

João Ribeiro Mendes



Research Interests

Philosophy of Technology, Technoethics, General Philosophy of Science, Theory of Knowledge

Education

2012: PhD in Logic and Moral Philosophy, University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain).

Supervisor: Juan Vasquez Sánchez

2003: MA in Modern and Contemporary Philosophy, University of Minho

1989: BA in Philosophy, Catholic Portuguese University (Lisbon)

Appointments

2012-now: Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy of the University of Minho

1998-2011: Assistant, Department of Philosophy of the University of Minho

Biographical Statement

In the last couple of decades I have been dedicated to teaching Philosophy of Science and Philosophy of Technology, and related disciplines such as Theory of Knowledge and Science, Technology and Society. I have been also supervising more than a dozen Master's students and PhD students.

In the last five years, my research has been increasingly focused on issues of Technoethics, in the intersection, therefore, of the Philosophy of Technology with Ethics, especially on the nature, structure and dynamics of technical action and of emerging technologies, namely its moral implications

At University of Minho I was actively involved in the creation, in 2017, of the Centre for Ethics, Politics and Society.

Currently, I am the Director of the Centre for Ethics, Politics and Society of the Institute of Arts and Humanities of University of Minho, as also of the MA in Political Philosophy and Deputy-director of the Department of Philosophy.

Selected publications

2018: Mendes, J. & Sylla, B. (Eds.). *Tecnofilosofias Líquidas (Anders, Sloterdijk, Blumenberg)*. Famalicão: Húmus (forthcoming).

2017: Mendes, J. & Sylla, B. (Eds.). *Friedrich Dessauer. Filosofia da Técnica*. Famalicão: Húmus (on press).

2016: Mendes, J. Tecnoética: uma disciplina filosófica para o século XXI. In: A. Manso & C. Martins (Orgs.), *Ensino da Filosofia em Portugal. Tradição e Actualidade da Formação* (pp. 35-45). Famalicão: Húmus.

2015: Mendes, J., *O Realismo Experimental e os seus críticos*. Famalicão: Húmus.

Projects

Currently I lead two projects based on CEPS: *Reflexive Engineers*, a critical survey of the engineering tradition of reflection on the nature of technology and its effects, especially ethical and social affects, and *SFIDA: Soluções Filosóficas Inovadoras para o Desafio do Antropoceno* (Philosophical Innovative Solutions to the Anthropocene Challenge).

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