

MIGUEL MOTA DELGADO

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Nationality: Portuguese

Bar Admissions: Portugal (2021-Present)

EDUCATION

European University Institute, Florence, Italy

Ph.D. in Law (Candidate)

Defense: October 2026

Thesis: “Economic Law of the Enemy: Geoeconomics and the European Union’s Regulation of Economic Security”

Examining Board: Prof. Nicolas Petit (Supervisor), Prof. Loïc Azoulay, Prof. Päivi Leino-Sandberg, and Prof. Paul Dermine

Visiting Research Stays:

- Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law | Heidelberg, Germany (2026)
- European Parliament, European Parliamentary Research Service | Brussels, Belgium (2024)
- Université Libre de Bruxelles, Centre de Droit Européen | Brussels, Belgium (2024)

European University Institute, Florence, Italy

LL.M in Comparative, European and International Laws

2021-2022

Relevant Coursework: Law and Technology, International Economic and Business Law, Regulatory Theory

College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium

LL.M in European Law

2017-2018

Grade: Distinction (Mention Très Bien)

Relevant Coursework: EU Procedural Law, Internal Market Law, Competition and State Aid Law

Faculdade de Direito da Universidade de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal

Licenciatura in Law

2013-2017

Grade: First Class Honours (17/20 - Top 3% of 305)

Awards: The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court National Champion (2015 and 2016)

Lycée Français Charles Lepierre, Lisbon, Portugal

Diplôme du Baccalauréat

1998-2013

French national secondary education diploma (EQF Level 4), completed after full primary and secondary schooling in French within the French education system

EXPERIENCE

Católica Global School of Law, Lisbon, Portugal

Visiting Professor of European and Competition Law

2024-Present

- Designed and delivered a post-graduate competition law course, covering EU antitrust and merger law

- Coached teams for the European Law Moot Court and Helga Pedersen Moot Court, training written and oral advocacy skills

European University Institute, Florence, Italy

Researcher of the Department of Law

2021-Present

- Coordinated the EUI European Union Law Working Group, organising academic workshops and seminars.
- Provided research assistance to Prof. Nicolas Petit, drafting analyses, assisting publications, and helping convene international conferences
- Worked as a research assistant to Sir Philip Lowe and Prof. Nicolas Petit in the context of the EUI Competition Law and Policy Workshop

Lisbon Public Law Research Centre, Lisbon, Portugal

Assistant Integrated Researcher

2016-Present

- Conducted advanced legal research and policy-oriented analysis in EU and international law, drafting publications and research reports, monitoring legislative and judicial developments, and organising and coordinating scientific events with academic and external stakeholders.

European Journal of Legal Studies, Florence, Italy

Managing Editor

2023-2024

- Oversaw the peer-review and editorial process across multiple issues, coordinating reviewers, authors, and the editorial board

Faculdade de Direito da Universidade de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal

Lecturer in European and International Law

2019-2021

- Taught undergraduate courses in international law, EU law, and EU procedural law in Portuguese and English.
- Assisted course convenors Prof. Maria Luísa Duarte and Prof. Maria José Rangel de Mesquita in course delivery and coordination
- Designed syllabi and teaching materials, lectured in classes, and graded assignments and examinations

Morais Leitão, Galvão Teles, Soares da Silva & Associados, Lisbon, Portugal

Attorney in European and Competition Law

2018-2021

- Advised clients on European and competition law, including antitrust, State aid, and regulatory matters
- Represented and assisted clients in proceedings before the European Commission, the Autoridade da Concorrência, and EU and Portuguese courts
- Drafted legal opinions, pleadings, and procedural submissions in competition, public, and administrative law cases

Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

Stagiaire of the Cabinet of Advocate General Bobek

2018

- Assisted référendaires in analysing case files, jurisprudence and academic commentary.
- Conducted comparative analyses of legislation and case law across Member States and drafted internal memoranda and case summaries.
- Contributed to the preparation of hearings, deliberations and draft opinions in preliminary references and direct actions before the Court.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Towards an Economic Law of the Enemy in the European Union?* European University Institute, Department of Law, Law Working Paper Series, LAW 2024/12 (2024)
- The European Game: The ECJ and Its Sports Model after “European Super League”*, Verfassungsblog (2024)
- Article 3 of Regulation 1/2003 and the Doctrine of Pre-emption*, in *THE TRANSFORMATION OF EU COMPETITION LAW – NEXT GENERATION ISSUES*, Adina Claiici, Assimakis Komninou & Denis Waelbroeck (eds.), Wolters Kluwer (2023), with Nicolas Petit
- The Future Relationship Between EU Competition Law and National Laws*, EU Law Live (2023)
- The EU Law of a Portuguese Institutional Crisis: The Data Retention Ruling of the Portuguese Constitutional Court*, EU Law Live (2022)
- Can EU Citizens Like Roman Abramovich Be Sanctioned?*, EUIdeas (2022)
- Reflections on Professor Andrea Simoncini’s Lecture on Constitutional Law and Technological Change*, The Digital Constitutionalist (2022)
- We the Citizens of the European Union: The First Recommendations of the Conference on the Future of Europe’s European Citizens’ Panels*, EU Law Live (2021), with Marc Steiert
- It’s the Autonomy (Again, Again and Again), Stupid!?: Autonomy Between Constitutional Orders and the Definition of a Judicial Last Word*, Verfassungsblog (2020), with Francisco de Abreu Duarte
- Overview of State Aid in Portugal*, European State Aid Law Quarterly, Vol. 18, Issue 2 (2019), with Philipp Melcher
- Book Review: *The Shaping of EU Competition Law*, Market and Competition Law Review, Vol. 3, Issue 1 (2019)

SELECTED PANELS AND CONFERENCES

2026

Max Planck Law Fellow Group, Lunch and Law Seminar Series, ‘Towards and EU Economic Law of the Enemy?’, Heidelberg, Germany

2025

ELU-S Annual Conference, Charles University, New Modes of Economic Policy-Making in the EU, Prague, Czechia

Re-Globe Jean Monnet Module Seminar, University of Bologna, The New Strategy for Economic Security of the EU Trade Policy, Bologna, Italy

College of Europe Global Competition Law Centre Annual Conference: ‘Present and Future Role of Competition Policy and the EU’s Open Strategic Autonomy’, Brussels, Belgium

2024

3rd Utrecht EU Trade and Investment Law Workshop: ‘Questioning Economic Security’, Utrecht University, The Netherlands

Internal Seminar, Centre de Droit Européen, Université Libre de Bruxelles, 'EU Economic Security Law in Context', Brussels, Belgium

7th Young European Law Scholars Conference: 'A Union of Crises: In Search of Constitutional Resilience', Pravna fakulteta v Ljubljani, Slovenia

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Mário Soares Scholarship	2024-2025
Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia Doctoral Research Grant	2021-2024
Banco Santander Full Scholarship for the College of Europe	2017-2018

LANGUAGES

- Portuguese (C2 - native)
- French (C2 - proficient)
- English (C2 - proficient)
- Spanish (B2 - advanced)
- Italian (B1 - intermediate)

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