



FuturePlaces 2012 in Porto: October 17-20

The fifth annual futureplaces Digital Media Festival will take place in Porto from October 17-20. The event, whose organizers include Professor Heitor Alvelos of U. Porto, Karen Gustafson of UT Austin, and Fátima São Simão of UPTEC PINC, will begin with a doctoral symposium organized by Professor Nuno Correia of UNL featuring UTA-P program students' emerging research on October 17. Luis Francisco-Revilla of the UT Austin School of Information will deliver an address at the research symposium. A variety of Citizen Labs, performances, and talks will follow,

including a showcase of innovative digital media created by advanced students in programs across the country, coordinated by University of Minho faculty member Pedro Branco. Labs, performances, and most other events are open to the public and all are free.

This year, the festival will feature a keynote presentation and performance by the widely influential experimental music group [Negativland](#), known for their sound collage compositions, copyright activism, and culture jamming. For more information on festival workshops, panels, and performances, please see the [festival site](#).

UNL Students Visit Austin in September

Late September will see a new round of exploratory visitors at UT Austin. Five doctoral students from the New University of Lisbon will arrive in Austin on September 21 to spend several days meeting faculty and students around the campus and experiencing Austin's unique culture.

The students are Inês Rodolfo, whose interests include human computer interaction and the elderly; Moisés Coelho, a researcher specializing in mobile augmented reality technologies and the experience of culture heritage; Paul Martins, who studies the pragmatics, or contextual factors, of natural conversation, and communication via technologies like Skype; and Filipa Pires, whose research includes the topics of ubiquitous computing, wearable technology, biotechnology, intelligent textiles, and affective computing. The fifth student, Rui Avelans Coelho, will spend two weeks at UT as a short-term visiting researcher, pursuing work on educational multimedia applications and music. The program looks forward to welcoming these new visitors and introducing them to Austin.



Doctoral Student Yago de Quay Arrives in Austin

This fall, Yago de Quay of U. Porto entered the PhD program in Radio-Television-Film at UT. De Quay commenced his



coursework at UT with the foundational RTF graduate course Theory and Literature, in addition to an electronic music project with advisor Bruce Pennycook. "I'm amazed at the variety of classes offered at UT Austin and how every one helps you get the most out of each one," commented de Quay.

The new dual degree student has pursued innovative work with sound and motion for several years, presenting research and performing in a variety of venues. His projects use motion capture technologies, such as cameras or sensor suits, on dancers and locations to encourage alternative methods for collaborative music making. Earlier this year he presented his

work and performed at [TEDxLuanda](#). De Quay's principal advisor in Portugal is Carlos Guedes of Porto.

Intern Rui Silva Explores Austin Sound Scene

Intern Rui Silva of U. Porto is continuing his exploration of the Austin sound industry. After a stint in the Digital Media Leadership Program last fall, Silva returned to Austin in January to pursue several projects, strengthening his expertise in a variety of sound production areas. While interning at a local sound mixing facility, he has had the opportunity to record, edit, and mix sound for TV and Internet commercials. He also continues to work with production students in UT's Radio-Television-Film Department, acting as a location sound recordist, boom operator, post-production mixer, and sound designer. Several of the films Silva worked on were shown at UT in May in a public screening of students' pre-thesis films.



Commenting on his experience so far, Silva said: "[T]he people are so willing to share knowledge, and I have encountered amazing opportunities that have allowed me to develop my skill set, giving me an ongoing challenge to push my own boundaries and learn more and more."

Despite an intense work schedule and the completion of his Master's thesis this past July, Silva also had a chance to explore the country this summer, touring the states of New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and California.



Visiting Scholar Alcimar Queiroz Returns to UT

Visiting scholar Alcimar Queiroz is returning to the Telecommunications and Information Policy Institute at UT Austin after winning a post-doctoral research scholarship from Brazilian funding agency CAPES (Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Level Personnel). Queiroz, who conducted research at UT in fall 2011, has spent the spring and summer in Europe and South America.

Queiroz's research compares the technological and social indicators currently used to define the information society in different Mercosur countries, and examines the policies resulting from these choices of indicators. Brazil is a principal member of this economic bloc, which was founded in 1991 and continues to evolve.

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