

# PRACTICAL SEMINARS SERIES

Key Talks, drawing class and workshop about CIRCLES

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**13 & 14 September**

Departamento de Filosofia – FLUP

## THE MIDNIGHT ROTATING TREE : COLLECTIVE GALLERY

<https://ifilosofia.up.pt/activities/the-midnight-rotating-tree-keytalks-drawing-classes-and-workshops-about-circles>

## Communication/promotion: poster + web

THE MIDNIGHT ROTATING TREE • PRACTICAL SEMINARS SERIES



# KEY TALKS, DRAWING CLASSES & WORKSHOPS ABOUT: CIRCLES

Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto - Sala do Departamento de Filosofia - Torre B

I3	SEPTEMBER		I4	SEPTEMBER	
	in person/virtual	TALKS		in person/virtual	WORKSHOP
	10:00	INTRO Celeste PEDRO - IF/UP		10:00	INTRO Terhi MARTILLA - ITI
	10:30	TALK 1 Michel KABALAN - IF/UP		10:30	MENTOR Sofia SANTOS - FBAUP & Celeste PEDRO
	11:00	TALK 2 Manuel RAMOS - FLUP			
	11:30	TALK 3 Camila EZÍDIO - UNEB/UFBA/UP		12:00	DISCUSSION
	12:00	Q&A			
	in person	DRAWING CLASS			
	14:00	INTRO Emilio REMELHE - i2ADS			
	14:30	CLASS Pedro SIMÕES - ARTIST			

ALL WELCOME! REGISTRATION UNTIL 08th SEPT: [cpedro@letras.up.pt](mailto:cpedro@letras.up.pt)

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<https://ifilosofia.up.pt/projects/the-midnight-rotating-tree>



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& WORKSHOPS ABOUT



from

**13** September 2024

to


**14** September 2024

**The Midnight Rotating  
Tree: keytalks, drawing  
classes and workshops  
about Circles**

This event is part of a  
seminar series about  
trees and circles called  
The Midnight Rotating  
Tree. It...

# Communication/promotion: printed leaflet

THE MIDNIGHT ROTATING TREE






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KEY TALKS,  
DRAWING CLASSES  
& WORKSHOPS ABOUT  
TREES & CIRCLES.

Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto  
Sala do Departamento de Filosofia, Via Panorâmica Edgar Cardoso s/n, 4150-564 Por

26-27 JULY

13-14 SEPTEMBER



## THE MIDNIGHT ROTATING TREE • PRACTICAL SEMINARS SERIES

THE MIDNIGHT ROTATING TREE is a practical seminar series inspired by the short tale "The Midnight Library", written by Matt Haig in 2020, and affiliated with the research project "Hacking the Good Life" that investigates a diagrammatic book-game, half a millennium-old.

There will be two activities of an essentially **critical and creative** nature, where participants will have the opportunity to recreate and explore concepts, combining them under different visual formulas (trees and rotating circles). The scheduled seminars will cover over **one thousand years of the history** of the two types of diagrams in question and will have two practical components involving the **manipulation and redesign** of these diagrammatic archetypes - in physical and digital media - applying other themes to them, such as logic, visual arts, or even literature.

The work developed by participants, members and speakers will later be processed for the assembly of a **virtual exhibition** and accompanied by the publication of a **printed catalogue**.

This series of seminars aims to continue the studies on knowledge visualisation in the medieval and pre-modern periods, developed in recent research projects hosted by the Institute of Philosophy of the University of Porto, demonstrating not only its currentness/continuity but also its application in other contexts, namely: the use of visual data organisation archetypes (circular and arboreal diagrams) in a **teaching and research context**, seeking to reveal their creative and pragmatic potential.

Please visit the webpage for more detailed information:  
<https://ifilosofia.up.pt/activities/tmr-trees>

## TREES &

Sala do Departamento - IF Torre/Tower B, 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

26	JULY
in person/virtual	TALKS
10:00 INTRO	Celeste PEDRO - IF/UP
10:30 TALK 1	Maria José GOULÃO - FBAUP
11:00 TALK 2	Manuel RAMOS - IF/FLUP
11:30 TALK 3	Agostinho ANTUNES - CHIMAR
12:00 Q&A	
in person	DRAWING CLASS
14:00 INTRO	Sofia SANTOS - FBAUP
14:30 CLASS	Sílvia PATRÍCIO - ARTIST

27	JULY
in person/virtual	WORKSHOP
10:00 INTRO	Celeste PEDRO & Sílvia PATRÍCIO
10:30 MENTOR	Terhi MARTILLA - ITI
12:00 DISCUSSION	

## CIRCLES.

Sala do Departamento - IF Torre/Tower B, 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

13	SEPTEMBER
in person/virtual	TALKS
10:00 INTRO	Celeste PEDRO - IF/UP
10:30 TALK 1	Michel KABALAN - IF/UP
11:00 TALK 2	Manuel RAMOS - FLUP
11:30 TALK 3	Camila EZÍDIO - UNEB/UFBA/UP
12:00 Q&A	
in person	DRAWING CLASS
14:00 INTRO	Emílio REMELHE - i2ADS
14:30 CLASS	Pedro SIMÕES - ARTIST

14	SEPTEMBER
in person/virtual	WORKSHOP
10:00 INTRO	Manuel RAMOS - IF/FLUP
10:30 MENTOR	Terhi MARTILLA - ITI & Sofia SANTOS - FBAUP
12:00 DISCUSSION	

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To reach the faculty please use the subway "Cruz de Minho" but the bus is more handy, there are many routes along.

THE MIDNIGHT ROTATING TREE is a practical seminar series inspired by the short tale "The Midnight Library", written by Matt Haig in 2020, and by a work by João de Barros, a diagrammatic book-game about moral virtues, half a millennium old. The last seminar (July) was dedicated to trees, this one will be dedicated to CIRCLES.

Each seminar is composed of three moments. We will be starting off with presentations by scholars from different fields on Friday morning. Then, there will be two practical activities: the first is a drawing class, where participants will be invited to get hands-on with plastic materials, guided by very simple exercises, to start training for the workshop, happening on Saturday morning. We will ask participants to develop a personal work/piece during the workshop in order to assemble a virtual exhibition and publish the corresponding catalogue, as you know (-not mandatory-).

You will be able to choose your favourite theme or scope for your piece, as long as you use trees to convey it; preferably, your work should use diagrammatic methods to transmit your ideas, your story, or your thesis. If you want to use digital means for your piece, we kindly ask you to bring your laptop. Mentors will be in-person to assist participants.

Online participants can join us on Friday morning and on Saturday morning. We will, however, provide those interested with the drawing exercises, via email.

If you have no idea of what piece or theme you might choose, don't worry!, our guests will give you plenty of examples, you can use one of the drawing exercises or/and we will be there to have the pleasure of guiding you, and allowing ourselves to be guided by, the more or less unusual combinations of each person's thoughts.

## GUESTS

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Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto - Sala do Departamento de Filoso

12 SEPTEMBER

14 SEPTEMBER



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Celeste Pedro is a communication designer graduated from the Fine Arts Faculty in Porto, Portugal. She holds a master's in Design and Intermedia from the University of Barcelona. In recent years, she specialised in early printed books and palaeography while conducting her PhD research on the History of Portuguese Print Culture in the Sixteenth Century, funded by FCT. Recently he was a post-doc researcher at the Institute of Philosophy of the University of Porto, where she now continues her work on medieval and early modern diagrams.

Michel Kabalan was born in Lebanon in 1980. He holds a master's degree in analytical philosophy from the American University of Beirut with a thesis entitled "Critique of Cultural Essentialism in Contemporary Arab Thought". PhD student in Philology and History of Arab culture at the Freie Universität Berlin. He was assistant to the director of the Anis Makdisi Program in Literature (AMPL) at the American University of Beirut between 2004 and 2006. He is a PhD researcher at the Philosophy Institute of the University of Porto and a member of the Medieval Seminar of Literature, Thought and Society (SMELPS).

Manuel F. Ramos is an Auxiliary Professor at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities – FLUP (Department of Portuguese and Romanic Studies) in the University of Porto. He holds a BA (honours) in Arts and Humanities (Classical and Portuguese Studies) and a Master's degree in Classical Languages from the University of Coimbra and finally a PhD in Literature from the University of Porto. He teaches Latin and Classical Literature, but his teaching repertoire also includes Oral and Written Communication and Scientific Work Methodology. Manuel Ramos is also a tutor of trainee teachers in Secondary School.

**Camila Ezídio** has a PHD in Philosophy (2021, Universidade Federal da Bahia). She is Professor at the Universidade do Estado da Bahia in Salvador and pos-doc researcher funded by Cnpq (Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico) at the Universidade Federal da Bahia where she develops a project on Hildegard of Bingen's conception of feminine nature.

**Emílio Remêse** was born in Barcelos in 1965. He is a professor at ESAD – Escola Superior de Arte e Design de Matosinhos and invited professor at the Faculty of Fine Arts of the University of Porto. He teaches Illustration, Drawing, Narratives and Storyboard, and Creative Writing. He has a PhD in Art Education and a Master's in Drawing Practice and Theory. Researcher at ESAD-IDEA and collaborator researcher at I2ADS – FBAUP. Founding member of ELOS – Galician-Portuguese Association for Research in Children's and Young People's Literature. His activities include visual arts, scenography, drawing, illustration, and literature, and he uses several pseudonyms, including Eugénio Roda. He conducts workshops and training for students and teachers in creativity, drawing and illustration.

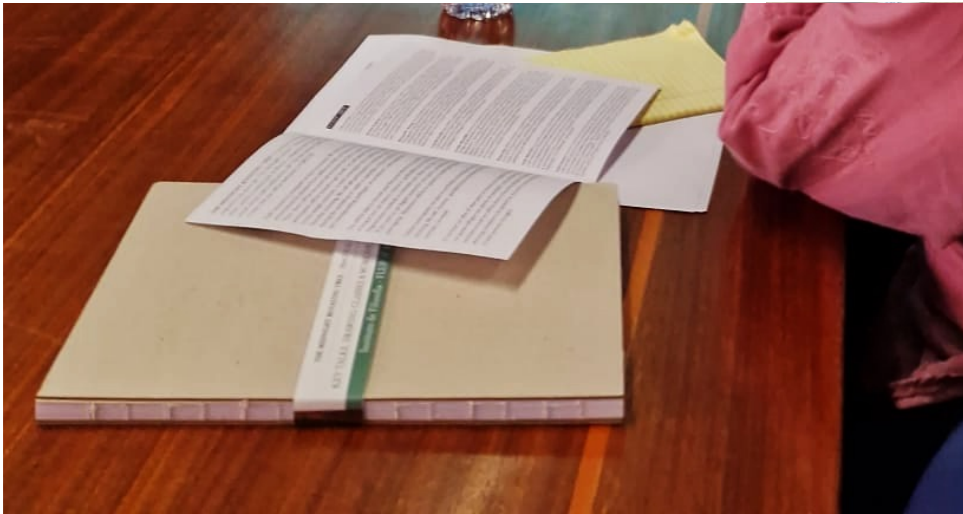
**Pedro Sim** (Pedro Simões) is a Graphic Designer and holds a Master's Degree in Illustration and Animation from IPCA Superior School of Design. Researcher of alternative printmaking processes and creative writing based on combinatory, randomness, automatism, and rewriting methods, has been involved in independent publishing and self editions markets and exhibitions, conducting workshops on these issues.

Terhi Marttila is an artist-researcher with a PhD in digital media from the University of Porto, a researcher at the Interactive Technologies Institute and a postdoctoral fellow (IST-ID) in the eGames Lab project. Terhi creates playful interactive works that sit more or less within the realm of digital literature and poetry. Her works have been published on [raum.pt](http://raum.pt), [nokturno.fi](http://nokturno.fi), the New River Journal, in the Electronic Literature Collection 4 and shared at various conferences, including ELO, ACM SIGGRAPH SPARKS, Consciousness Reframed, Videogames, Art of Research, among others.

Sofia Santos is an artist, educator and researcher whose practice moves through the intersection of concepts such as body, memory, territory and walking practices. She continually seeks to investigate the extent to which these concepts can mediate a sensitive relationship with the world and bring artistic and pedagogical practices into a common understanding. She is currently a PhD candidate in Art Education at the Faculty of Fine Arts of the University of Porto (pDEA - FBAUP) and a research fellow at the Institute for Research in Art and Design (i2ADS) with an FCT grant (2022.11582.BD).

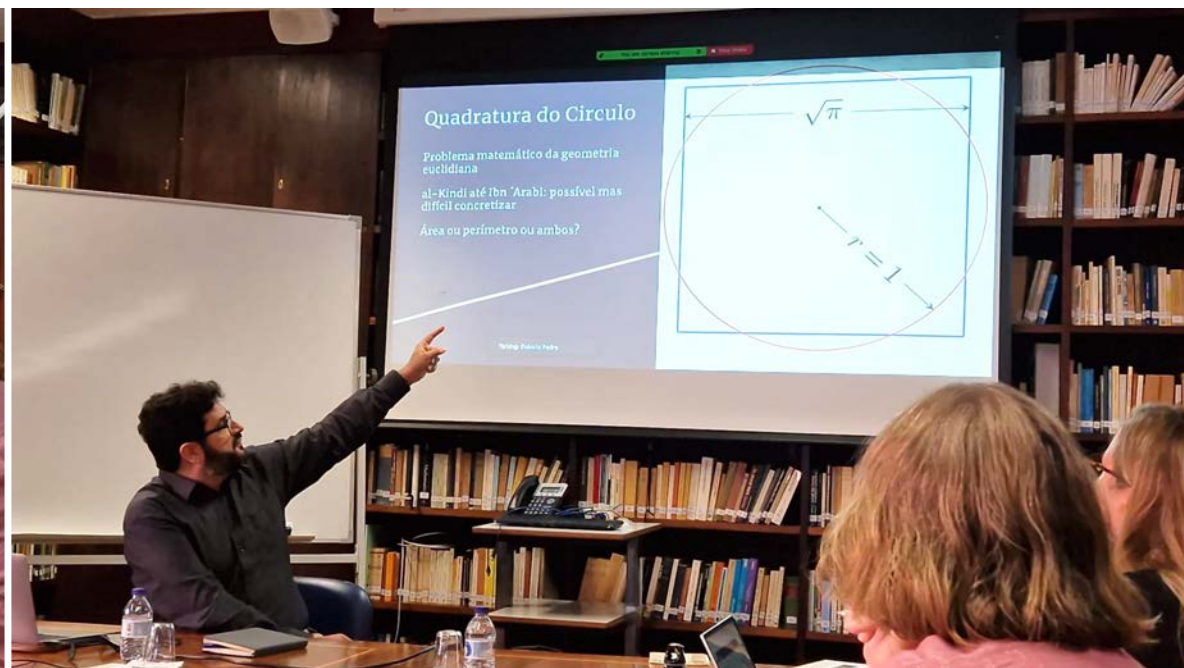


## Handouts: drawing materials





# Key Talks

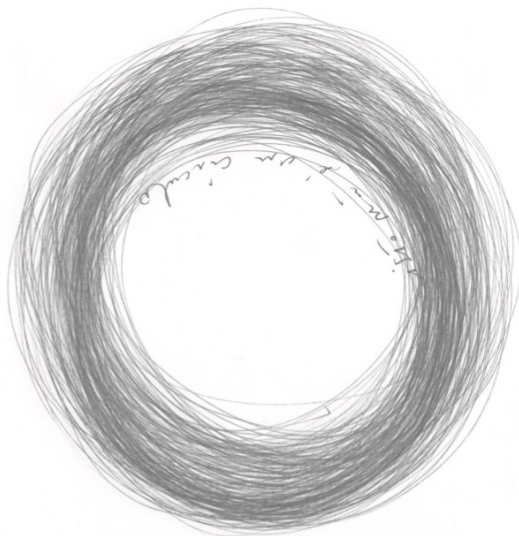


PhD. Michel Kabalan (Philosophy)  
Prof. Manuel Ramos (Literature)  
Prof. Camila Ezídio (Philosophy)



# Drawing exercises:

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### CIRCUNDIVAGAÇÃO #1

Círculo de escrita e desenho com Emílio Remelhe

Circundivagação é um segmento experimental de curta duração, envolvendo duas ferramentas basilares, a escrita e o desenho. Vamos divagar em círculos exploratórios, introspectivos e prospectivos, no encontro e desencontro entre o sinal gráfico e o signo linguístico. Vamos (a)riscar, escrever, pensar, exprimir, comunicar, desbloquear, procurar, descobrir, experimentar, conversar, refletir, questionar, partilhar: entre hipóteses, automatismos, expetativas e imprevistos.

### CIRCUNDIVAGATION #1

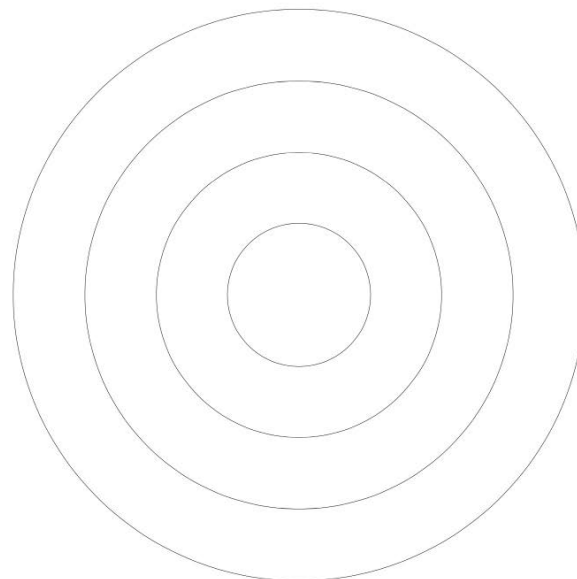
Writing and Drawing Circle with Emílio Remelhe

Circundivagation is a short-duration experimental segment, involving two basilar tools, writing and drawing. Let's ramble in exploratory, introspective, and prospective circles, in the encounter and discontroening between the graphic signal and the linguistic sign. Let's take risks, write, think, express, communicate, unlock, seek, find, experience, talk, reflect, question, share: between hypotheses, automatism, expectations and unforeseen events.

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photograph it and upload it to create  
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<https://editor.p5js.org/terhi/sketches/Ps48-Vn0k>

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## Drawing class



Prof. Emílio Remelhe (Arts)  
Pedro Simões (Mentor – visual Artist)





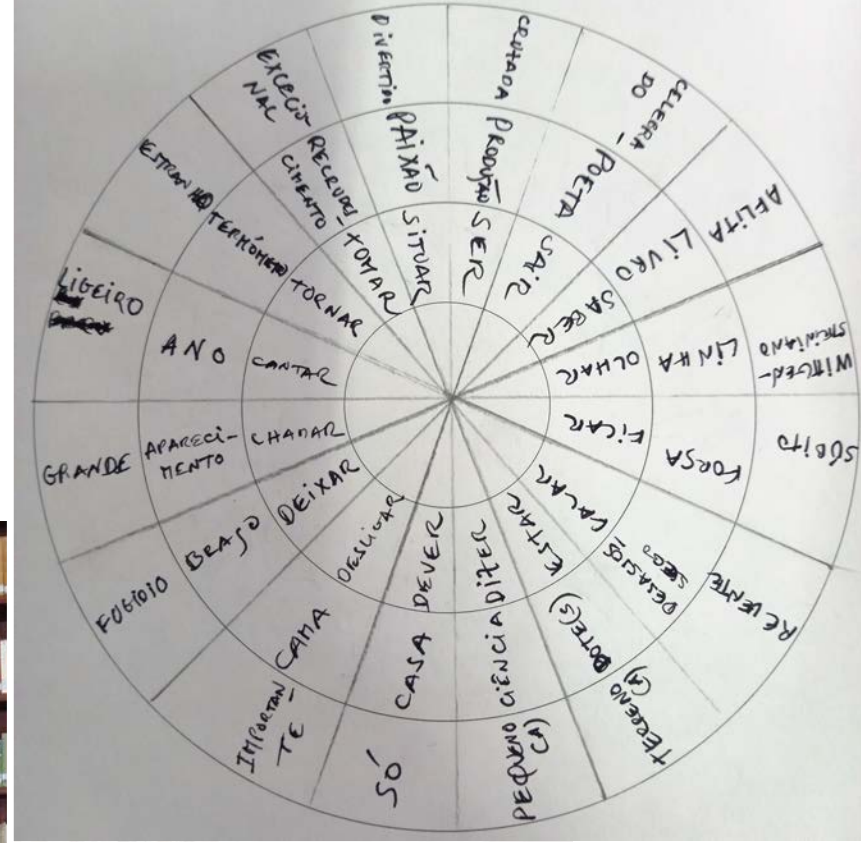
## Drawing class





Terhi Martilla (Workshop facilitator – PhD)  
Sofia Santos (Mentor – PhD candidate)

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Certificate: **21 participants** (6 guests + 15 attendees)

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**13 e 14 Setembro - FLUP**

## Certificado

Certica-se que Carla Carvalho  
participou no seminário prático *The Midnight Rotating Tree: Key talks, Drawing classes  
and Workshops about Circles*, que decorreu na Faculdade de Letras da  
Universidade do Porto, de 13 a 14 de Setembro de 2024.

Porto, 17 de Setembro de 2024.

A Organização

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**Feedback:**

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*Participants:*

"Foi um excelente workshop."

“Muitos parabéns pelo seminário, foi mesmo muito interessante e bonito!”

“A programação estava naturalmente bem pensada e bem organizada. Meus parabéns!”

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*Virtual Participant:*

Queria dizer-vos que adorei as palestras da sessão de sexta-feira, achei-as muito boas e interessantes.

Muito obrigada pelo convite. Se houver mais seminários no futuro, não se esqueçam de me convidar.



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# Thank you!

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**Research Group:** Reason, Politics & Society

**Project:** The Midnight Rotating Tree