

# International Ph.D. Programme Argumentation and Communication

## SUBJECT MATTER OF THE PROGRAMME - ARGUMENTATION

People develop argumentation in numerous purposeful activities: to make sound and well-thought decisions, to critically found their opinions, to persuade other people of the validity of their own proposals and to evaluate others proposals. These activities are bound to the contexts in which they take place and are significantly determined by these contexts; thus argumentation too, as the bearing structure of these activities, moulds its strategies in connection with these very different contexts: from family to social and political institutions, from financial markets to media, schools, factories and courts.

## PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION

The program has two main objectives:

1. To provide PhD students with advanced training in the field of philosophy of language and communication. The training will be focussed on a branch of applied Philosophy and also of Communication Sciences, that is, Argumentation Theory, which deals with the structures of reasoning in different communication contexts. In order to give students outstanding education, the project has been organized in collaboration with some of the world top-level universities: University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands), University of Lugano (Switzerland) and University of Windsor (Canada).

The student will have the opportunity to attend classes taught by the most important experts and professors in the field, not only in Lisbon (**FCSH/Universidade Nova**), but also in **Lugano, Amsterdam, Neuchatel and Lausanne**.

2. To develop high-quality research project focussed on problems of argumentation in two domains of communicative activity: political and legal. In this process, the project will be supervised by a member of the Instituto de Filosofia da Linguagem (IFL), FCSH/UNL.

IFL is currently carrying out a bigger research project on **Argumentation, Communication and Context sponsored by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) PTDC / FIL - FIL / 10117 / 2009, and the PhD research will be part of this project.**

## ENTITLEMENTS

A successful candidate will be eligible to a **monthly doctoral grant of € 980** (netto). Initially, the grant will be offered for the period of **6 months**, but an extension will be possible upon successful assessment of the student`s progress.

Additionally, **the PhD grant will cover all the expenses** for the project courses abroad, including **course fees, travel and accommodation**.



### REQUIRED EDUCATION AND SKILLS

The prospective student shall meet the following requirements:

1. Be already enrolled in a PhD Programme at FCSH/UNL or intending to candidate next academic year (2011/12)
2. Master degree in Philosophy, Communication Sciences, Linguistics or equivalent
3. Excellent educational record
4. Proficiency in English, both written and spoken
5. Preferential requisities



### SUBMISSIONS

Candidates must submit their application till **31 May 2011**.

The application must include (both in pdf):

1. The CV
2. MA certificate
3. MA studies grades
4. A sample of writing (in English)

**Application must be send to:**

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