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I INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF YOUNG RESEARCHERS IN COGNITION, LANGUAGE AND NEUROSCIENCES

October 24th and 25th 2025 | Portuguese Catholic University, Lisbon

Keynote Speakers



SOFIA LYNCE DE FARIA

PhD in Cognitive and Language Sciences from the Faculty of Health Sciences and Nursing of the Catholic University of Portugal, having developed her doctoral studies in the area of oral language acquisition in deaf children using cochlear implants.

She completed her degree in Speech Therapy at the Egas Moniz School of Health and a Master's degree in Clinical Linguistics at the Faculty of Health Sciences and Nursing of the Catholic University of Portugal.

She was a research fellow in several research projects with funding in competitive competitions in the field of child language acquisition and development, exploring spontaneous language measures in the context of typical and atypical development, these being her main areas of interest. She was also a PhD fellow of the Foundation for Science and Technology.

She is a member of the NICE_LAB of the Translational Neuroscience platform of the Center for Interdisciplinary Research in Health Sciences.

She coordinates the Hearing Department of the Portuguese Society of Speech Therapy.

Develops clinical practice in a hospital setting with preschool-aged children with and without deafness.

Develops research and clinical practice in the area of language disorders, actively collaborating in the development of materials aimed at speech therapists who work with childhood deafness.

Programs: BSc Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience

Modules/Courses: Project Seminar

Areas of Research: Language acquisition and development in children, Spontaneous speech measures, Deafness and cochlear implants



DAVID GUEDES

Psychology researcher and guest assistant professor at ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon. He holds a degree in Clinical and Health Psychology from the University of Lisbon and a Ph.D. in Psychology from ISCTE . He has worked in research since 2018, primarily focusing on the factors that influence food preferences and choices. His most recent work has emphasized the multisensory and affective aspects of food perception and their potential to promote healthier and more sustainable eating practices. Currently, he is engaged in a research project funded by the “la Caixa” Foundation, examining the determinants of sugar consumption in children.

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GONÇALO COTOVIO

Psychiatrist and Researcher at the Neuropsychiatry Unit of the Champalimaud Foundation and Visiting Assistant Professor of Neuroscience at NOVA Medical School of the NOVA University, Lisbon

Completed his integrated master's degree in Medicine at NOVA Medical School in 2014. A year later, he joined the Neuropsychiatry Unit at the Champalimaud Foundation as a research intern, where he completed his doctorate in January 2023, after obtaining a Doctoral Scholarship from the Research Support Foundation and Technology. During this period, he received training in brain stimulation at Berenson Allen Center, Harvard Medical School. In 2020, he obtained the title of specialist in Epidemiology and Clinical Research by the Portugal Clinical Research Training Program, Harvard Medical School. Last year, the doctor completed his internship in Psychiatry at Western Lisbon Local Health Unit. He is currently a psychiatrist and researcher. at the Neuropsychiatry Unit of the Champalimaud Foundation, also being an Assistant Professor Guest Professor of Neuroscience at NOVA Medical School, NOVA University, Lisbon. Over the years, has worked on researching and treating a variety of mental conditions such as depression and obsessive-compulsive disorder, seeking to study strategies for its study and treatment, namely using connectivity networks brain and non-invasive brain stimulation. His work has resulted in several publications in scientific journals. In 2023, he was honored with the BBRF Young Investigator Grant to carry on his research in this area.