

Biographical Note

Pedro Ricardo Fonseca was born in London in 1980. He graduated in History at the University of Coimbra (Portugal) in 2008. He concluded his Ph.D. in October 2015, approved unanimously, with Distinction and Honours, in Advanced Studies in History, specialization in Contemporary History, supervised by Ana Leonor Pereira and João Rui Pita, presented to the Faculty of Letters of the University of Coimbra. The Ph.D. dissertation is entitled “Darwin in Portugal (1910-1974). Darwinism and evolution in the scientific production of Portuguese botanists” (translation) and benefited of a scholarship of the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT). Pedro Ricardo Fonseca is a senior research fellow of CEIS20 of the University of Coimbra. He is also member of several scientific societies, including the European Society for the History of Science (ESHS), Science and Technology in the European Periphery (STEP) and the British Society for the History of Science (BSHS). He was appointed ambassador of the BSHS in Portugal in July 2013. Pedro Ricardo Fonseca has published many works and presented several papers based on his PhD research. As a single author or together with his supervisors, he has focused mainly on the influence of Darwinism and Evolutionary Theory upon Portuguese natural sciences, but has also covered several other related topics, such as: the Portuguese translations of Charles Darwin's works; the iconography of Charles Darwin in Portugal; the Portuguese darwinian celebrations, the sociobiology debate in Portugal. He is the coauthor of two chapters included in the series Darwin in Europe of the series “Series on the reception of British and Irish authors in Europe” and was a member of the organising comitee of the International Meeting “Darwin, evolution, evolutionisms” held in Coimbra in September of 2009.