

## CIPES 5th PHD STUDENT WORKSHOP

### Higher Education in Challenging Times: What Can We Do?

October 9, 2026 at CIPES, Matosinhos, Portugal

The Centre for Research in Higher Education Policies (CIPES), one of the leading European research centres on higher education (HE) policies, invites **PhD students and early career researchers** (PhD completion in 2026) to share and discuss their research on HE and HE policies. This fifth edition focuses on **HE in challenging times and on our agency and responsibilities as students, researchers, and academics**.

The Workshop is **free of charge** and open to **participants of any nationality and from any institution** who are working on **relevant topics in HE**. It provides an opportunity for students from a **wide range of disciplines** — including, among others, Higher Education Studies, Educational Sciences, Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Public Policy, Political Science, and Management — to engage in **meaningful discussions with peers and senior researchers**, while also **expanding their academic networks**.

The workshop **will take place at CIPES** in Matosinhos, Portugal, but **online participation may be** possible for those who are unable to attend in person. Applicants wishing to participate online should indicate this when submitting their abstract and briefly justify their request.

#### Submission process

Participants should submit an **extended abstract of up to 1,000 words**, excluding references and biographical details. The biographical details should include the name of the doctoral programme, the participant's institution, and the name(s) of the supervisor(s).

The abstract should outline the research question(s) or hypothesis, theoretical framework, methodology, and preliminary findings (if applicable). It should also include **up to three keywords**. Please send submissions to **Carlos Azevedo** at **carlos.azevedo@cipes.up.pt**.

Accepted participants will be required to **submit a full paper**. All participants will have access to the submitted papers in advance and will be invited to review a peer's paper.

#### Important dates

Abstract submission deadline: June 5, 2026

Notification of acceptance: June 12, 2026

Final paper submission deadline: July 24, 2026

PhD workshop: October 9, 2026

For any further questions, please contact Carlos Azevedo at [carlos.azevedo@cipes.up.pt](mailto:carlos.azevedo@cipes.up.pt).