

Curriculum vitae

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2013/2014 (Waiting for dissertation defense) - Master degree in *Sociétés rurales, territoires et gestion des ressources naturelles*. CIEHAM/IAM Montpellier (*Centre International de Hautes Études Agronomiques Méditerranéennes*, France).

November 2011 – Master degree in *Landscape Sciences – Specialization in Landscape Planning*. University of Évora, Portugal

November 2006 – Degree in Landscape Architecture. University of Évora, Portugal.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Since November 2011 (current position) - Research fellow at the Mediterranean Ecosystems and Landscapes Research Group / Institute of Mediterranean Agrarian and Environmental Sciences (ICAAM/University of Évora). Participation in the research projects:

- [TDC/CS-GEO/110944/2009](#) - ATILA - *Transition Pathways: assessing innovation in farm management strategies*; Main activities: design and application of questionnaires and interviews; data analysis and interpretation of results; preparation of scientific publications.
- [ALENT-07-0224-FEDER-001744](#) - InAlentejo MONTADO - *Management of grazing intensity towards the valorization of Montado as a High Nature Value System*. Main activities: Literature review on the High Nature Value farming concept and the functioning of Montado silvo-pastoral system; contribution for the design of methodological approach; preparation of scientific publications.

January/May 2013 - Research stay at the CIEHAM/IAM Montpellier (International Center for Advanced Agronomic Studies). Development of a case study on the role of agropastoralism in the *UNESCO Cultural Landscape of Causses and Cévennes – Southern France*. Main activities: Literature review; design of conceptual framework and methodological approach, application of interviews and questionnaires to farmers and key informants; preparation of scientific publication.

April 2010/October 2011 – Research assistant at the Mediterranean Ecosystems and Landscapes Research Group- ICAAM/University of Évora. Participation in the research projects:

- [ALENT 04-0331-FEDER 000204](#) - ROSA - *Contributes to the identification of social demand for landscapes in Alentejo*. Main activities: Application of questionnaires, data analysis and interpretation of results, preparation of scientific publication.
- [PROVE](#)- *Diversification of farming activities in small farm units*. Main activities: Design and application of questionnaires, data analysis and development of Intervention plans towards diversification in small farms, elaboration of final report, dissemination of results through public presentations.

2006/2010 – Landscape Architect in collaboration with Design and Architecture offices.

Main activities: Development of landscape architecture projects; studies on biophysical analysis; proposals for ecological structures for intervention projects in touristic areas.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching as collaborator at the curricular unit **Landscape and Rural Space (2013/2014 edition)** – Practical component lectured for one semester at the graduation level. Department of Environment, Landscape and Planning – University of Evora. Coordinator - Professor Teresa Pinto Correia. Program contents: Methodological approaches for landscape analysis under the multifunctional perspective and the transition processes occurring in rural space.

PUBLICATIONS

In peer reviewed journals:

- **Almeida M**, Loupa-Ramos I, Menezes H, Carvalho-Ribeiro S, Guiomar N & Pinto-Correia T. (2014) *Integrating urban interests into rural policy: differentiated preferences for rural landscape in southern Portugal*. Land Use policy. (Submitted)
- **Almeida M**, Azeda C, Guiomar N & Pinto-Correia T. (2014) *The effects of grazing management in Montado fragmentation and heterogeneity*. Agroforestry Systems. (Accepted for publication)
- **Almeida M**, Guerra C & Pinto-Correia T. (2013) *Unfolding relations between land cover and farm management: high nature value assessment in complex silvo-pastoral systems*. Geografisk Tidsskrift-Danish Journal of Geography, 113(02), 1–12. doi:10.1080/00167223.2013.848611

Other publications

- **Almeida M**. (2014) *Changing agro-pastoral systems and its implications on cultural landscape: a case study in the Causses and Cévennes*. Master thesis in *Sociétés rurales, territoires et gestion des ressources naturelles*. Coordinator: Professor François Lerin. CIEHAM/IAM Montpellier (Centre International de Hautes Études Agronomiques Méditerranéennes, France (waiting for dissertation defense).
- **Almeida M** & Pinto-Correia T (2012) *Novas procuras na paisagem rural do Alentejo: as visões e preferências dos urbanos*. Geografia – Revista da Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto. III série, vol. I, 2012, pp. 101 – 121.
- Moital F, **Almeida M**, Pinto-Correia T, (2012) “*Proposta de diversificação de atividades nas explorações agrícolas PROVE – Promover, Vender, Participar e Diversificar*” Relatório final, ICAAM/Universidade de Évora.
- **Almeida M**. (2011) *Urban preferences for rural landscapes*. Master thesis in *Landscape Sciences-Specialization in Landscape planning*. Coordinator: Professor Teresa Pinto-Correia. Universidade De Évora, Escola De Ciências E Tecnologia.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- Pinto-Correia T, **Almeida M**. (2013). *Tentative identification procedure for HNV Montados*. Conference proceedings ICAAM International Conference 2013: Acknowledging the MONTADOS and DEHESAS as High Nature Value Farming Systems. 6-8 February 2013, Évora, Portugal.
- **Almeida M.**, Pinto-Correia T (2012). *High Nature Value Farming Systems classification: A landscape-based approach*. Conference proceedings IFSA symposium, “Producing and reproducing farming systems: New modes of organization for sustainable food systems of tomorrow”, 1-4th July, Aarhus, Denmark.

PARTICIPATION IN WORKSHOPS AND ADVANCED COURSES

- **19/23 March 2012** – Intensive course – “*Landscape Interpretation and Characterization*”. Organization: ICAAM - Institute of Mediterranean Agrarian and Environmental Sciences/University of Évora.
- **22 May/04 June 2011**- Landscape Ambassador Course: “*Landscape authorship*”, in Farsund community (Norway), as an Erasmus Intensive Course.
- **24 / 26 May 2010** - Seminar and Advanced course – “*Monitoring and Mapping habitats in Peri-urban areas*”. Organization: APEP-Portuguese Association of Landscape Ecology.

- **7 / 14 March 2010** - Advanced course – “*Analyzing Transition Processes in Rural Landscapes*”.
Organization: ICAAM - Institute of Mediterranean Agrarian and Environmental Sciences/University of Évora and ENITA Clermont-Ferrand.

COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

- Language skills: English, French, Spanish
- Informatics Knowledge:
 - Good command of Office™; AutoCAD™
 - Basic Knowledge in Geographical Information Systems (GIS) - Quantum Gis, Arcmap 10.1
- Driving license (Category B)

