

Rita Calvário
Curriculum Vitae

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Born in Portugal, 09.02.1978

Education

Joint PhD in Political Ecology, EU-funded Initial Training Network “European Network of Political Ecology ENTITLE” under the Marie Curie action of FP7, Dec. 2012-Dec. 2016, Institute for Environmental Sciences and Technologies, Autonomous University of Barcelona (ICTA-UAB)

Advanced Specialization Diploma in Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Oct. 2011-July 2012, Curricular year of Joint PhD, Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon; Faculty of Science and Technology, New University of Lisbon; Technical Institute, Technical University of Lisbon; Faculty of Agronomy, Technical University of Lisbon; and University of East Anglia, UK

MSc in Environmental and Territorial Planning, Oct. 2010-July 2011, Faculty of Science and Technology, New University of Lisbon

Graduate diploma in Environmental and Territorial Planning, Oct. 2005-July 2006, Faculty of Science and Technology, New University of Lisbon

Bachelors in Agronomy, Rural Sociology and Agrarian Economics (5 years), Oct. 1998-Feb. 2004, Faculty of Agronomy, Technical University of Lisbon

Participation in International Projects and Fellowships

Oct 2018 – Jun 2021: **JUSTFOOD - From Alternative Food Networks to Environmental Justice**, at the Center for Social Studies, University of Coimbra (CES-UC)

2017: **OBSERVA - Observatory of Environment, Territory and Society**, at the Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon (ICS-ULisboa)

2014-2016: **SINALECO - Social Innovations for Alternative Ecological Economies** (Project I+D PK612919), Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness of Spain, at Institute for Environmental Sciences and Technologies, Autonomous University of Barcelona (ICTA-UAB)

2012-2015: **Marie Curie Actions, Early Stage Research Fellow**, ENTITLE - European Network of Political Ecology (Initial Training Networks - FP7 - PEOPLE – 2011), <http://www.politicecology.eu>, at Institute for Environmental Sciences and Technologies, Autonomous University of Barcelona (ICTA-UAB)

2012: **BECOM - Choice despite (In)commensurability: Controversy and Policy Decision-Making on Sustainable Territorial Development** (PTDC/CS-ECS/099630/2008- FCOMP-01-0124-FEDER-009234), at Centre of Social Studies, University of Coimbra (CES-UC)

Publications (Peer-Reviewed)

Calvário, Rita, Annette Aurélie Desmarais, Joseba Azkarraga. 2019. "Solidarities from below in the making of emancipatory rural politics: Insights from food sovereignty struggles in the Basque Country". *Sociologia Ruralis*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/soru.12264>

Calvário, Rita, and Giorgos Kallis. 2017. "Alternative Food Economies and Transformative Politics in Times of Crisis: Insights from the Basque Country and Greece". *Antipode*, 49(3), 597-616. Doi: 10.1111/anti.12298

Calvário, Rita. 2017. "Food sovereignty and New Peasantries: on Repeasantization and Counter-Hegemonic Contestations in the Basque territory". *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, 44(2), 402-420. Doi: 10.1080/03066150.2016.1259219

Calvário, Rita, Giorgos Velegrakis, and Maria Kaika. 2016. "The Political Ecology of Austerity: An Analysis of Socio-Environmental Conflict under Crisis in Greece". *Capitalism, Nature and Socialism*, 28(3), 69-87. Doi:10.1080/10455752.2016.1260147

Calvário, Rita and Iago Otero. 2014. "Neorrurales". *Revista de Ecología Política*, 49, 29-31

Chapters in Collective Volumes (Peer-reviewed)

Calvário, Rita and Iago Otero. 2014. "Back-to-the-landers". In *Degrowth: a Vocabulary for a New Era*. Routledge, G. D'Alisa, F. Demaria, & G. Kallis (Eds.), 143–145. ISBN: 9781138000773

Calvário, Rita. 2016. "Reclaiming Democracy through Alternative Economies Activism". In *Political Ecology for Civil Society*. ENTITLE, M. Beltrán, P. Kotsila, G. Garcia-López, G. Velegrakis & I. Velicu (Eds.), 149-155. ISBN: 9788894071467

Schmidt, Luísa, João Mourato, David Travassos e **Rita Calvário**. 2017. "Protected Natural Areas: What model of management?". In Observa and CNADS (Eds) *Policy Orientations 2017*. Lisbon: Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon. ISBN: 978-972-671-473-6

Guerra, João, João Mourato, Luísa Schmidt e **Rita Calvário**. 2017. "Environment and local governments in the post-crisis". In J. Ferrão & A. Delicado (Eds.). *Change in Portuguese Society – Local Governments Portraits*, 21-31. Lisbon: Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon. ISBN: 978-972-671-400-2

Calvário, Rita. 2019. "Navigating the tension between scholars and social movements: notes from food sovereignty". In J. Ferrão, A. Delicado, A. Horta, C. Gomes, D. Travassos, J. Rowland, M. Santos & S. Tulumello (Eds.) *Reflections over the Environment, Territory and Society: Three Years of Blog ATS*, 270-276. Lisbon: Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon. ISBN 978-972-671-525-2

Other Publications

Policy brief

Calvário, Rita. 2016. "Addressing food insecurity in times of crisis: lessons from alternative agro-food movements". Barcelona: ENTITLE

Action brief

Calvário, Rita. 2016. "Facing the inequalities of the agrifood system: the challenge of food sovereignty". Barcelona: ENTITLE

Working paper

Calvário, Rita. 2019. "Food justice and food sovereignty: convergences and divergences". CES Workshop "Thinking Food, Thinking the World", 13 May 2019, Coimbra

Magazines for general audience

Calvário, Rita. 2019. "Right to Food vs. Agrobusiness". *ESQUERDA*, 2019 (1), 117-120

Calvário, Rita. 2019. "Agroecology as a response to climate change". *Em Rede* (8), 2019, 28-30

Blog/Web media

Calvário, Rita, Annette Aurélie Desmarais, and Joseba Azkarraga Etxagibel, 2019. "Food sovereignty, "solidarity from below" and countering right-wing populism in the Basque Country", blog post in *Undisciplined Environments*, 10 October 2019

Calvário, Rita. 2015. "One for all and all for one": Lessons from the Spirit of '45", post in ENTITLE blog, 2 March 2015

Calvário, Rita, Marien González Hidalgo and Sara Mingorría. "The role of pedagogy in the struggles of Brazil's MST", post in ENTITLE blog, 22 June 2015

Calvário, Rita. 2016. "Reclaiming democracy through alternative food economies", post in ENTITLE blog, 30 August 2016

Calvário, Rita. 2016. "The last days of Tua", post in ENTITLE blog, 23 March 2016

Calvário, Rita. 2014. "Building alternative economies of food in a context of institutional violence", post in ENTITLE blog, 2 September 2014

Calvário, Rita. 2014. "Barcelona, the dead city", post in ENTITLE blog, 8 December 2014

Calvário, Rita. 2014. "Radical geography in times of crisis, a Spanish perspective", post in ENTITLE blog, 3 August 2014

Calvário, Rita. 2014. "Language (dis)encounters, fieldwork in the land of euskera", post in ENTITLE blog, 3 August 2014

Research Monographs

PhD Dissertation: "Building emancipatory strategies, producing political subjects: alternative food economies in the Basque Country and Greece in the crisis"

MSc Thesis: "Rural development and agrarian policies in Europe: the debate on multifunctionality"

BA Thesis: "Territory, development and agriculture in East Timor"

International Conference Presentations (Peer-Reviewed)

“The feminist dimensions of food sovereignty: a critical overview of the literature”, presentation at the Royal Society Geography (RGS), co-organised panel: “Is food sovereignty a feminist practice and struggle? Interrogating the gender dimensions of food sovereignty”, London, UK, 27-30 August 2019

“The emancipatory politics of food sovereignty: Insights from the Basque Country”, presentation at the *People, Politics, Participation: Government of fragile rural areas in Italy and Europe* Conference, in the panel “Understanding, Resisting and Building Alternatives to Right-Wing Populism in the European Countryside” organised by the Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative (ERPI) Europe, Rovigo, Italy, 22-23 March 2019

“Solidarities from below in the making of an emancipatory rural politics: Insights from food sovereignty struggles in the Basque Country”, presentation at the *Authoritarian Populism and the Rural World* Conference, organised by the Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative (ERPI), Institute of Social Science (ISS), The Hague, The Netherlands, 17-18 March 2018

“Food sovereignty and new peasantries: on re-peasantization and counter-hegemonic contestations in the Basque territory”, presentation at the *Critical Agrarian Studies Colloquium* n.º 7 “The future of food and challenges for agriculture in the 21st century”, Vitoria Gasteiz, Basque Country, 24-26 April 2017

“Food sovereignty and new peasantries: on re-peasantization and counter-hegemonic contestations in the Basque territory”, presentation at *Association of American Geographers* (AAG) International Conference, San Francisco, US, 29 March – 2 April 2016

“The political ecology of austerity: a Gramscian analysis of socio-ecological conflicts in Greece under crisis”, *ENTITLE International Conference*, Stockholm, Sweden, 20 – 23 March 2016

“From Greek crisis to alternatives: the question of socio-ecological movements’ transition strategies”, 7th *Historical Materialism Conference*, London, UK, 5 – 8 November 2015

“Alternative economies and transformative politics in times of crisis: the case of solidarity food economies in Greece”, 7th *International Conference of Critical Geography*, Ramallah, Palestine, co-organised panel, 25 – 30 July 2015

“Economía solidaria en sistemas agro-alimentarios: hacer en común para el bien común”, 1st *Latin-American Congress on Environmental Conflicts*, Buenos Aires, Argentina, co-organized panel, 30 – 31 October 2014

“Solidarity food economies in times of crisis: the case of the “no-middlemen” food distributions in Greece”, 1st *Latin American Congress on Political Ecology*, Santiago de Chile, Chile, co-organised panel, 22 – 24 October 2014

“Agency is not enough: challenges to back-to-the-land movements and agri-food downscaling”, 4th *Degrowth International Conference*, Leipzig, Germany, 2 – 6 September 2014

“Return-to-the-land in times of crisis: theoretical insights”, XXV *European Society for Rural Sociology Congress*, Florence, 29 July – 1 August 2013

Invited Presentations (Peer-Reviewed)

Invited speaker at GLOCON’s workshop “Structural transformation of the countryside”, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, 24-25 October 2019

Invited speaker at GLOCON’s II International Symposium “Global Crisis and Conflicts over Resources”, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, 08-09 February 2018

Invited speaker at the Radical Geography seminars on “Food sovereignty in the Basque Country: a focus on land”, Harokopio University, Athens, Greece, 20 May 2015

Invited speaker at the Human Geography seminars on “Back-to-the-land, alternative food networks and food politics in the crisis”, University of Lund, Sweden, 6 March 2014

Invited speaker at the Ecological Economics seminars on “Back-to-the-land, alternative food networks and food politics in the crisis”, ICTA-UAB, Barcelona, 26 February 2014

Research Experience

2018-2021: *Postdoc researcher* at Centre of Social Studies, University of Coimbra (CES-UC), Project JUSTFOOD – From Alternative Food Networks to Environmental Justice

2017: *Research assistantship* at Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon (ICS-ULisboa), Project OBSERVA Observatory of Environment, Territory and Society

2014-2016: *Research assistantship* at ICTA-UAB, Project SINALECO - Social innovations for alternative ecological economies

2012: *Research assistantship* at Center of Social Studies, University of Coimbra (CES-UC), Project BECOM - Choice despite (in)comensurability: controversy and policy decision-making on sustainable territorial development

Research Expeditions

Feb–July 2003: **East Timor**; BA data collection fieldwork to understand social organisation of rural communities and cooperation networks of farmers in adverse conditions

Oct–Dec 2013: **Spain**, The Basque Country; Doctoral data collection fieldwork to explore food sovereignty, repeasantization, and food alternatives in the post-2008 crisis

May–July 2014: **Greece**, Athens and Thessaloniki; Doctoral data collection fieldwork to investigate the emergence of solidarity food economies in the post-2008 crisis

Jan–Dec 2019: **Portugal**; Exploratory research and fieldwork in agrarian and rural areas across the country

Additional Training

Summer School on “Institutions, Justice & Democracy”, Bogazici University, Istanbul, June 15–20, 2015

Summer School on “Social Movements”, Lund University, Sweden, March 30–April 4, 2014

Summer School on "Commons, Conflicts and Disasters", Harokopio University, Syros, July 8–15, 2013

Specialized Intensive Course on “Navigating the Job Market”, Humboldt University, Berlin, June 1–4, 2015

Specialized Intensive Course on “Project Management and Contribution to Policy”, ENT, Barcelona, January 20–23, 2015

Specialized Intensive Course on “Research for Civil Society”, Rome, December 14 –19, 2014

Specialized Intensive Course on “Effective Communication Skills”, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, June 30–July 4, 2014

Specialized Intensive Course on “Research Design and Methods”, Autonomous University Barcelona, June 3–7, 2013

Specialized Intensive Course on “Advances in Political Ecology Theories”, University of Manchester, February 18–22, 2013

Specialized Intensive Course on “Social Ecology and Social Metabolism”, Vienna Institute, Czech Republic, May 13–17, 2013

Visiting period in Department of Human Geography of Lund University, Sweden, February 1–April 30, 2014

Secondment in EHNE-Bizkaia, a Basque small farmers’ organization, Biscay, Spain, October 1– December 2, 2013

Other Academic Activities

Teaching experience:

- Instructor on the “Democracy in the twenty-first century CES-FEUC Doctoral Program”, University of Coimbra, 2018
- Lecture on “Theory in Praxis: Environmental justice movements”, November 2018, University of Coimbra, 2018

Peer-reviewer for the journals:

- Journal of Peasant Studies
- Sustainability Science
- Partecipazione e conflitto
- Political Ecology
- Innovation: The European Journal of Social Science Research

Thesis supervision:

- MSc thesis on “Analysing social capacity in the struggle for degrowth: a reflection through rural squatting in the face of state repression”, ICTA-UAB, co-supervisor (with Claudio Cattaneo and Christos Zografos, both from ICTA-UAB)

External reviewer / member of selection panel:

- External reviewer of 1 application to the Leading Fellows PostDoc Program
- Member of selection panel for selecting 1 research fellowship in the project JUSTFOOD - From Alternative Food Networks to Environmental Justice
- Preliminary evaluation of 1 application to the ERC Starting Grant 2020
- External reviewer of 1 application to a Hertha Firnberg-Position promoted by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF)

Editorial responsibilities:

ENTITLE blog (until Oct 2019)

Undisciplined Environments blog (Oct-2019 – on-going)

Membership:

ENTITLE Collective, a network of scholars and activists in political ecology

POLLEN – Political Ecology Network

ERPI Europe – Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative

Experience, Skills and Competences

- Experience of independent research and field work: East Timor (6 months in field), Greece (3 months in field), the Basque Country (2 months in field), Portugal (12 months);
- Experience of database management and software skills (e.g. ATLAS.ti, Mendeley, Zotero, SPSS);
- Experience of working in interdisciplinary environments and good team working skills;
- Excellent mix (qualitative and quantitative) data collection and analytical skills;
- Strong competence in writing scientific articles;
- Experience of managing and writing for webpages and blogs: <https://entitleblog.org/>; <https://ambienteterritoriosociedade-ics.org/>; <https://undisciplinedenvironments.org/>
- Experience of writing reports, action briefs and policy briefs, and in disseminating results beyond the scientific community;
- Experience in planning, preparing and organizing workshops with stakeholders;
- Experience in planning, preparing and organizing conferences and seminars;
- Strong written and oral communication skills (Portuguese, English, Spanish).

Language skills (Speaking/Reading/Writing)

- Portuguese: mother tongue
- English: Fluent (C2/C2/C2)
- Spanish: Fluent (C2/C2/C2)
- French: Basic (A2/B2/B2)

Professional Experience

2003: Technical expert in the Rural Development Program of the Portuguese Bilateral Cooperation in East Timor

2004: Support to farmers organisations in Portugal

2005-2009: Policy advisor on agrarian, food and environmental issues at the Portuguese National Parliament

2009-2011: MP at the Portuguese National Parliament, with a focus on agrarian, food and environmental issues

2018: Policy advisor for the areas of fundamental human rights, immigration policies, refugees welcoming policies, social inclusion and policies for children and the youth, at the Social Rights Councillor Cabinet, Municipality of Lisbon, which resulted in the elaboration of both the Plan for the Integration of Migrants 2018-2020 in the City of Lisbon and the Strategic Orientations for the Planning of Nurseries in the City of Lisbon, 2019-2021, both approved by the Municipality of Lisbon