Leonardo Braga Nobre

Teacher-designer · Learning Experience Design · AI in language learning

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PROFILE

Portuguese as a foreign language teacher with 16 years of experience and a background in Computer Science, Languages & Literature and Journalism. I design language learning experiences and build the digital tools they require, with AI in service of pedagogical design. PhD candidate at the School of Arts and Humanities, University of Lisbon, researching the teacher-designer and pedagogical command through Educational Design Research.

EXPERIENCE

Portuguese teacher and coordinator of technology & pedagogical innovation projects
CIAL – Centro de Línguas (EAQUALS-accredited), Lisbon

- Teaching Portuguese as a foreign language to groups and individual students.
- Concept and development of C.IA.L, the school's platform with fronts for coordinators, teachers and students.
- Coordination of the institutional three-phase adaptive materials project.

Portuguese teacher
Portuguese Connection, Lisbon

- Teaching Portuguese as a foreign language.

Teacher and course creator
Atlantic Portuguese — private lessons and online courses

- One-to-one courses in European and Brazilian Portuguese, A1 to C2.
- Preparation for the CIPLE/CAPLE and Celpe-Bras exams.

Founder
Cognietech — pedagogical innovation and AI for language schools

- Consulting and teacher training; development of digital products for language teaching.

Portuguese language teacher 4+ years
State schools, Brazil

- Teaching Portuguese in public schools, including secondary education.

Journalist, writer and translator
Press, editorial and translation work

- Reporting, writing, editing and translation.

PROJECTS

WritePortuguese — Correction and explanation of learners' Portuguese writing, using CEFR criteria (A1–C2).
Trazzo Studio — A learning design studio for teachers, based on Educational Design Research.
C.IA.L — Tests, exercises and student follow-up platform for CIAL – Centro de Línguas.
GramaticAI — A pedagogical checker that points out and explains without rewriting the student's text.

EDUCATION

PhD in Portuguese as a Foreign / Second Language (in progress) — School of Arts and Humanities, University of Lisbon (FLUL)
MSc in Intelligence Technologies and Digital Design — PUC-SP, Brazil
Specialisation in Applied Linguistics — Universidade Cândido Mendes, Brazil
Teaching degree in Computing (2022) — Claretiano, Brazil
Teaching degree in Portuguese & English — Faculdade ETEC, Brazil
BA in Journalism — Universidade Vila Velha, Brazil

SKILLS

Learning Experience Design (LXD)
Instructional and materials design
Educational Design Research
CEFR and proficiency assessment
Teaching Portuguese (A1–C2), European and Brazilian
AI in language learning
Prototyping educational apps
Teacher training

LANGUAGES

Portuguese — native
English
Spanish