



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.

I also love competitive debating, surfing, playing football and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.