

## **Alexandra Abranches**



### **Research interests**

History of moral and political philosophy, classical pragmatism, feminist philosophy

### **Education**

PhD in Modern and Contemporary Philosophy, University of Minho (Braga, PT)

Master's in Modern and Contemporary Philosophy, University of Minho (Braga, PT)

BA in Philosophy, University of Porto (Porto, PT)

### **Appointments**

2015 /present: Assistant Professor in the Philosophy Department of the University of Minho

1997/2015: Assistant in the Philosophy Department of the University of Minho

### **Biographical statement**

I have taught Ethics, Political Philosophy, History of Political and Social Ideas, Modern and Contemporary Philosophy, Philosophical Anthropology, Aesthetics and Metaphysics. My research interests include the history of Ethics, in particular the naturalist and rationalist traditions stemming from Hobbes and the naturalist and sentimentalist traditions culminating in Hume; issues in contemporary meta-ethics; the metaphysics of free will; and classical pragmatism. My PhD dissertation focused on the moral philosophy of David Hume. I have published a book on the American pragmatist Charles Sanders Peirce as a result of my research for my master's degree. I am also a translator, and have been involved in the translation into portuguese of Edmund Burke's *A Philosophical Investigation of the Origin our Ideas of the Sublime and the Beautiful*, which has been published by ed.70. I am responsible for coordinating investigation in the area of Applied Ethics of the Centre for Ethics, Politics and Society (CEPS). I am a member of the Directive Commission of the Doctoral Course in Philosophy offered by the Philosophy Department of the University of Minho. I am currently involved in a European project concerning women philosophers, pending funding. And I'm

expanding my research and teaching interests to include the history of feminism and feminist philosophy.

### **Selected publications**

2013 – “*Introdução*” in Edmund Burke, *Uma Investigação filosófica acerca da origem das nossas ideias do sublime e do belo*, introdução de Alexandra Abranches, tradução e notas de Alexandra Abranches, Jaime Costa e Pedro Martins, Edições 70, 2013.

2007 – “Examinando a Vida Moral ou Kierkegaard para Descrentes”, in *Diacrítica* nº21/2, 2007, pp. 177-193.

2004 – Abranches, A, *Sentimentalismo Filosófico: a Noção de Comunidade no Pensamento de C. S. Peirce*, Braga, Universidade do Minho/Centro de Estudos Humanísticos, 2004.

2004 – Entrada “Interesse” para o *Dicionário de Filosofia Moral e Política*, coordenação de António Marques e Diogo Pires Aurélio.

2004 – Artigo “Robert Nozick: Direitos Individuais e Estado Mínimo” in Espada, J.C., e Rosas, J., (orgs), *Pensamento Político Contemporâneo*, Lisboa, Bertrand, 2004.

1998 – “O Lugar da Ética em Peirce”, em revista *Trabalhos de Antropologia e Etnologia* (vol.38 – 3-4)

1997 – “Kant, Peirce e a Hipótese.”, em *Revista portuguesa de Filosofia* (tomo LIII – 4- 1997)

### **Projects**

2017/ - COST action proposal: Women’s Practical Philosophy in History, IR: Prof. Sandrine Berges, Bilkent University, Turkey. (pending funding)

2017/ - Equal-list: gender equality in information sciences and technology, IR: Vítor Barros, University of Minho. (funded by the European Union)

2011/2015 – Project (FCT funded) Cepticism and Conservatism, IR: Prof. Doutor Rui Bertrand Romão (UBI/FLUP)

2013/4 – *History of Political Philosophy*, Political Theory Group, CEH-UM – chapter “David Hume”, delivered in March 2014 (ongoing).

2010/13 - *Foundation and Function in the New Philosophy of Human Rights*,  
IR: Professor Doutor João Cardoso Rosas, Political Theory Group, CEH-UM.

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