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He studies rural, agriculture, social and economic history of 18th and 19th centuries in the northwest edge of the Iberian Peninsula, especially from the perspective of the local peasant communities and their inner dynamics. These lines of investigation put their focus on various aspects such as socioeconomic changes of rural societies at the final moments of Ancient Regime, state of agriculture and farmer activities, or social conflict against tax system, including concealment and resistances, on this period.

Since 2020 he works on ReSEED – Rescuing seed's heritage: engaging in a new framework of agriculture and innovation since the 18th century. It is a research project hosted by the University of Coimbra at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies (UIDB/00460/2020) that has received funding from the European Research Council (ERC) under the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme. The project promotes a transdisciplinary scientific workflow joining Social and Natural Sciences and its main goals are: to examine the changes in agriculture related to cultivated seeds, environment and human action from 1750 to 1950; to map the social and institutional networks that allowed the circulation of old and new seeds; to understand the socio-economic and ecological impacts of the crops from the new worlds across Europe; to assess which seed varieties have been successfully adapted and, equally relevant, the forgotten ones; to build a “historical geography” of the local seeds grown in Portugal and Spain; and to identify practices and innovations in regional agriculture that may be applicable in the present to increase food production.

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