

**Thematic Section of the Portuguese Sociology Association  
Sociology of Childhood – application for the coordination**

Dear Prof. Dr. João Miguel Teixeira Lopes, President of the Portuguese Association of Sociology and Prof. Dr. Benedita Portugal e Melo, Vice-president of APS with the responsibility for the Thematic Sections and Regional Centres.

We hereby send the proposal of the candidate list to the coordination of the thematic section Sociology of Childhood.

**Proposal of the coordination team of the Section:**

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**Objectives, action program and coordination team:**

The coordination team of the section considers these objectives as a priority, in this first phase:

- i. Propose the section creation;
- ii. Promote the participation of section members in national and international scientific networks;
- iii. Organize a meeting of the Thematic Section, which can promote the area and interdisciplinary work.

To achieve this objective, the following actions should be taken:

- A. Identify the different interests of section members, promote inter-knowledge and sharing of knowledge, information and experience;
- B. Identify and map relevant section members for the development of national research (mailing list and newsletter);
- W. Encourage the creation of research networks;
- d. Promote the participation of section members in international scientific networks and similar working groups;
- e. To give visibility to the national research produced in the field of the sociology of childhood;
- f. Organization of an annual meeting.

Note: The remaining activities will result from the strategic plan of the Section, to be defined when it is created.

Best regards



## The proponents of the Thematic Section of Sociology of Childhood

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Gabriela Trevisan – Escola Superior de Educação de Paula Frassinetti; Centro de Investigação em Estudos da Criança (CIEC)

Manuel Sarmento – Instituto de Educação, Universidade do Minho; Centro de Investigação em Estudos da Criança (CIEC)

Manuela Ferreira – Faculdade de Psicologia e Ciências da Educação da Universidade do Porto; Centro de investigação e Intervenções Educativas (CIIE)

Maria João Leote de Carvalho – CICS.NOVA.FCSH NOVA

Natália Fernandes – Instituto de Educação da Universidade do Minho (CIEC)

## Appendix 1 – Proposal for the constitution of the Thematic Section of Sociology of Childhood

Professor Dr. João Miguel Teixeira Lopes  
President of the Portuguese Association of Sociology (APS)

Following the X Portuguese Congress of Sociology, and in accordance with Article 2 of the Regulation of the Thematic Sections and Regional Centres of APS, we hereby send the proposal for the creation of the thematic section Sociology of Childhood, to be presented to the General Assembly of the APS, on October 18, 2018.

Whereas:

- The absence in Portugal of a permanent body of communication and cooperation between specialists in this field;
- The pertinence of creating a space of researchers interested in the study of children and childhood from a sociological perspective in the APS and, in this way, encourage regular meeting of these researchers to create a context of regular discussion and guarantee the development of national production;
- The existence of a Research Committee on Sociology of Childhood (RC53) at the International Sociological Association (ISA);
- The existence of a Research Network on Sociology of Children and Childhood in the European Sociological Association (RN 04) - <https://www.europeansociology.org/research-networks/rn04-sociology-children-and-childhood>
- Existing international networks and links with different committees / networks / research groups, namely:
  - RN04 da ESA – regular participation of proponent researchers for this section, and the organisation of the last mid-term organised in Lisbon; <https://aps.pt/pt/symposium-sociology-of-childhood-theorising-childhood-engaging-with-citizenship-culture-and-context/>;
  - APS – members make regular presentations in different thematic sections of APS, with particular focus on children and childhood;
  - AISLF – Association Internationale des Sociologues de Langue Française, with regular participation of Manuel Sarmiento and Ana Nunes de Almeida, in the Committee de *Recherche 31 – Sociologie de l'Enfance* - <https://www.aislf.org/squelettes/crgt/crgt30.php>
  - CREAN – with the participation of two researchers, Catarina Tomás and Natália Fernandes, having the last one as a member of its *Steering Committee* - <http://crean-network.org/index.php/about-crean/governance/steering-committee>
  - Committee of Sociology of Childhood, of the Spanish Federation of Sociology (<http://www.fes-sociologia.com/sociologia-de-la-infancia/comites/45/>), since 2016, with regular contact; Catarina Tomás and Natália Fernandes are members of

the editorial board of the Journal *Sociedade Y Infancias* (<https://revistas.ucm.es/index.php/SOCI/>)

- Work group on childhood poverty from the EAPN - *European Anti-Poverty Network*, Portugal – Manuel Sarmiento, Fernando Diogo, Gabriela Trevisan and Maria João Leote de Carvalho.
- Protocol with the University of Azores and UNIRIO (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro) with Portuguese and Brazilian researchers interested in studying children's involvement in curricular processes, cultural appropriation of children's cultures and methodologies to increase children's participation in research.;
- FCT/CAPES, Convénio FCT/CAPES – 2016/2017, coordinated by Isabel Menezes (FPCEUP) and Elisabete Macedo (UERJ DEAE/PROPEd/Educação, Universidade Estadual do Rio de Janeiro), integrated by Manuela Ferreira;
- Grupo de Pesquisa Etnografia e Infância, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina - UFSC (Brasil), coordinated by Manuela Ferreira;
- El Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO), where Manuela Ferreira is a member;
- The presence of researchers proposing this thematic section (Manuel Sarmiento, Maria João Leote de Carvalho, Catarina Tomás, Natália Fernandes and Gabriela Trevisan, Fernando Diogo) in the Collaborative Laboratory "ProChild CoLab Against Poverty and Social Exclusion", approved by the Foundation for Science and Technology in July 2018 and that represents a new challenge in the effective articulation with other areas of scientific knowledge in the national territory and also in connection with international networks;
- Children and Youth at Risk Program and Cohesion and Social Integration Program of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation for the area of children and young people at risk, of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, of which Maria João Leote de Carvalho is a consultant;
- National Council of the National Commission for the Promotion of the Rights and Protection of Children and Young People, of which Maria João Leote de Carvalho is co-opted counselor;
- The extensive list of national and international publications of the proposing researchers in the field of knowledge and existence of national and international projects in which they participate in the field of Sociology of Childhood (see Annex 1 - summary table of the proposing researchers, cv's);
- The work of orientation of masters and doctorates by the proponents, in the field area, namely of students of national and foreign higher education institutions;
- The existence of curricular units of Sociology of Childhood or of curricular units where their theoretical and methodological assumptions are included:
  - Sociology of Childhood and Qualitative Methodologies with Children, since 2004, in the masters: Childhood, Family and Society - themes in education; Childhood, Family and Health - themes in education; Childhood, Knowledge and Professions; Education, Gender and Citizenship; In-depth Issues of Culture, Inclusion and Educational Intervention; Ethical issues in research with children and youth; Risk,

vulnerability and violence in contexts and intervention groups and research in education; Free Time Animation with children; in the degree in Educational Sciences: Childhood and education (optional) and Seminar of initiation to mediation and training, University of Porto.

- Sociology of Childhood and Ageing (optional) and Human and Child Rights (optional) of the Degree in Basic Education; Contemporary Issues of Early Childhood Education and Children from 0 to 6 years (optional) of the Master's in Pre-School Education; Childhood, Society and Rights of the Master in Early Intervention; Childhood, Youth and Old Age: Policies and Practices of Intervention (optional) of the Master in Social Education and Community Intervention, Lisbon School of Higher Education;
- Sociology of Childhood - Post-graduation in Integrated Networks in Childhood, in the Superior School of Education of Paula Frassinetti;
- Childhood and Rights in the master's degree in Children's, Family and Probate Law, University of Minho Law School;
- Psychosociology of Childhood and Youth, Master of Education and Training, University of the Azores.
- The work of national scientific dissemination of the area, through the organization of systematic national meetings:
  - (2017-2018) Maria João Leote de Carvalho, representing CICS.NOVA - Member of the Organizing Committee of the II European Congress "A Child Friendly Justice, Children and Delinquency - Strengthening Justice Systems," Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Lisbon , 24th and 25 May 2018.
  - The creation of the Luso-Brazilian Symposium on Childhood Studies, since 2012, by the Institute of Education of the University of Minho (Natália Fernandes, Manuel Sarmiento) and the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre (Leni Dornelles, Brazil) - fourth edition, with publication of minutes and magazines with conferences with participation of different proposing members;

The thematic section on Sociology of Childhood aims to be a privileged space for meeting and reflection among interested sociologists on children's issues, with a focus on the specificity of children's view, their agency, their voice and participation, and specific ways of building themselves as a social group and not only as subjects belonging to institutions such as school, family, community, etc.

The affirmation of these specificities of childhood as a generational group does not, however, deny the need for strong interdisciplinary dialogues with different areas of knowledge - and, consequently, interaction with different thematic sections already existing in PHC: youth, education, territories, inequalities, family, law, among others. This tendency, moreover, follows the dynamics of different European and International Associations of Sociology, where autonomous committees / research networks are presented in the different areas mentioned (eg, FES, ESA, AISLF, ISA ...)



With our thanks in advance for the follow-up to this proposal and our cordial greetings.

The group of proponents:

Ana Cristina Palos – Universidade dos Açores

Ana Nunes de Almeida – Instituto de Ciências Sociais, Universidade de Lisboa

Catarina Tomás – Instituto Politécnico de Lisboa, Escola Superior de Educação;  
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Fernando Diogo – Universidade dos Açores

Gabriela Trevisan – Escola Superior de Educação de Paula Frassinetti; Centro de Investigação  
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Natália Fernandes – Instituto de Educação da Universidade do Minho (CIEC)

Full name	Professional Category	Research Centre	Main areas of research	National and international networks/work groups/research in the field of childhood studies
Manuel José Jacinto Sarmento Pereira	Associated Professor with Aggregation	University of Minho/Institute of Education/CIEC	Sociology of Childhood Sociology of Education Research Methodologies	APS – Thematic Section of Sociology of Childhood AISLF - Comité de <i>Recherche 31 – Sociologie de l'Enfance</i> ESA - RN04 – Sociology of Childhood EAPN – Work group of child poverty Collaborative Laboratory - “ProChild CoLab Against poverty and social exclusion”, Approved by the Foundation for Science and Technology
Maria Manuela Martinho Ferreira	Associated Professor	CIIE – FPCEUP (Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences of the University of Porto)	Sociology of Childhood Social History of Childhood, qualitative research methodologies Childhood education	FCT/CAPES, FCT/CAPES – 2016/2017, coordinated by Isabel Menezes (FPCEUP) and Elisabete Macedo (UERJ DEAE/PROPEd/Educação, State University of Rio de Janeiro) Coordinator of the Research group on Ethnography and Childhood, Federal University of Santa Catarina - El Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO)
Natália Fernandes	Auxiliary Professor	University of Minho/Institute of Education/CIEC	Sociology of Childhood Research with children Ethics in research with children Children’s rights	CREAN –Member of the Steering Committee APS – thematic section of Sociology of Childhood ESA - RN04 – Sociology of Childhood Member of the section and of the editorial board of the Journal <i>Sociedade Y Infancias</i> Collaborative Laboratory - “ProChild CoLab Against poverty and social

				exclusion”, Approved by the Foundation for Science and Technology
Ana Nunes de Almeida	Coordinator researcher	ICS – University of Lisbon	Sociology of Childhood Sociology of Family	APS – Thematic Section of Sociology of Childhood AISLF - Comité de <i>Recherche 31 – Sociologie de l’Enfance</i> ESA - RN04 – Sociology of Childhood
Maria João Fino Leote de Carvalho	PHd researcher/post-doc of the FCT	CICS.NOVA. FCSH NOVA	Sociology of Law and Justice Sociology of social change and development Sociology of Childhood	Collaborative Laboratory - “ProChild CoLab Against poverty and social exclusion”, Approved by the Foundation for Science and Technology Scientific Consultant of the Program of Social Cohesion and Integration of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Counsellor of the National Committee of the Commission for the Promotion of Children and Young People Rights EAPN – Work group of child poverty EJJO-IJJO: European Council for Juvenile Justice do International Juvenile Justice Observatory APS: Thematic Section of Law and Justice ISA: Research Committee Sociology of Law da ISA (RC 12), International Sociological Association ESC-European Society of Criminology ECREA - European Communication Research and Education Association
Catarina Almeida Tomás	Adjunct Professor	CICS.NOVA.FCSH NOVA	Sociology of Childhood Children’s rights Childhood Education Residential care	CREAN - member APS – Thematic Section of Sociology of Childhood ESA - RN04 – Sociology of Childhood



				<p>FES - Member of the section and of the editorial board of the Journal <i>Sociedade Y Infancias</i></p> <p>Collaborative Laboratory - “ProChild CoLab Against poverty and social exclusion”, Approved by the Foundation for Science and Technology</p>
Gabriela de Pina Trevisan	Adjunct Professor	University of Minho/Institute of Education/CIEC/ESEP F	Sociology of Childhood Children’s rights Community Intervention and Education	<p>APS – Thematic Section of Sociology of Childhood</p> <p>ESA - RN04 – Sociology of Childhood</p> <p>FES – Sociology of Childhood</p> <p>EAPN – work group on children’s poverty</p> <p>Collaborative Laboratory - “ProChild CoLab Against poverty and social exclusion”, Approved by the Foundation for Science and Technology</p>
Fernando Jorge Afonso Diogo	Auxiliary Professor	CICS.NOVA.UAc (University of Azores)	Poverty Children’s poverty Social Insertion Income Work and social identity amongst poor people Youth and labour market transitions	<p>APS – Thematic Section of Sociology of Childhood</p> <p>EAPN – work group on children’s poverty</p> <p>Protocol with the University of Azores and UNIRIO (Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro) with Portuguese and Brazilian researchers.</p> <p>Collaborative Laboratory - “ProChild CoLab Against poverty and social exclusion”, Approved by the Foundation for Science and Technology</p>