

## José Ornelas - ECPA Lifetime Career Award 2021



José Ornelas, PsyD <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-8972-7518> is a Clinical and Community Psychologist specialized in the community intervention in mental health. Professor Ornelas was born in 1953 in Lages (where the American Base is stationed) grew up in the Azores (Portugal); completed his first Doctoral Degree in Boston University in 1984, with a scholarship by the Azorean Education Governmental Bureau, including an advance training in transcultural psychiatry with Prof. Murphy at McGill University in Canada. Completed a second doctoral degree in Psychology in the University of Oporto

(Portugal) in 1999, and completed the Professorial Aggregation in the Azores University in 2009. Currently, José Ornelas Full Professor at ISPA Instituto Universitário in Lisboa, and since 2019 Coordinator of the APPsyCI – Applied Psychology Research Centre Capabilities and Inclusion, recognized by the National Foundation for Science and Technology UIDB/05299/2020 [www.appsyCI.pt](http://www.appsyCI.pt).

In 1988, Professor Ornelas was the Chair of the Congress of Community Mental Health where he brought to Lisboa major scholars, researchers, and community leaders in the field, and founded the Portuguese Community Psychology Society, where he organized more than 50 training events, workshops and Congresses in myriad of areas of Community Psychology including the II International Conference in Community Psychology (2008) „Building Participative, Empowering & Diverse Communities“ <https://www.gjcpp.org/en/article.php?issue=9&article=33>, held in Lisboa.

Since the foundation of the European Network of Community Psychologists, Professor Ornelas was a key stakeholder and supported all the events and proposals, and in 2005/07 became the 1<sup>st</sup> elected president of the European Community Psychology Association. He is also a member of the Society of Community Research and Action (American Psychological Association 27<sup>th</sup> Division). As a Member of the Portuguese Psychologists Association (President of the Representatives Assembly 2016-2019) has been nominated to represent Portugal in the EFPA - European Federation of Psychologists Association Community Psychology Standing Committee. Professor Ornelas was awarded in 2011 for the Housing First Program with the Beneficiency Award of the Portuguese Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, and in 2014 received the Premio Mediterraneo Solidarietà Sociale, La Fondazione Mediterraneo in Italy. His research interests include empowerment and recovery in community mental health, the capabilities framework for community mental health organizations, and the transformative social change in the fields of homelessness, migrations, and deinstitutionalization. Professor Ornelas has supervised more than 300 Master's Thesis Dissertations, 9 Doctoral Thesis concluded and 4 on-going.

In terms of publications Professor Ornelas has over 175 as author or co-author integrated in research teams, as well as significant number research reports as Project outputs (see e.g. <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/726997/results>) Recent publications include the co-edition of an APA book series on Transformative Community Mental Health <https://oxford.universitypressscholarship.com/view/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780199362424.001.0001/acprof-9780199362424-chapter-1>, and together with doctoral students has published in the Journal of Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Psychological Assessment, and International Journal of

Mental Health Systems, and the European Journal of Homelessness. He is a peer reviewer for the following Q1 journals American Journal of Community Psychology (also senior editorial member), Community Psychologist, Housing Debate and as reviewer and editorial board member for the Universitas Psychologica, the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal, the global journal of community psychology practice and the community psychology in global perspective.

José Ornelas has served in the National Mental Health Reform Commission (2006/7), as PhD grant reviewer for the National Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology in four Editions, and in the Commission for the Evaluation of Psychology for the National Agency for Higher Education. Professor Ornelas' research efforts have earned him grants from the National Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, Capabilities Approach and Integration of People with Mental Illness PTDC PSI-PCL/113301/2009, and the participation as a partner in several European Projects (e.g. 2011-13 Housing First Europe VS/2011/0169, PROGRESS EU Program on Social Experimentation; 2007-11 COST Action IS0603 Health and Social Care for Migrants and Ethnic Minorities in Europe, and 2014-17 EUROPE ENGAGE: Developing A Culture Of Civic Engagement Through Service -Learning within Higher Education In Europe GRANT\_Nº: 2014-1-ES01-KA203-004798). Recently he received a Horizon 2020 Grant (2016/19) as Project Coordinator HOME\_EU on Ending Homelessness in Europe.

Since 1987, Professor Ornelas was the founder and supervisor of the community mental health program promoted by the Associação para o Estudo e Integração Psicossocial ([www.aeips.pt](http://www.aeips.pt)), a non-governmental organization that implements community mental health services, including the largest Housing First Program for the homeless in Portugal, as is a longstanding

university-community partner serving as a community-lab for professional development and apprenticeship location for more than 400 students from several schooling areas including Psychology, Nursing, Sociology, Social-Work, Medicine, and more recently for international students from European Universities (e.g. Padova, Opole, Milan-Bicoca, Catolica de Milano) and from Brazil (Univ. Fed. Rio de Janeiro and Universidade Pontifícia de São Paulo).

The Housing First Portugal Program has also generated opportunities for international training and consultation both at the national network of organizations implementing Housing First Programs, but also opportunities for international training in Brazil, in Italy, Norway, and Poland.