

- **14308 | Associations and associativism in the 30 years of Educational Sciences in the University of Porto**

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The recognition of the importance of the role played in the Portuguese society by a large number of associations, and the awareness of its educational dimensions, resulting from the involvement and participation of many thousands of people, has led to the association being an important field of study for Educational Science.

Being this is an area of study of educational sciences it is present in many subjects throughout the last 30 years, in which the study of associative movement takes a central place in the classes, with the collaboration of numerous associations in the processes of formation of many students. There are several academic works (of degree, masters and doctorate) about those associations that we find relevant to compile, systematize and analyze the knowledge that was produced, in this scope, in FPCEUP.

This research project has the following objectives: Identification of undergraduate and master's studies works carried out within the scope of subjects of the Educational Sciences in FPCEUP and of the master's and doctoral theses defended at FPCEUP that focus on associations; identify the associations that have collaborated in the training of FPCEUP students; analyze the master's and doctoral theses taking into consideration a reflection on the "role of associative movement as an object of the educational"; writing an article within the scope of the project.

Until the moment it was constructed a detailed database with all the works in study. Those were collected by searching in the online databases of the university and by searching in the personal archives of the professors of this faculty. The database included the following items: author(s), supervisor, title, year, degree, field, abstract (when existing), key-words, methodology and association in study. The process of identification of the works is slow due to the lack of an archive with all of them, nonetheless, with the help of the professors we can construct all the database.