay Contest 2021
1st prize: 1000€
Essay: <https://eco.sapo.pt/especiais/livre-mercado-e-meio-ambiente-uma-resposta-local-para-um-problema-complexo/>

ACADEMIC PAPERS

1. [Forthcoming - accepted for publication] “Uma Defesa da Eudaimonia Aristotélica” [A Defense of Aristotelian Eudaimonia], *Revista Filosófica de Coimbra* (2024)

2. “Popperian Hayek or Hayekian Popper?”, *Economic Thought: History, Philosophy, and Methodology*, vol. 10, no.1 (2021): 46-60;
<http://et.worldeconomicsassociation.org/files/2021/07/WEA-ET-10.1-Silva.pdf>
3. “Mau Humor ou Humor Mau? Dois Problemas na Ética do Humor” [Bad Humor or Bad Taste? Two Problems in the Ethics of Humor], *Revista Ethic@*, 19, no. 3 (2020), doi: [10.5007/1677-2954.2020v19n3p811](https://doi.org/10.5007/1677-2954.2020v19n3p811)
4. “A Teoria da Escravidão Natural de Aristóteles a Francisco de Vitoria” [The Theory of Natural Slavery from Aristotle to Francisco de Vitoria], *Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia* 75, no. 3 (2019): 1785-1800; doi: [10.17990/rpf/2019_75_3_1785](https://doi.org/10.17990/rpf/2019_75_3_1785)
5. “Duas abordagens praxiológicas: Kant e Wittgenstein” [Two foundations for praxiology: Kant and Wittgenstein], *MISES: Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy Law and Economics*, no. 8 (2019), doi: [10.30800/mises.2020.v8.1219](https://doi.org/10.30800/mises.2020.v8.1219)

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. [Forthcoming] “Sá de Miranda e a Filosofia” [Sá de Miranda and Philosophy], in *Dicionário de Francisco Sá de Miranda*, coordinated by Sérgio Paulo Guimarães Sousa, Edições Húmus (2024)
2. “Livre Mercado e Meio Ambiente: Uma Resposta Local para um Problema Complexo” [Free Market and the Environment: A Local Response to a Complex Problem], in *Ambientalismo: Uma Visão de Mercado*, coordinated by Pedro Jorge Almeida, Alêtheia Editores (2022)

BOOK REVIEWS

1. [Forthcoming] Review of “Theistic Evolution” [Cambridge UP], by Mariusz Tabaczek. *The Heythrop Journal*, 2024
2. [Forthcoming - accepted for publication] Review of “Hylomorphism” [Cambridge UP], by William M. R. Simpson. *Dialectica*, 2024

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

[Accepted for presentation; applying for conference funding]

Francisco de Vitoria’s Rejection of Natural Slavery May 14-16, 2024
Thirteenth Annual REFORC Conference 2024
 Palermo, Italy

[Forthcoming]

Hylomorphism and the Causal Closure of the Physical January 22-23, 2024
Conference of the Philosophy of Science Network (FICIREN)
 Santiago de Compostela, Spain
 ([Official Schedule](#))

Eudaimonia and Happiness: On Being Happy December 7, 2023
10th TMU Student Philosophy Conference
 Tarbiat Modares University Tehrān, Iran (Online)

Hylomorphism and the Causal Closure of the Physical November 10, 2023

OFA 13 - Oficina de Filosofia Analítica
NOVA University, Lisbon, Portugal
([Official Schedule](#))

Assessing Howard Robinson's Criticism of Hylomorphism September 6, 2023
SOPhiA 2023 - Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy 2023
Salzburg, Austria (Online)
([Official Schedule](#))

Assessing Howard Robinson's Criticism of Hylomorphism August 12, 2023
Society for the Metaphysics of Science 2023 Conference
Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada
([Official Schedule](#))

Selected commentator for Matthew Tugby's August 13, 2023
"Functions, goals, and the problem of goal failure"
Society for the Metaphysics of Science 2023 Conference
Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada
([Official Schedule](#))

Popperian Hayek or Hayekian Popper? February 22, 2020
Austrian Student Scholars Conference
Grove City College, Pennsylvania, USA
(<https://austrianstudentconference.com/2020-schedule/>)

REFEREEING

- *Dialectica* November 2023
 - *MISES: Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy, Law and Economics* April 2020
- (<https://misesjournal.org.br/misesjournal/adhoc>)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. "Introdução à tradução - Em louvor à frase longa e complicada", *Revista Unamuno* (Brazil, December 2023), <https://unamuno.com.br/ed-simon-david-bentley-e-joao-silva/>
2. "Aristotelian Hylomorphic Dualism", *Thomistica* (November 2023), <https://thomistica.net/essays/https/thomisticanet/quaestiones-url/hylomorphic-dualism>
3. "O Amor que Move o Sol e os Outros Astros: Filosofia, Cosmologia e Divinização em Platão e Cícero", *Revista Unamuno* (Brazil, November 2023), <https://unamuno.com.br/platao-cicero/>
4. "A Arte Como Forma de Atenção", *Revista Unamuno* (Brazil, January 2023), <https://unamuno.com.br/arte-como-forma-de-atencao/>
5. "Intention and Representation: The Case of Thomas Aquinas", *Thomistica* (December 2022), <https://thomistica.net/essays/https/thomisticanet/quaestiones-url/aquinas-and-intention>

6. “Art, Relevance and Saturated Phenomena”, The Symbolic World Blog (September 2022), <https://thesymbolicworld.com/articles/art-relevance-and-saturated-phenomena/>
7. “Machado de Assis, Dostoevski e os limites da modernidade”, Revista Unamuno (Brazil, June 2022), <https://unamuno.com.br/machado-de-assis-dostoevski/>
8. “18th Austrian Economics Monthly: Geopolitical frictions”, Event Report, Austrian Economics Center (May 2022), <https://austriancenter.com/report-geopolitical-frictions/>
9. “On the Future of AI”, Huawei University (Austria, April 2022), <https://www.huawei-university.com/joao-pinheiro-da-silva-huawei-scholarship-2022-23/>
10. “What Popper Learned from Hayek”, Austrian Economics Center (April 2022), <https://www.austriancenter.com/what-karl-popper-learned-from-hayek/>; reissued at Cobden Centre (May 2022), <https://www.cobdencentre.org/2022/05/what-popper-learned-from-hayek/>
11. “Fé e Sacrifício em “Tenet” (2020)”, Revista Unamuno (Brazil, March 2022), <http://unamuno.com.br/?p=1650>
12. “Was Popper von Hayek gelernt hat”, Hayek Institut (Austria, March 2022), <https://www.hayek-institut.at/was-popper-von-hayek-gelernt-hat/>
13. “Tick-Tock goes the East”, with Scott B. Nelson, Austrian Economics Center (March 2022), <https://www.austriancenter.com/tick-tock-goes-the-east/>
14. “O Ocidente não entende Putin”, with Scott B. Nelson, Observador (Portugal, March 2022), <https://observador.pt/opiniao/o-ocidente-nao-entende-putin/>
15. “Voar Sem Sair do Chão: as virtudes e os limites de “The Good Place””, Revista Unamuno (Brazil, February 2022), <http://unamuno.com.br/?p=1538>
16. “Nenhum dos Seus Ossos Será Quebrado”, Nova Cidadania 73 (Portugal, 2021)
17. “A Bone of Him Shall Not Be Broken”, VoegelinView (USA, 2020), <https://voegelinview.com/a-bone-of-him-shall-not-be-broken/>
18. “Livre mercado e meio ambiente: Uma resposta local para um problema complexo”, Eco (Portugal, June 6, 2021), <https://eco.sapo.pt/especiais/livre-mercado-e-meio-ambiente-uma-resposta-local-para-um-problema-complexo/>
19. “Os Limites da Modernidade”, Jornal Rascunho (Curitiba, Brazil, 2020), <https://rascunho.com.br/ensaios-e-resenhas/os-limites-da-modernidade/>
20. “Portugal não é uma democracia (ou não deveria ser)”, Observador (Portugal, 2019), <https://observador.pt/opiniao/portugal-nao-e-uma-democracia-ou-nao-deveria-ser/>
21. “Italo Calvino e “As Cidades Invisíveis””, Comunidade Cultura e Arte (Portugal, 2019), <https://www.comunidadeculturaearte.com/italo-calvino-e-as-cidades-invisiveis/>

TRANSLATIONS

1. “Em louvor à frase longa e complicada” (2023), in <https://unamuno.com.br/ed-simon-david-bentley-e-joao-silva/>; original: Simon, Ed, “Baroque, Purple, and Beautiful: In Praise of the Long, Complicated Sentence” (2023), Literary Hub; and Hart, D. B., “How to Write English Prose” (2023), The Lamp Magazine.
2. Janik, A. & Toulmin, S. (2021). “Wittgenstein e o seu tempo”, in <https://criticanarede.com/wittgenstein.html> (ISSN 1749-8457); original: Janik, A. & Toulmin, S, “Wittgenstein’s Vienna” (1973) (pp. 13-32). New York: Touchstone.

3. Paterson, C., & Pugh, M. (2020). “Introdução ao tomismo analítico”, in <https://criticanarede.com/tomismo.html> (ISSN 1749-8457); original: C. Paterson, & M. Pugh, “Analytical Thomism: Traditions in Dialogue” (2006) (pp. XIII–XXIII). London: Routledge.

QUALIFICATIONS

Editorial Board Member June 2023-Present
Revista Unamuno (<https://unamuno.com.br/quem-somos-nos/>)

Assistant editor August 2022-Present
Voegelin View (<https://voegelinview.com>)

INTERNSHIPS

AIER's Internship Program Spring 2024 February – April 2024
Great Barrington, MA (Paid Internship)
Research Project: “The Varieties of Post-Liberalism”

Don Lavoie Fellowship January – May 2024
Mercatus Center, George Mason University (Online) (Paid Internship)

Alumni Scholarship Program 2021-2022
Central European University (Vienna, Austria) (Paid)
Certificate: <https://ibb.co/tbG4KOP>
Profile: <https://alumni.ceu.edu/article/2021-10-05/joao-pinheiro-da-silva-portugal-phil-23>
Contributions to “CEU Student Space” on CEU’s academic environment and life in Vienna: “[Four Reasons to Join CEU’s Philosophy Department](#)”; “[A Strange Book to Read in Vienna – The Death of Virgil](#)”; “[Why You Should Do an Ethics Course](#)”; “[Augarten - My Favorite Place for a Walk in Vienna](#)”; “[Four Reasons Why I’m Loving CEU](#)”

Student Recruitment Internship 2021-2022
Central European University (Vienna, Austria)

Austrian Economics Center (AEC) January-April 2022
(Vienna, Austria) (Paid Internship)

SUMMER SCHOOLS AND SEMINARS

Thomistic Seminar: Intellectual Creatures July 31-August 5, 2023
Witherspoon Institute
Princeton University, New Jersey, USA
Received a full tuition waiver scholarship

Conservatives and Reactionaries by Mark Lilla 25 June-June 1, 2023
Forbidden Courses Summer Program
University of Austin (UATX), USA

Received a full tuition waiver scholarship

First Principles seminar

July 10-23, 2022

Witherspoon Institute

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA

Received a full tuition waiver scholarship

Acton University

June 20-23 2022

Acton Institute

Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA

Received registration, travel and lodging scholarships

Instituto +Liberdade first University Campus

September 3-5, 2021

Instituto +Liberdade

São Pedro do Sul, Portugal

Participant and speaker

Workload ~15 hours

Online Reading Seminar of Machado de Assis's O Alienista

August 2021

Casa de Leitura Dirce Cortes Real, Brazil

By João Cezar de Castro Rocha (UERJ/Stanford University) and Paulo Pavão (psychiatrist)

Workload ~6 hours

Certificate: <https://ibb.co/YX9mRpn>

Methodology in the History of Philosophy

July 5-9, 2021

University of Groningen

Workload ~ 40 hours

Certificate: <https://ibb.co/9nh4xdr>

Participation in the "Questions of Contemporary Philosophy" group

2017- 2019

Mind, Language and Action Group (MLAG), Institute of Philosophy at the University of Porto

Credential: <https://ibb.co/3MT4TmP>

OTHER SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

1ST Instituto +Liberdade University Campus

September 4, 2021

Topic: Ambientalismo de Mercado (<https://ibb.co/9YxRQXR>)

Main Speaker at SFL's special webinar

April 3, 2021

Topic: Hayek and Popper - Method in Social Science

(<https://www.facebook.com/events/2878284095773930>)

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Portugal's Students for Liberty Local Coordinator

2019-2023

- Top 6 European Coordinator in 2021

- Contributed to the organization of multiple conferences, to the designing of various posters and social posts, participated in several international meetings and conferences
- Invited and successfully completed the European SFL's Top Leadership Retreat in Kopaonik, Serbia 2021 (Certificate: <https://ibb.co/QdjHH6M>)
- Invited to LibertyCon Prague 2022 and LibertyCon Lisbon 2023

Founding member of Instituto +Liberdade

2021

LANGUAGES

1. Portuguese (Native)
2. English
Duolingo English Test (2020): 135 out of 160; equivalent to 113-115 TOEFL; 8 IELTS; C1 CEFR: <https://certs.duolingo.com/ua898642>
3. Spanish (Reading / Speaking)
4. Italian (Reading)
5. French (Reading)
6. Ancient Greek (Beginner)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- I have published some texts on philosophy, history of art, and film reviews in my Medium profile
Link: <https://joaopinheirosilva.medium.com>
- Having abandoned Medium, I started a Substack page
Link: <https://aliteracao.substack.com>