

Monsters Under Pressure: the queer art of resistance

PhD Summer School, University of Coimbra, Portugal

 **Applications open until November 30, 2025!**

What if we stopped fearing the monster and instead embraced monstrosity as a space of resistance, solidarity, and radical belonging? Together, we will reflect on queer challenges, methods, and resistance in times of reactionary politics and shrinking citizenship and democracy.

 **When? 17–21 May 2026**

 **Where? Centre for Social Studies, University of Coimbra, Portugal**

Programme highlights:

- ◆ Keynote lectures by leading international scholars
- ◆ Hands-on workshops and group discussions
- ◆ Activist and cultural events
- ◆ Networking opportunities

Confirmed speakers:

- ◆ **Ana Cristina Santos – CES, University of Coimbra (Portugal)**
- ◆ **David Paternotte – Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)**

◆ Judith Takács – HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences (Hungary)

◆ Luisa Semedo, Sorbonne Université (France)

◆ Maggie O'Neill – University College Cork (Ireland)

◆ Miguel Cardina – CES, University of Coimbra (Portugal)

Submit your abstract, biographical note, and motivation letter to join the school.

👉 More information:

<https://www.ces.uc.pt/summerwinterschools/?lang=1&id=48556>

Application link:

https://ces.uc.pt/cessumm.../forms/mss_2025/preinscricao.php

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Spread the word to your colleagues and let's reclaim monstrosity ✨