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Foreword

English language teaching has been a staple of the educational offer at the ISCSP since the 1920s when the Institute became the first non-humanities college to contemplate foreign languages, at the specific level, as core to its courses. Currently, the teaching of English at the ISCSP is organized according to students' competence in four levels ranging from A2 to C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

English level II at the Institute corresponds to B1 of CEFR and aims at providing students with language tools within the realms of social sciences to better meet their academic and professional needs. With this in mind, this textbook offers a targeted approach to English for Specific Purposes (ESP) for B1 language learners at the ISCSP. Thematically, a first section contemplates two units focusing on Communication and the Environment from a social sciences perspective. Language use topics form the second section of this book and are centred on verb tense consolidation, revision of commonly confused prepositions of time and place and expanded use of conjunctions and connectors. After discussion topics and grammar, a third section addresses writing skills compliant with level B1 of language proficiency. Specifically, emphasis is put on formal emails and for/against essays. As extensive reading, a fourth section suggests analysis of an article of literary journalism which, for its adaptability to language learning-teaching, is a suited way to expose students to the specific scientific area of research and teaching of the ISCSP.

Texts and exercises present in this book are duly referenced when taken and/or adapted from original sources and, to help students organize their studying, a key with solutions for the exercises is given at the end.

Welcome to English II at the ISCSP.

We wish you a successful learning of English in the context of Social Sciences!