SHORT CURRICULAR NOTE

My name is João Silva JORDÃO and I am a Urbanism Phd candidate at the University of Lisbon’s Faculty of Architecture and a researcher at the CIAUD (Research Centre for Architecture, Urbanism and Design). I am writing a thesis called ‘Local Administration and the Right to the City’. I have a degree in Politics and Journalism from Kingston University and a Masters in Urban Development Planning from the University College of London’s Development Planning Unit. My dissertation was deemed outstanding and was titled ‘Capitalist State Failure or Liberal Economic Success? Breaching the Dichotomy of Urban Informality in Latin America’.

I am fascinated with all subjects related to urbanism, in particular urban governance and economics as well as having a passion for philosophy. I bring a very multi-disciplinary approach to all my work, and have a strong acumen for applying dialectical thinking and identifying paradoxes so as to produce original analysis and novel solutions. I also tend to think, research and write in an innovative and daring manner, as I am only enthusiastic about any piece of writing that I undertake insofar as I deem it to be thought-provoking and intellectually challenging. Whenever I work in a group in the field of urbanism my natural tendency is to concentrate on shaping the theoretical framework, which attests to my capacity for problem identification, framing and solving. I am also a political activist and love competitive debating.

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