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# Institutions AND Organizational Environments

*Towards an Ethnography of Complex Systems*

## *Organization*

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9:45 *Welcome* 10:00

Jorge Vala [Director of ICS-UL]

José Maria Carvalho Ferreira [Director of SOCIUS/ISEG-UTL]

Susana Durão [Research Fellow, Institute of Social Sciences, ICS-UL]

Daniel Seabra Lopes [Research Fellow, SOCIUS/ISEG-UTL]

### SESSION 1

#### SCIENCE REVISITED: RECENT TRENDS IN KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION AND KNOWLEDGE APPLICATION

Chair: Ricardo Roque

10:00 – 10:30

Steve G. Hoffman [University at Buffalo/SUNY]

*New tools of the trade: the conceptual vocabularies  
of academic capitalism*

10:30 – 11:00

Ana Delicado [ICS-UL]

Patrick Figueiredo [ICS-UL]

Luís Junqueira [ICS-UL]

Inês Pereira [CIES/ISCTE]

*Elusive objects: the ethnography of scientific societies*

11:00 *Debate* 11:15

11:15 *Coffee break* 11:30

11:30 – 12:00

Gonçalo Praça [Universidade de Coimbra]

*Taking death into account: disorders of society,  
ordering the social*

12:00 – 12:30

Helena Machado [UM]

Susana Silva [ISPUP]

*Uncertain procedures in genetic labs: paternity tests – between  
the authorities of science, law and self-governance*

12:30 *Debate* 13:00

13:00 *Lunch* 14:30

### SESSION 2

#### STUDYING BUSINESSES, COMPLEX ORGANIZATIONS, AND WORK: A NEW CHALLENGE FOR ETHNOGRAPHY

Chair: Daniel Seabra Lopes

14:30 – 15:00

Fiona Moore [School of Management/University of London]

*Ambivalence, anthropology and business:  
the problems and potentials of ethnographic research  
in international organisations*

15:00 *Debate* 15:15

15:15 *Coffee break* 15:30

15:30 – 16:00

Emília Margarida Marques [CRIA]

*Making, appropriating and contesting a complex system:  
struggles on the shop floor*

16:00 – 16:30

Susana Durão [ICS-UL]

*The police community on the move:  
institutions as complex systems*

16:30 *Debate* 17:00

17:00 *End of session* 17:30

*Oporto and hors d'œuvres offered by ICS-UL*

### SESSION 3

#### DISCUSSING INSTITUTIONAL REGULATION: ACCOUNTABILITY, ACCOUNTANCY, AND ACCOUNTS

Chair: Susana Durão

9:45 – 10:15

Christina Garsten [Stockholm University]

*Transparency and the global gaze: transnational organizations  
and the problem of social accountability*

10:15 – 10:45

Rafael Marques [SOCIUS/ISEG-UTL]

*Isomorphism revisited: framing uncertainty,  
professionalization and state power*

10:45 *Debate* 11:00

11:00 *Coffee break* 11:15

11:15 – 11:45

Raquel Rego [SOCIUS/ISEG-UTL]

*The contribution of ethnography to the analysis  
of association boards*

11:45 – 12:15

Daniel Seabra Lopes [SOCIUS/ISEG-UTL]

*Making oneself at home with numbers: financial reporting  
from an ethnographic perspective*

12:15 – 12:45

João de Pina Cabral [ICS-UL]

*Final reflections: institutions and organizations  
in anthropological theory*

12:45 *Final debate* 13:15