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To the FCT Evaluation Board

OPINION

Dear Colleagues,

For some years, my university and I began working with the team of the *Centro de Estudos Globais da Universidade Aberta* and the *Cátedra CIPSH de Estudos Globais* at Universidade Aberta in Lisbon. At the beginning, it was a simple research project aimed at allowing our doctoral students to meet once a year and benefit from each other's intellectual support. Since then, the project has grown deeper: it has become a true network of collaborations through conferences, mutual invitations to our respective universities, a journal project and several publications, as well as the development of a doctoral program and, soon, a Master's program. Some works have already been completed, while others are still underway within this brand-new research center, which was created just two and a half years ago.

It is in this context that your evaluation and the crucial funding request come into play, as they are vital to the survival of this remarkable initiative. This highly dynamic group includes on its scientific board internationally renowned specialists in globalization, such as Professor Lim Jie-Hyun of Sogang University in Seoul and Professor Jordan Plevnes, Rector of Europa Prima University in Skopje and President of the European Academy of Arts. On their behalf as well, I wish to stress how essential your funding is to allow this research center to continue its activities, which are widely recognized within the Portuguese scientific community—so much so that several researchers from more established backgrounds have chosen to leave their former institutions to join this new center of excellence.

For this reason, I am taking the liberty of writing to you to second their request for funding for this young but very promising research center. The arguments presented in their appeal suggest that some key points—particularly the very large number of publications—may not have been fully taken into account in the initial evaluation.

Hoping that you will be able to respond favorably to this request, please accept, Dear Colleagues, the expression of my highest consideration.

