



OUR SPEAKERS

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Carlos Marques de Almeida holds a PhD in Political Science and International Relations from the Institute for Political Studies at the Universidade Católica Portuguesa and is currently a Visiting Professor in the same Institute, attached to the Contemporary Political Theory Group. During his PhD he was, firstly, Visiting Research Student at St. Antony's College, Oxford, being subsequently elected as a Senior Associate Member at the same College. Member of the Michael Oakeshott Association Executive Committee he is also a Group Officer at the Oxford Society (Portugal). In addition to the academic activity, he was for many years a regular columnist at several national newspapers and magazines and a political commentator at a television program on news and current affairs. Currently he writes a weekly column on Eco – Economia Online.

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Filipa Pires de Almeida is Executive Director of CRB (Center for Responsible Business and Leadership) at CATÓLICA-LISBON, and investigates in the area of strategy and international business, namely how companies embrace sustainable strategies to develop competitive advantage, with a focus on the SDGs. She is a professor of executive training, bachelors and masters at the School of Economics and Law and is developing her PhD at the Rotterdam School of Management in Strategy and Sustainability, focused on the Sustainable Development Goals as a strategic advantage for companies. Filipa has a degree in Economics, a Masters in Management, Strategy and Entrepreneurship, and she completed the Shared Value executive course at Harvard Business School with professors Michael Porter and Mark Kramer. She was a social business trainer and mentor, having been Community Manager and Business Developer at IES-Social Business School.

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André Azevedo Alves has a PhD in Government (London School of Economics and Political Science), MA in Political Science (IEP–UCP), and BA in Economics (Faculdade de Economia do Porto). He is currently an Associate Professor with Aggregation at IEP-UCP and has been the Director of CIEP, the Research Centre of IEP-UCP, since 2013. From 2017 to 2019 he was Director of CESOP

- Católica Sondagens, a polling unit operating within the Catholic University of Portugal. André has been an affiliate of the Benedict XVI Centre for the Study of Religion and Society since its creation in 2015 at St. Mary's University, London. Since May 2024 he is also an Honorary Full Professor at St. Mary's University. André's main research interests are in political economy, political philosophy, ethics and Catholic social thought. André has a particular research interest in the contributions of the late Iberian scholastics and runs, with Philip Booth, the Catholic Social Thought website (<https://catholicsocialthought.org.uk/>), funded through a Templeton World Charity Foundation project. His most recent publication is the book *Catholic Social Thought, the Market and Public Policy: Twenty-First-Century Challenges* (ed. with PM Booth, St Mary's University Press, 2024), recently also published in Spain (*Pensamiento social católico, mercado y políticas públicas: Desafíos del siglo XXI*, EUNSA, 2025) and with a Portuguese edition forthcoming later in the year. André writes a regular column for the Portuguese online newspaper *Observador* and, since 2011, has been a member of the Mont Pelerin Society.

Barroso, José Manuel Durão



José Manuel Durão Barroso José Manuel Durão Barroso is former President of the European Commission where he completed two mandates between 2004 and 2014. He's a former Prime Minister of Portugal . He served on the Portuguese Government for 12 years , including in the positions of Minister of Foreign Affairs, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and

Secretary of State for Home Affairs.

His academic appointments include Visiting Professor at Georgetown University, Princeton University and the Graduate Institute for International Studies in Geneva. He is currently a visiting professor at the Catholic University of Portugal (Director of its Centre of European Studies) and at the European University Institute, School of Transnational Governance, Florence. He's also non resident scholar at Princeton University, where is a member of the

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He is currently Chairman of International Advisors at Goldman Sachs and Chairman of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

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Graduate of Hispanic Studies at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland.

She has been working in diplomacy since 2000, initially as a consul at the Polish Embassy in Mexico and at the Polish Embassy in Oslo, then as consul general in Curitiba, Brazil.

After returning from Brazil, she held the position of head of section in the Department of Cooperation with the Polish Diaspora and Poles Abroad, and later deputy director of the Department of Public and Cultural Diplomacy.

In 2014-2017, director of the Polish Institute in Madrid. In 2018-2024, she held the position of deputy director of the Department of the Americas, from November 2023 to September 2024 heading the department.

Since September 2024 chief of the Polish Embassy in Lisbon.

Bento, Vítor



70 years old; holds a degree in Economics, a Master's in the Philosophy of Action, a PhD in Strategic Studies, and a Certificate in Corporate Governance from INSEAD.

He is currently President of the Portuguese Banking Association, Member of the Audit Board of the Catholic University of Portugal – where he is also a Visiting Full Professor; Member of the Board of the PWN (Professional Women Network) Lisbon; and Member of the General Council of the Portuguese Institute of Corporate Governance. In the past he held various executive and non-executive positions in several companies, led the Directorate-General of the Treasury and the Debt Management Agency (IGCP), served as Director of the Bank of Portugal, participated in European Union bodies representing Portuguese official institutions, and was an executive director of the Monetary Authority of Macao. He was also a member of the (Portugal's) Council of State (2009–2016). He has taught at several universities and is the author of various books on Economics, European Affairs, and Strategy, as well as a commentator on economic and financial issues.

Bereskin, Cassidy



Cassidy Bereskin is a PhD researcher and Clarendon Scholar at the Oxford Internet Institute, focusing on the efficacy of content disclosure interventions to combat synthetic visual disinformation. She authored the 'Parliamentary Handbook on Disinformation, AI and Synthetic Media' and has presented globally on tools for tackling misinformation in the era of deepfakes and generative AI. Cassidy is the Founder and Director of the Oxford Generative AI Summit, an annual event on generative AI and society. She holds an MSc with Distinction from the Oxford Internet Institute and a BA in Political Science from McMaster University, where she graduated as valedictorian. Her research interests include mis/disinformation, synthetic media, and social science experiments. At the OII, she has been a DPhil student since October 2022 and was an MSc student from September 2021 to August 2022.

Biti, Tendai



Tendai Biti is a Zimbabwean politician. He served as a Minister of Finance from 2009 to 2013 where he was responsible for the stabilisation of the country's economy and major legislative reforms. Tendai Biti was the lead negotiator for the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) in dialogue with the ruling ZANU PF facilitated by the then President of South Africa, Thabo Mbeki. He was elected in four general elections as Member of Parliament for Harare East Constituency. He now holds the position of Vice President of Zimbabwe's opposition party, the Citizens Coalition for Change (which evolved from the MDC). Tendai Biti is a practising attorney and senior partner for Tendai Biti Law. He specialises in constitutional litigation, human rights and labour law. He has written many articles in legal journals and published various articles on the Zimbabwean economy Africa and African crisis.

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José Tomaz Castello Branco holds a PhD and a Master's degree in Political Science and International Relations from the Institute of Political Studies of the Portuguese Catholic University (IEP-UCP). He received a PhD scholarship from the FCT and was twice a Visiting Student at the University of Oxford. He has been a Visiting Assistant Professor at IEP-UCP since 2000. Between 2011 and 2014 he also taught at the University of Beira Interior. His main areas of research are political theory. He occasionally comments (Reuters, CNN Portugal).

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Burnay, Henrique



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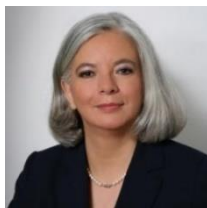
Calléja, Lucie



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Crato, Nuno



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Researcher, writer, and essayist, some of his books have been published in various countries and translated into various languages, such as his *Figuring It Out* (Springer 2010). He recently wrote *O Manual Escolar* (2025, Coimbra, Almedina), *Aprender*, (2024, Lisbon, FFMS) and *Apología del Libro de Texto: Cómo Escribir, Elegir y Utilizar un Buen Manual* (2024, Madrid, Narcea); coauthored *Developing Curriculum for Deep Thinking: The Knowledge Revival*, (2025, Springer); coedited *Improving National Education Systems After COVID-19* (Springer 2024) and *Data-Driven Policy Impact Evaluation* (Springer 2019).

He was Education and Science Minister of Portugal (2011-15). At the end of his tenure, students achieved the best results ever in international surveys such as PISA and TIMSS.

He is member of the Education Scientific Council of French Government (CSEN) and other science and education organizations. Consultant for various countries and governments.

Cristo, Alexandre Homem



Degree in Political Science (UCP) and Master's in Comparative Politics (ICS-UL).

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Alexandre Homem Cristo has coordinated educational innovation projects at international and national level, in particular combining artificial intelligence with monitoring the reading ability of elementary school pupils. He was a National Education Advisor and parliamentary advisor,

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Bernardo Ivo Cruz has a PhD in Politics from the University of Bristol and Advance Training by the Prince of Wales's Program on Business and Sustainability for Senior Executives, by the Leadership and Sustainability Institute at the University of Cambridge and is Associated Academic in the International Academy for Portuguese Culture.

Significant professional experience in different industries, including, Diplomacy, Financial Services, Public Sector, Private Business, Higher Education, NGOs, media and working with International Organisations. Served as Secretary of State for International Trade and Foreign Investment, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Honorary Consul of Botswana in Portugal. Lived and worked in Belgium, Brazil, Portugal, Timor Leste and the United Kingdom.

Cruz, Manuel Braga da



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Domingues, Filipe



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Duque, Raquel



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Ennes, Nuno



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Espada, João Carlos



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1998) and president of the Portuguese section of the International Churchill Society/Churchill Centre, as well as a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Democracy. He was political advisor to President Mário Soares (1986-91) and President Aníbal Cavaco Silva (2006-2011). He is the secretary of the Oxford Society of Portugal. His latest book is *The Anglo-American Tradition of Liberty: A View from Europe* (London/New York: Routledge, 2016/2018; *Liberdade Como Tradição*, Brazilian edition, Távola Editorial, 2019 and Portuguese edition, D. Quixote, 2023). João Carlos Espada was awarded an Honorary OBE by HM Queen Elizabeth II in September 2018.

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Fati, Sandji



Sandji Fati, born on August 5, 1956, is a prominent figure in Guinea-Bissau, known for his commitment to the country's defense, security and development. He began his political activity in 1971, during the struggle for independence. A graduate in Military Sciences from the M. Frunze Military Academy in the USSR, he also has a law degree and specializations from prestigious institutions. He has held important positions in the Armed Forces, including Chief of Staff of the Army. In public administration, he was Minister of Defense, Agriculture, Interior and Education, as well as a UN consultant. He has participated in peace negotiations and strategic projects, and is multilingual and computer literate. His career has been marked by dedication and leadership, making him a reference in the history of Guinea-Bissau.

Fernandes, José Manuel



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Figueiredo, Martim Avillez



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Flather, Paul



Paul Flather studied at Balliol College, Oxford for his BA and later doctorate. He has been a Fellow at Corpus Christ and Mansfield Colleges, Oxford (1994-21). He served as Secretary-General/CEO of the Europaeum association of leading European universities (2000-17). He was founding Secretary-General/CEO of the Central European University (1990-1994), and helped establish a raft of other Open Society initiatives in Central and East Europe. He was then Director of International and External affairs for Oxford University (1994-2000). Previously, he worked as a journalist, including at the BBC, Times Newspapers, and the New Statesman (deputy editor), and was an elected Chair of London Post-16 education on the London Education Authority (1986-1990). He worked with dissident movements in Central Europe in the 1980s, recently receiving the Jan Masaryk Silver Medal for his work, and with UK race equality and cultural groups for 40 years. His research work has focused on democracy, corruption, education, particularly related to India and Europe. His doctorate won the Political Studies Association Prize. Recent writings are on *Dynasty and Democracy* (OUP

2017), *Protest in Democracy* (2021, South Korean PSA), and pieces in *The Round Table* journal. He currently chairs several British charities to do with philosophy, resistance, scholarships, commonwealth studies and youth work. He has lectured in many universities around the world, and is currently a visiting professor in universities in Peru and India

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Friedek, Martin



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He is the author of the best-selling books *Stop Believing in the Government: Why Brazilians Don't Trust Politicians but Love the State* (Record, 2015) and *Maximum Rights, Minimum Duties: The Festival of Privileges Undermining Brazil* (Record, 2018). His most recent work is *The Essentials of Conservatism* (O Mínimo, 2023) — all published in Brazil. He has served as a political commentator for major Brazilian newspapers, radio stations, and television networks.

Currently, he is a partner at Garschagen Advisory, a consultancy focused on political intelligence, advising companies on how to integrate political analysis into strategic planning and decision-making.

Gomes, Pilar Figueroa



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Hasselberger, William



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William's research covers several areas including Artificial Intelligence (AI) and technology ethics, moral virtue and human well-being, and the philosophy of mind. He has published on topics such as the distinction between human and machine intelligence; whether algorithms can fully replicate human moral judgment; how "sociable" AI companions and virtual assistants may transform human relationships; the social implications of virtual and augmented reality technology (VR/AR); and the ethical concerns surrounding the use of AI and autonomous systems in the military. His work appears in numerous international journals in the fields of philosophy, social science, psychology, and technology. William is currently co-authoring a book tentatively titled, *What's the Good in AI? Intelligence, Relationships, and Embodied Flourishing*. He was born in Ankara, Turkey, and has lived throughout Europe and North America.

Junior, Adalberto Costa



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Kierse, Julius



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He concluded his MA at the IEP (GLDS) in 2022, and his MA thesis was: "The FED's monetary policies during the COVID-19 pandemic and their redistributive effect." His PhD thesis is about the US elite structural dynamics in the context of US strategic decision-making during the Russo-Ukrainian War. He is interested in political economy, geopolitics and how elite networks justify strategic decisions, and shape public perception through discourse and symbolic power.

Klepal, Jakub



Executive Director of the Forum 2000 Foundation and Member of the Board of Directors of the Association for Democracy Assistance and Human Rights (DEMAS). Previously, he served as the Chairman of the Board of DEMAS, he was an analyst with the Association for International Affairs (AMO), Head of its Americas program, and a Member of its Board of Directors. He was a journalist, a research scholar at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), and a Fulbright Scholar at the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) in the United States. A graduate of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Charles University and of the Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh.

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Currently, Olena is working at Consulate General of Portugal in Boston while conducting research for her doctoral thesis. Olena is fluent in Russian, Ukrainian, Romanian, Spanish, Portuguese, and English, and has intermediate proficiency in French and Polish.

Lopes, Nuno Piteira



Married and the father of three children, Nuno Piteira Lopes has been Deputy Mayor of Cascais since January 2024. With a degree in Economics from Universidade Lusófona de Humanidades e Tecnologias (2001), he complemented his training with the Senior Management Programme at AESE Business School (2019), deepening his skills in leadership, strategic management and organizational excellence.

With a career focused on public administration and community development, he began his career as an Administrative Technician at the Cascais Institute of Technological Education. Later, he worked in professional training at Candifor and ECCO - Espaço Comunitário da Comunidade Cabo-Verdiana in Outurela (Oeiras), experiences that cemented his commitment to public service and social inclusion.

Between 2011 and 2024, he was an Executive Councillor at Cascais Municipal Council, taking on responsibilities in the areas of Urban Planning, Finance, Environment and Economic Activities. During this period, he stood out for his strategic vision and capacity for execution, promoting innovative and sustainable public policies. He is also President of DNA Cascais, the municipal entrepreneurship agency, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Lisbon Tourism Association, actively contributing to the economic dynamism and attractiveness of the municipality.

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Zdzisław Mach is a Professor of Sociology and Social Anthropology, and the founder and former Director of the Institute of European Studies.

In his academic career, Prof. Mach the Dean of the Faculty of International and Political Studies at the Jagiellonian University (2016-2019). He was the Rector's Proxy for International Cooperation (2012-2016), the Director of the Institute of European Studies of the Jagiellonian University (2004-2012), Head of the Chair of

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Pica, Bruno



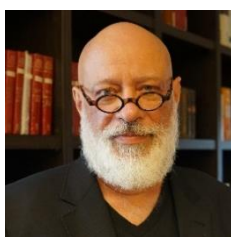
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Ramos, António Fontes

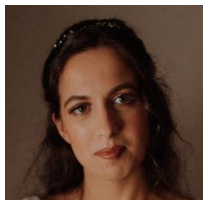


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He was the Portugal's Representative on the NATO Military Committee and the European Union Military Committee, Chief of the Army Operations Division and Director of the Strategy Section at the Institute of High Military Studies.

General Fontes Ramos carried out service missions in Mozambique, Timor, and Angola, where he served as Chief of Staff of Portugal's Mission to the Structures of the Peace Process.

Ramos, Joana



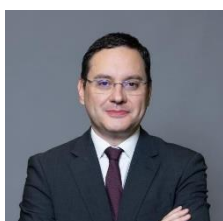
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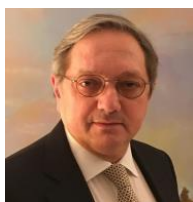
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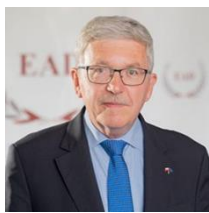


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