'Climate Change' iMOOC Universidade Aberta

first experiences with MOOCs in Portugal

Universidade Aberta is a public Portuguese higher distance education institution founded in 1988

since 2006 the educational offer is based in the *Virtual Pedagogical Model* (Modelo Pedagógico Virtual)

the educational studies of graduation, post-graduation and doctoral programmes of the Universidade Aberta are online-based and organized within the *Virtual Pedagogical Model*

Virtual Pedagogical Model is a student centered approach oriented to <u>flexible participation</u>, <u>social</u> interaction, <u>collaborative mediation</u>, <u>learning scaffolding</u>, learning <u>community sustainability</u> and <u>digital inclusion</u>,

e-inclusion

sustainability

participation

Virtual Pedagogical Model

scaffolding

interaction

collaborative mediation

the iMOOC on *Climate Changes* offered by Universidade Aberta was designed according to the main principles of Universidade Aberta *Virtual Pedagogical Model*

individual and colective participation
learning contexts development
online discussion
collaborative mediation
learning experience scaffolding
digital inclusion
educational innovation

open online courses were developed by George Siemens and Stephen Downes in 2008, and the designation MOOC was coined by Dave Cormier and Bryan Alexander

"What makes the MOOC offered by George Siemens and myself different was that it was a *distributed* course. This is what enabled the 'massive' part of 'Massive Open Online Course' ". (Downes, 2012)

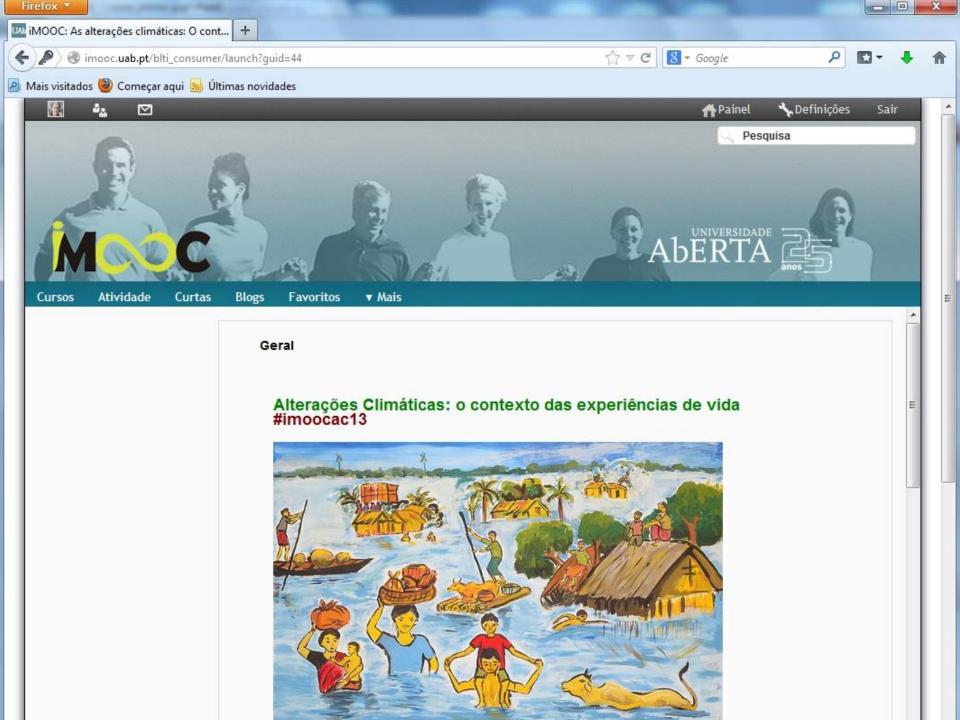
Climate Changes iMOOC offered by Universidade Aberta http://imooc.uab.pt/about

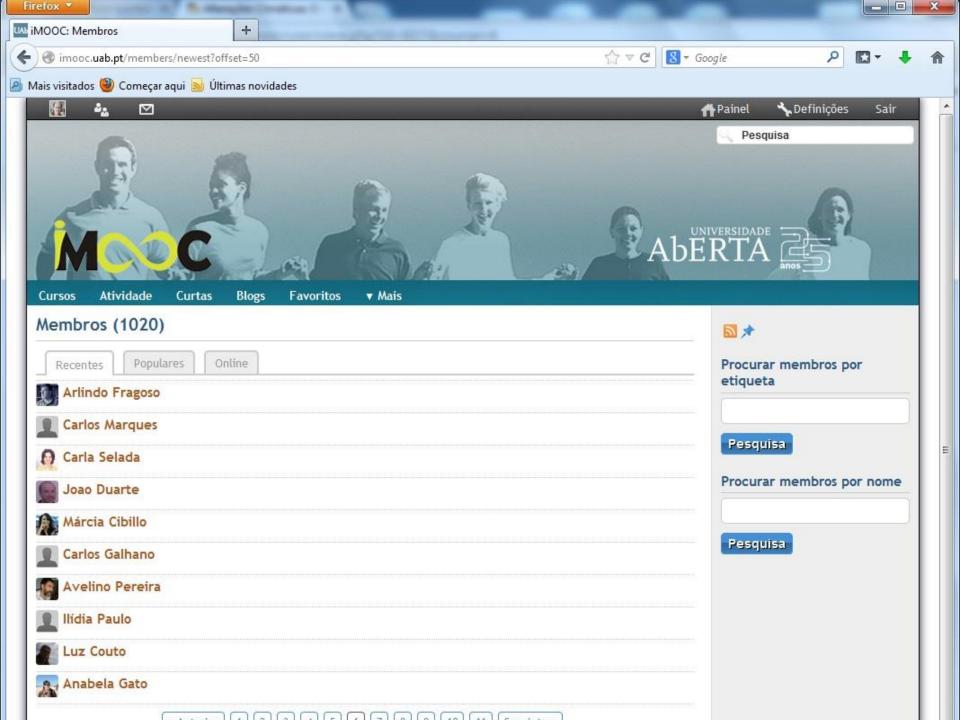
lasted for eight weeks, from May 6 to July 1 (+ 2 previous weeks for registration and area ambiance to the course platform)

educational contents were developed within the European project *Lived Experience of Climate Change* LECHE (www.leche.open.ac.uk and fall under offering of undergraduate studies

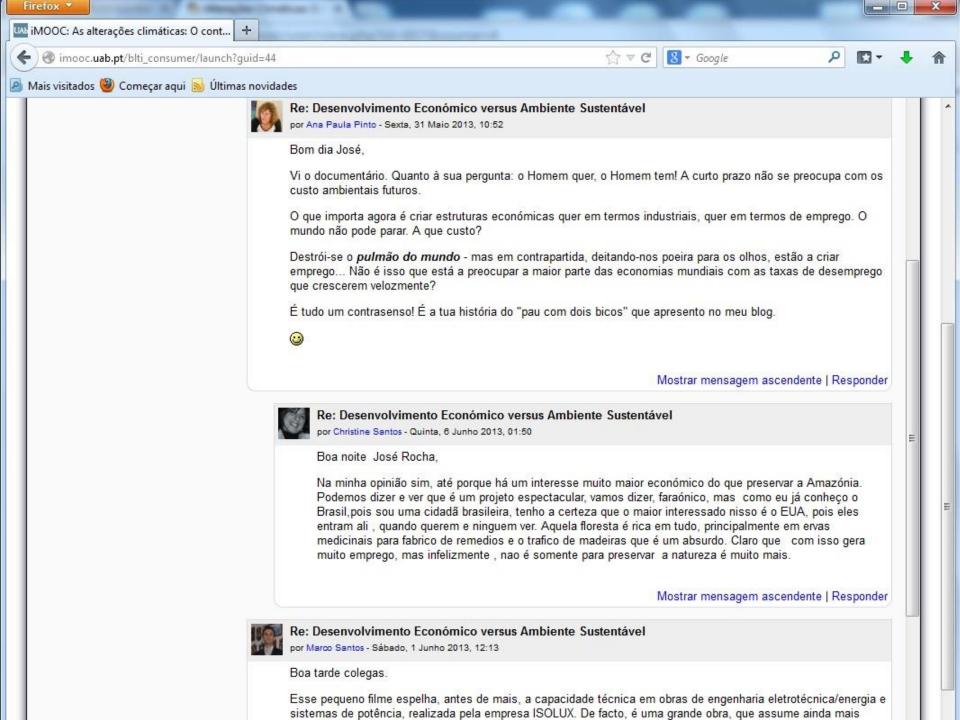
1020 registered participants
200 participants with regular access
92 participants concluded the course with peer
assessment
11 performed the final certified evaluation

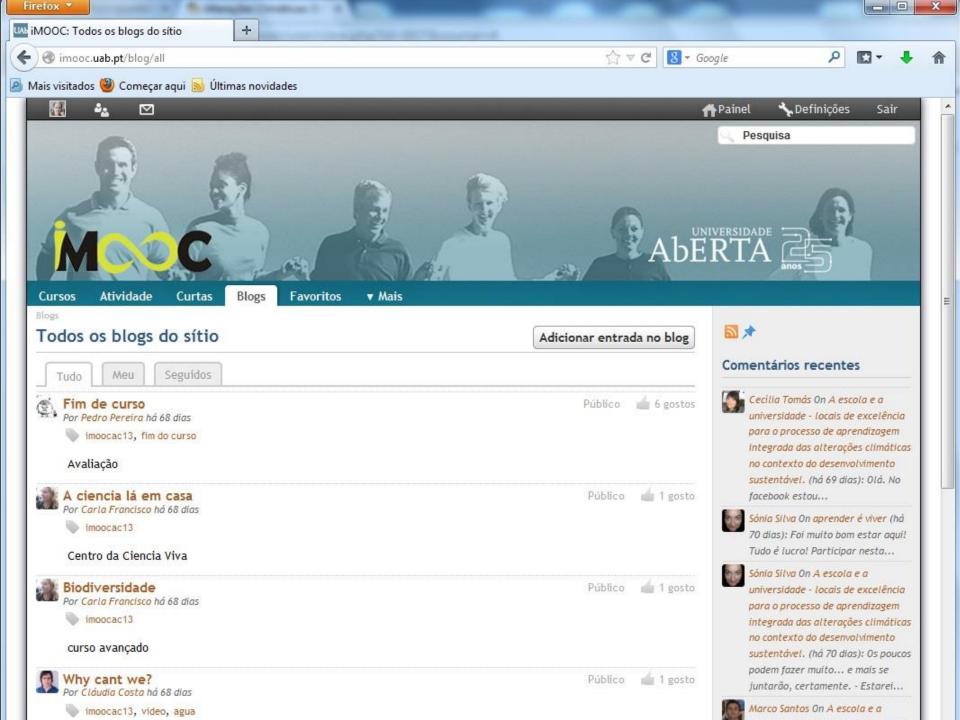
online learning activities were <u>supervised by tutors</u> of Universidade Aberta and included lectures by <u>invited</u> <u>experts</u>



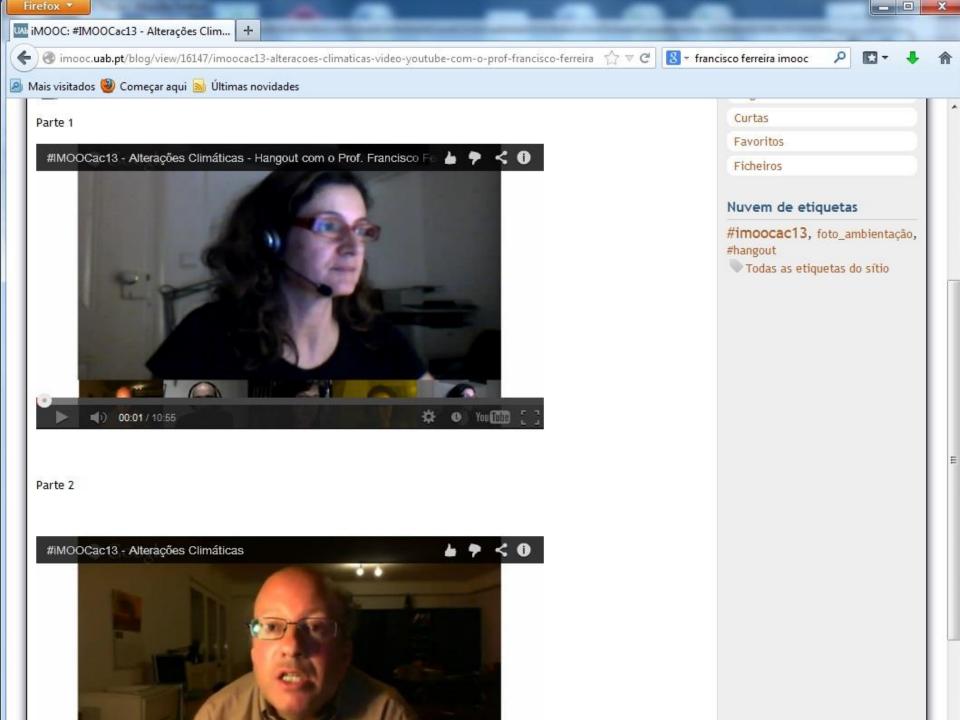


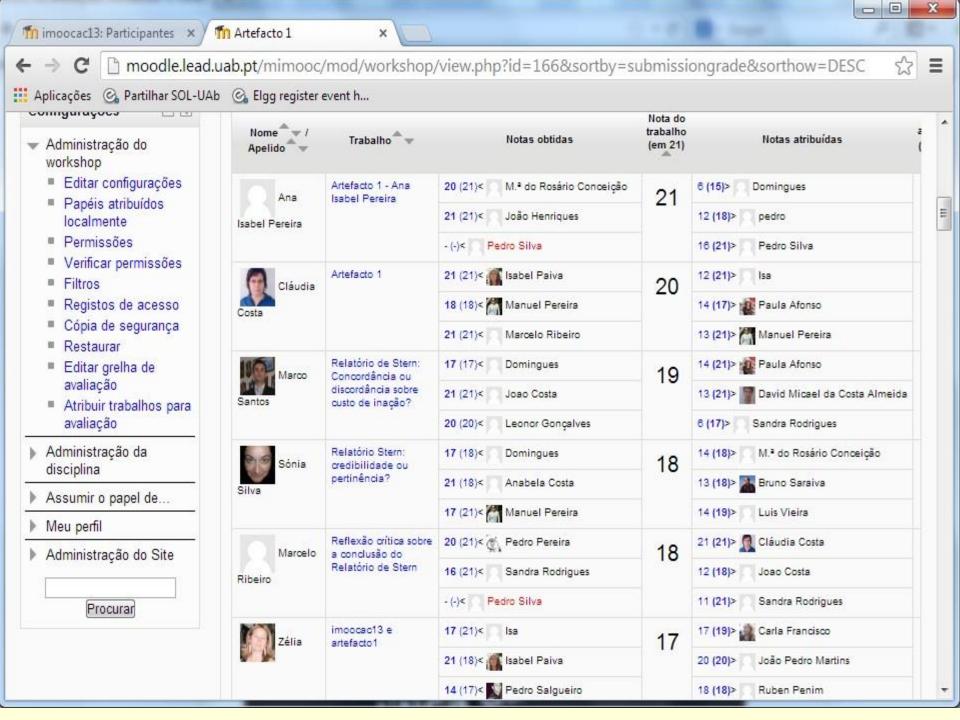












to the 92 participants who completed the course the pedagogical approach allowed them to deepen involvement in the analysis, discussion and collaborative learning

the open course has been an opportunity to <u>access an</u> <u>innovative learning experience</u>

connecting formal and informal learning scenarios

the challenge is to promote innovation in pedagogy for open learning in the digital society

innovation for digital inclusion