

## Master's Degree in Social Intervention Psychology

Welcome from the Master's Programme Director

"In times of major social transformations such as these, it is necessary to develop specialist professionals that can respond to new needs.

Although we have taken great strides towards achieving equality between men and women, violence against women has increased. We now have longer life expectancies but we only envisage care for people who are dependent. We place great emphasis on assistance for people with disabilities, but we do not encourage independent life projects. We protect children and prevent risk situations, but do not place enough emphasis on positive socialisation.

We promote economic and social development, but we leave many people in the lurch: situations of poverty, social exclusion... that put them at a disadvantage not only socially but also psychologically.

These complex human needs and problems call for in-depth knowledge of their dynamics and possible ways to tackle and solve them. Social Psychology, understood as an eminently applied discipline, looks to offer solutions to social problems through study of the social, political, economic and cultural scope where they take place.

The key features of this social psychology include: the ecological approach to analysing reality, social processes and individuals, as it is a discipline more focused on developing resources and potential than on remedying deficits, and its clear preventive nature".

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