

# Sofia Pelica | Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

### MSc in Social and Organizational Psychology (view certificate)

Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal. September 2020 - December 2022 (Expected)

Grade: 19 out of 20 (in progress). Ranked in first place at the entrance of this program.

Research-based Dissertation: *Adaptive Memory in Contamination Contexts: Emotionality as a Proximate Mechanism*. The analysis was conducted using R and Python autonomously.

### BSc in Psychology (view diploma)

Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal. September 2017 - June 2020

Grade: 17 out of 20. Graduated in the top 8% of students. Iscte's program focuses on statistics, quantitative and qualitative research methods, and psychometrics.

## Peer-Reviewed Publication

Ruggeri, K., Ashcroft-Jones, S., Abate Romero Landini, G., Al-Zahli, N., Alexander, N., Andersen, M. H., ... Stock, F. (2022). Poor but not by choice (s): The persistence of cognitive biases across economic groups. *Under review*. Preprint available at <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/mrxy6>

## Research Experience

### Junior Researcher, Project Manager

Junior Researcher Programme. July 2021 - Present

Project: *Does Tax Choice Increase Tax Compliance? A Cross-Cultural Study*

- Recruited more than 460 individuals from the Portuguese population.
- Conducted data cleaning and wrangling with R.

### Graduate Research Assistant

Center for Psychological Research and Social Intervention (CIS). May 2022 - October 2022

- Conducted more than 100 semi-structured interviews with children between 3 and 5 years old in an intervention project related to emotion regulation.

### Project Collaborator, Team Manager

JDMLab - Judgement and Decision-Making Lab. April 2022 - September 2022

- Translated and implemented the Mental Accounting scale into Qualtrics as part of an international project.
- Elaborated JavaScript code for Qualtrics.
- Recruited more than 90 individuals from the Portuguese population.

### Policy Research Intern

Junior Researcher Programme. July 2022 - August 2022

First Project: *The psychology and policy of overcoming economic inequality*

Second Project: *Poor but not by choice(s): The persistence of cognitive biases across economic groups*

- Recruited more than 350 individuals from the Portuguese population.
- Conducted R analysis and data wrangling.

### Curricular Research Intern

LAPSO - Laboratory of Social and Organizational Psychology. September 2021 - May 2022

Project: *What can an Emoji tell me? An eye-tracking study about inferring processes regarding social identity*

- Worked on a research project as the first author.

- Collected and analyzed data from ECG, electrodermal activity (EDA), and Eye tracking.

### **Graduate Research Assistant with Scholarship**

CICANT - Centre for Research in Applied Communication, Culture, and New Technologies

September 2021 - September 2022

Project: *Love-Hate: interactions between social media users and influencers in hyperconnected times*

- Conducted a literature review about Cyberbullying.
- Analyzed quantitative and qualitative data with SPSS and MAXQDA.

### **Undergraduate Research Assistant**

LAPSO - Laboratory of Social and Organizational Psychology. April 2019 - December 2019

- Collected data from ECG and EDA in the survival processing paradigm.
- Collected behavioral data through collaborative memory tasks.

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## **Teaching experience**

PsychoPy for Online Studies Workshop, LAPSO, Portugal, 2022.

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## **Communication experience**

**JRP Conference (2022)**, Corpus Christi College at the University of Cambridge.

Silvia, F., A. N., Mariani\*, S., Mitra\*, M. L., **Pelica\*, S.**, Pyrkowski\*, M., Toma\*. (2022). *Does Tax Choice Increase Tax Compliance? A Cross-Cultural Study*. Oral Communication. \* Shared position.

**XI National Symposium on Research in Psychology (2022)**, Utad, Lisbon.

Aguiar\*, T., **Pelica\*, S.**, Frade, S., Guerra, R., & Prada, M. (2022). *The Role of Skin-Tone Emojis in Impression Formation*. Oral Communication. \* Shared position.

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## **Skills**

### **Computational Skills**

*Programming Languages*: R, Python, minimal JavaScript.

*Computational Tools & Software*: Posit/RStudio, Jupyter notebooks, PsychoPy, Git, Qualtrics, jsPsych, PsyToolkit, JASP.

### **Statistical Skills**

Analysis of variance (e.g., general linear models for fixed factors, repeated measures, multivariate analysis of variance), cluster analysis (K-Means clustering, DBSCAN), correlation, distribution fitting, multivariate analysis (e.g., principal components analysis, factor analysis), regression (e.g., multiple regression, mediation analysis), and t-tests.

### **Other Skills**

*Media Processing*: audio editing (Audacity), image manipulation (Adobe Photoshop, GIMP), video editing (DaVinci Resolve, Adobe Premiere Pro).

*Web Design*: HTML, CSS, WordPress.

*Painting*: 4 years of training in Fine arts.

*Film*: 2 years of work experience as an assistant director.

*Customer service*: +1 year of work experience as a waitress.

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## **Community Engagement**

**Volunteer at XVII Ph.D. Meeting in Psychology (2022)**. Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon.

**Member of the Pedagogical Commission** (2017 – 2020). Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon.

**Class Representative** (2017 – 2019). Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon.