

Survey says...Summer Institute 2016, a success!

Many thanks to UT faculty for making the Summer Institute in Portugal a resounding success. Over the years, this institute has been offering both students and professionals in Lisbon and Porto the opportunity to explore a variety of digital media topics. This year, UT faculty included Sharon Strover, RB Brenner, Craig Watkins, Heidi Toprac and Paul Toprac. Student surveys reflected a very well-received course offering this year. We were interested in responses concerning how well the courses were paced, use of teaching methods as well as how the courses improved students knowledge base as well as how their conceptual skills were strengthened. The overall results were very positive.

Summer Institute Courses and Workshops 2016

Lisboa (FCSH Campus)
 UT Austin Portugal Program Room, I&D Building
“Research Methods for Digital Media”
 Sharon Strover
 May 25-27

Lisboa (FCSH Campus)
 INOVA Lab
“Virtual Reality and the Future of Journalism”
 RB Brenner and Cameron Blake
 June 6-7

Lisboa (FCSH Campus)
 INOVA Lab
“Remaking the Innovation Economy”
 Craig Watkins
 June 27-July 1

Porto (University of Porto)
“Business Plan Development for the Videogame Industry”
 Heidi Toprac and Paul Toprac
 Part I: Entrepreneurial Finance
 June 20-23
 Part II: Start UP and Greenlighting
 July 5-8

Porto
Various Speakers and Workshops
 Open School for Digital Transformation
 July 14-16

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Welcome to M-ITI, our new research partner

We are very pleased to officially welcome M-ITI as our new research partner. Our partnership agreement was signed in July and will allow us to arrange for student exploratory visits, fund faculty course exchanges and other events related to furthering digital media in Portugal!

Curated by Heitor Alvelos, FUTUREPLACES has, for the last 8 years been addressing the dynamics between new media and the socio-cultural fabric.

Once again, this year promises a multitude of workshops, projects, talks, creative events and think-tanks. FUTUREPLACES has woven itself onto a wide network of simultaneously local and international audiences.

We have confirmation that the dates for this edition of FUTUREPLACES will be from October 19-22, 2016. For updated information please check [here](#) regularly.



Proposal submitted to PIRE

Thanks to the outstanding efforts by the funding agency FCT in Portugal to provide a letter of support, Sharon Strover along with co-directors associated with the UT Austin | Portugal program were able to submit a proposal to the NSF program, *Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE)*. The PIRE program supports high quality projects in which advances in research and education could not occur without international collaboration. They seek to catalyze a higher level of international engagement in the U.S. science and engineering community. We look forward to hearing more about the selection process in September.

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