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PROGRAMME

9:00 AM ● **Welcoming and Registration**

9:15 AM ● **Opening Session** | Exhibitions Room
Isabel Capelo Gil, Rector, Universidade Católica Portuguesa
Mónica Dias, Director, IEP-Católica
Lívia Franco, IEP Colloquia Scientific Coordinator

9:30 AM ● **Keynote Speaker** | Exhibitions Room
Angel Rivero, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid
Again the End of a Liberal Era? Sovereignism and the Ideologies of Conflict

10:30 AM ● **Coffee Break**

10:50 AM–12:50 AM ● **Panel A: Thinking Sovereignty**
Room: 423
Host: **Orlando Samões**, IEP-Católica
Miguel Morgado On Circulatory Sovereignty
Luis Leal de Faria Too Important for (Elected) Politicians? Central Banks, Sovereignty, and Technocratic Overreach in an Age of Rising Populism
Daniela Silva Restricting Popular Sovereignty? The EU's Role in Romania's Election
Bruno Rocha The logic of distinction: nationalism and status seeking in Germany

Panel B: A Changing World
Room: 427
Host: **Lívia Franco**, IEP-Católica
Henrique de Sousa Patrício
Trumpland: From Pax Americana to the Dynamics of Chaos
Michael Sanfey Defending Sovereignty and Multilateralism Against Onslaughts by President Trump
Vicente Paiva Brandão Fear, Politics and International Relations
Afonso Moura The actuality of Carl Schmitt: Trump, Putin and the new Nomos of the Earth

1:00 PM–2:45 PM ● **Finger Food Lunch** | Henry the Navigator Room

3:00 PM–5:00 PM

● **Panel C: Rethinking Borders**

Room: 423

Host: **André Azevedo Alves**, Director
CIEP

Nádia Loureiro Observed Borders:

The Parliamentary Diplomacy of the
OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in
Spaces of Control and Contestation

Márcio Espírito Santo Migration and
Border Control: The Portuguese case

Adriana Martins Ambiguity in the
triangular relationship between China,
the USA and Taiwan

Paula Núñez-Guerra How to combat
a threat than knows no borders. The
phenomenon of cyber terrorism.

**Panel D: Conflicts, Climate and the
Sea**

Room: 427

Host: **Sónia Ribeiro**, IEP–Católica

Catarina Abreu Pinho Intersection of
maritime sovereignty, geopolitical
rivalry, and international law in the
South China Sea

Aldino Campos The challenging
disputes of the maritime boundaries in
the Arctic International law and
maritime boundaries

Fabio Massimo Bataglia Sinking
Sovereignty: Climate Change, Maritime
Boundaries, and Climate-Induced
Migration in Small Island States.

5:00 PM ● **Coffee Break**

5:30–9:30 PM ● **Panel E: Tensions and Sovereignty
in Africa and the Middle East**

Room: 423

Host: **Francisco Proença Garcia**, IEP–
Católica

Mónica Dias Searching (for peace) in
Kurdistan

Joana Ramos The Western Sahara
Conflict: Geopolitical Rivalries,
Regional Tensions, and the Role of
Great Power Competition in North
Africa

Lucie Calleja The Western Sahara
Conflict: Is Peace Possible in Today's
Changing Global Landscape?

Pilar Gomes Hybrid Sovereignty in
Yemen: How Interdependencies
Between Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Iran
and Their Sponsored Non-State
Actors Reshape State Authority

Panel F: Europe at Stake

Room: 427

Host: **Raquel Duque**, IEP–Católica

Paulo Pereira Zagalo The politics of
secession of Milorad Dodik from the
BiH

Ricardo Alexandre Serbia at
crossroads: European Union or a pro-
Russian New Great Serbia

Laura Lisboa Reassessing European
Security: The drivers of NATO's
response to hybrid threats

Olena Kolodyi The Transformative Role
of Artificial Intelligence in the Ukraine
War and Its Implications for
Sovereignty

Victoria Isaeva Resilience and
Resolution: Examining Frozen Conflicts
in Post-Soviet Territories

7:30 PM ● **Closing Remarks | Room 427**

Livia Franco, IEP–Católica

THE SPEAKERS

ISABEL CAPELOA GIL

Isabel Capeloa Gil is the Rector of the Catholic University of Portugal (UCP) since 2016 and President of the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) since 2018. Prof. Gil is a Full Professor of German and Culture Studies at UCP's School of Human Sciences, and holds a PhD in German Studies. She is member of the board of the European Women Rectors Association (EWORA) and member of the board of trustees of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. She is the President of UCP Foundation. Pope Francis appointed her to serve in the Scientific Council of the Holy See's Higher Education Accreditation Agency (AVEPRO), and more recently as consultant for the Holy See's Congregation for Catholic Education. In addition, Isabel Gil is Advisor Board Member for the Edmond de Rothchild Board (Europe) and member of the Board of Directors of AmCham (Portugal). She holds an advisor role with the European Council on Foreign Relations. Prof. Gil is recipient of Fulbright; DAAD and FLAD fellowships and holds three Honorary Doctorate amongst Boston College Prof. Gil is the author of over 140 publications, bridging cultural theory, interarts studies, visual culture, culture and conflict.

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She has published several articles in academic journals, book chapters, and has also co-edited some books of which *Segurança Contemporânea* is a good example [Contemporary Security, 2016, with Diogo Noivo and Teresa Almeida e Silva]. She has participated in numerous conferences in Portugal and abroad. Her main areas of interest are security studies, terrorism, defence studies, regional and international organizations, public policy, among others.

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