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10:00-11:00 | OPENING SESSION

HOST: Celso Bettencourt (President of the City Council, CM Câmara de Lobos).

CHAIR: Orlando Samões (IEP-Católica, Lisbon).

SPEAKERS: Miguel de Albuquerque (President, Regional Government of Madeira).

11:00-11:30 | COFFEE BREAK

**11:30-12:45 | ROUND TABLE – LIBERAL DEMOCRACY,
AND THE EURO-ATLANTIC ALLIANCE TODAY**

HOST: Joaquim Pinheiro (UMa, Madeira).

CHAIR: Raquel Duque (IEP-Católica, Lisbon).

SPEAKERS: Henrique Burnay (Opportunity, Brussels; IEP-Católica, Lisbon); Catarina Leão (London School of Economics).

12:45-15:00 | LUNCH

**15:00-16:15 | WINSTON CHURCHILL: DEFENDER OF
THE WEST**

HOST: HE Ana Martinho (Ambassador, Portugal; IEP-Católica, Lisbon).

CHAIR: João Carlos Espada (IEP-Católica, Lisbon).

SPEAKER: Jeremy Black (Emeritus Professor, University of Exeter).

16:15-16:45 | TEA BREAK [G]

**16:45-18:15 | ROUND TABLE – 50 ANOS DAS
AUTONOMIAS DOS AÇORES E DA MADEIRA
E DA CONSTITUIÇÃO DA REPÚBLICA PORTUGUESA**

HOST: Joel Viana (City Council, Câmara de Lobos)

CHAIR: Guilherme Silva (Former Vice-President of the Portuguese Parliament).

SPEAKERS: Speaker from the Autonomous Region of the Azores*; José Manuel Durão Barroso (Director, CEE, IEP-Católica, Lisbon). Ricardo Vieira* (Former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Madeira).

**20:30-22:00 | WINSTON CHURCHILL MEMORIAL
DINNER**

in association with the International Churchill Society of Portugal and the British Historical Society of Portugal

HOST: João Carlos Espada (IEP-Católica, Lisbon)

SPEAKER: Edward Godfrey (President, British Historical Society of Portugal)

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Welcome to the 4th Edition of the Atlantic Conferences!

The Atlantic Conferences are a joint initiative of the Presidency of the Regional Government of Madeira, the City Council of Câmara de Lobos and the Institute for Political Studies of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa. This 4th edition of the Atlantic Conferences, will have as its central theme "Winston Churchill, Liberal Democracy and the Euro-Atlantic Alliance".

The previous editions of the Atlantic Conferences took place in January 2023, 2024 and 2025. In the first edition, with the theme "Winston Churchill, Madeira, and the Euro-Atlantic Alliance. Celebrating the 650th Anniversary of the Anglo-Portuguese Alliance" we had the participation of Professors James W. Muller and Allen Packwood and, after the great success of this first edition, we held, in January

2024, the 2nd Edition of The Atlantic Conferences whose topic was "Winston Churchill, The Freedom of the Sea, and the Atlantic Charter" during which we had the privilege of having had the participation of Randolph Churchill, great-grandson of Sir Winston Churchill, among other illustrious speakers. In January 2025 the 3rd edition of the Conference took place, with the title "Winston Churchill, Liberal Democracy and the Euro-Atlantic Alliance". In this edition we were honoured to have had as one of the Speakers, Katherine Carter, Author, Historian and Curator of Chartwell, the former home of Winston Churchill.

The Atlantic Conferences celebrate Winston Churchill's visit to Madeira, with his wife Clementine, in January 1950. During his brief stay on the island, Churchill devoted part of his time to one

of his greatest passions: painting. He travelled to Câmara de Lobos, seven kilometers west of Funchal, in a Leacock family Rolls Royce. In a corner, at the entrance to the village, he set up his easel and canvas, sat down and painted the bay and the islet. Photographer Raul Perestrelo immortalized the moment and, currently, the place is designated as Miradouro Winston Churchill. By celebrating Churchill's visit to Madeira, the Atlantic Conferences aim to revisit the meaning of his commitment to the Western and European tradition of freedom under the law, which dates back to Athens, Rome and Jerusalem; it is also its purpose to revisit – hoping to better understand – the decisive role that Churchill attributed to the Atlantic Alliance and the maritime tradition of liberty among the English-speaking peoples in the defense of the West.

SPEAKERS



Ana Martinho

Ana Martinho joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1975, and in 1979, the United Nations Permanent Mission in New York. In 1986, she served

as Diplomatic Adviser to the Prime Minister of Portugal and, in 1991, as Chief of Staff to the Minister of Finance. Returning to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1994, she held successive leadership roles, including Director of Services for International Political Organizations, Deputy DirectorGeneral for Communitarian Affairs, Director of the Department of General Administration, and DirectorGeneral for Multilateral Affairs.

She began her duties as Ambassador in 2001, serving at the OECD, in Prague, in Brussels as Principal Advisor to the President of the European Commission, at the OSCE, and later in Vienna. In 2013, she returned to Portugal as SecretaryGeneral of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and President of the National Commission for UNESCO. From 2017 to 2021, she served as Advisor for International Relations to the President of the Portuguese Republic. She contributed to the organization of World Youth Day – Lisbon (2021–2023) in the field of International Relations.

In Universidade Católica Portuguesa she currently collaborates with the Institute for Political Studies (IEP) contributing to its academic life through teaching, mentoring, participation in advanced programmes, and sustained engagement in outreach activities. Within this framework, she has supported the development of projects such as those of the AWA – Association of Women Ambassadors and activities of the AAIEP, including the Dialogues with Diplomats programme. She contributes to the Estoril Political Forum and the Atlantic Conferences. She is actively engaged in Transform for Europe , T4EU, the European Alliance of Universities. In addition, she maintains teaching activities at FCSH-NOVA within the CIEEC programme.



Catarina Leão

Catarina is an LSE Fellow in Advanced Quantitative Methods. She is a political economist working on authoritarian legacies,

democratic erosion, and political extremism, with a focus on both historical and contemporary cases. She holds a D.Phil. (PhD) in Politics from the University of Oxford (2023) and was previously a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at AxPo-CEE, Sciences Po Paris (2023–2025). Her research examines how the economic policies of past autocratic regimes continue to influence contemporary politics, particularly the rise of extremism and democratic polarisation. She also studies how autocratic legacies shape redistribution preferences and public policy attitudes.



Celso Bettencourt

Celso Bettencourt is currently Mayor of Câmara de Lobos. With a degree in Physical Education and Sport, he has worked in the field of social, sporting and community development.

He served as President of the Parish Council of Câmara de Lobos for 12 consecutive years, a period marked by close collaboration and the implementation of structural initiatives for the parish and its population.

He also served as coordinator of the Regional Delegation of ANAFRE - National Association of Parishes for two terms, contributing to the representation of the parishes of the Autonomous Region of Madeira and to the strengthening of local power.

He is also a member of the General Council of the National Association of Portuguese Municipalities and a member of the Executive Council of AMRAM - Association of Municipalities of the Autonomous Region of Madeira.

His public career is guided by the principles of public service, institutional responsibility and commitment to the development of the municipality of Câmara de Lobos and its populations.



Edward Godfrey

Edward Godfrey is chairman of the British Historical Society of Portugal, an organization originally founded in the 1930's and which has about 250 members.

The object of the Society is to study, preserve and publish documents on the shared history of Portugal and Great Britain. The Society organizes lectures, visits and support to cultural-historical institutions, both Portuguese or British.

Edward was brought up in north-west England near Liverpool and graduated in Economic and Social History at the University of Kent in 1969. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant with a leading City of London firm in 1973 and worked with that firm's Lisbon office from 1973 to 1977. After a few years in the UK, he returned to Portugal in 1988.

Edward is particularly interested in the history and role of British families in the economic development of Portugal as well military history. He is a churchwarden of St. George's Anglican Church in Lisbon, founded in the 1600's, and an administrator of the adjacent British Cemetery, founded in 1717. These organisations have substantial archives relating to the British Community and family history, thus complementing the Society's own archives.



Henrique Burnay

Henrique Burnay since 2010 is the owner and senior partner at Eupportunity, the first Portuguese European affairs consultancy firm with an office in Brussels, working to represent entities before the European institutions and to prepare applications for centralized European funding.

Since 2010, he is a guest lecturer in European Public Policy at the Institute of Political Studies of the Portuguese Catholic University. A regular commentator on European and international issues, he was a member of the Café Europa panel on *Rádio Observador* and has been a columnist for the newspaper *Expresso Online* since 2021. Commentator on European Affairs at SIC television and the author of opinion articles in various publications.



Jeremy Black

Jeremy Black is Emeritus Professor of History at Exeter University, Senior Fellow at Policy Exchange and Senior Fellow at the Center for the

Study of America and the West at the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia.

His two major fields of scholarship are military history and the eighteenth-century British history. Recent books include *A Brief History of the Atlantic: War and Technology, Rethinking World War Two* and *England in the Age of Shakespeare*. He has held visiting chairs at a number of American institutions, including West Point, and received the Samuel Eliot Morison Prize from the Society for Military History in 2008.



Guilherme Silva

Guilherme Silva, born in Funchal, Madeira, has a degree in Law from the University of Lisbon.

He worked for the Public Prosecutor's Office between 1968 and 1973, in courts in Portugal and Mozambique. A member of the Bar Association since 1973, he practices law in the areas of civil, commercial, and administrative law.

Guilherme Silva was a member of the Portuguese Parliament from 1987 to 2015, where he held senior positions of parliamentary responsibility. He was Chairman of the Constitutional Affairs Committee, Chairman of the PSD Parliamentary Group, and Vice-President of the Parliament. In 2015, he served as interim President of the Parliament and President of the Republic.

Guilherme Silva has taught university courses in Community Law and Comparative Law. He has served as a consultant to national and regional public and institutional entities.

Guilherme Silva has been actively involved in the political and institutional life of the Autonomous Region of Madeira.

In 2015, Guilherme Silva was awarded the Commendation of the Order of Infante D. Henrique by the President of the Republic.

SPEAKERS



João Carlos Espada

João Carlos Espada is Professor and co-founder (1996) of the Institute for Political Studies at the Catholic University of Portugal, where he is University

professor of Political Studies. He earned his D.Phil from the University of Oxford (1990-94), under the supervision of (Lord) Ralf Dahrendorf, and he taught at Brown, Stanford and Georgetown Universities in the US (1994-96 and 1999/2000) as well as in the College of Europe, Natolin/Warsaw (2011-2013). He is the editor of the quarterly journal *Nova Cidadania* (Est. 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.



Joel Viana

Joel Viana holds a degree in Geography from the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Porto. He worked as a public secondary school teacher from 2000 and was also a trainer in several vocational education

programmes in private professional schools in the Autonomous Region of Madeira.

Since 2021, he has been serving as an advisor to the Executive of the Municipality of Câmara de Lobos, with responsibilities in the coordination and management of European projects. His work includes the participation and coordination of initiatives under programmes such as URBACT, Interreg MAC, the Intelligent Cities Challenge and the European Urban Initiative, with a focus on territorial development, urban innovation and European cooperation.



Joaquim Pinheiro

Joaquim Pinheiro is Full Professor at the University of Madeira and researcher at the Center for Classical and Humanistic Studies at the

University of Coimbra. From June 2021 to September 2025, he was the President of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

He is member of the DIAITA Project – Lusophone Food Heritage (in progress) and, in addition, two projects that in June 2018 were approved for financing by FCT: "Gynecia: Rodericus a Castro Lusitanus and the ancient medical tradition about gynecology and embryology" and "Rome sweet Home: (Auto)biographical Tradition and the Shaping of identity".

His main research focuses on the cultural, literary, and textual analysis of Plutarch's *Vitae* and *Moralia*, and Greek authors of the imperial period. In addition, he has developed works in rhetoric, classical mythology, and political thought in Antiquity.



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 where he served and served for twelve 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 nonresident scholar at Princeton University, where is a member of the Advisory Council of the Liechtenstein Institute. José Manuel Durão Barroso graduated in Law from the University of Lisbon and completed a Master's degree in Political Science at the University of Geneva and other postgraduate degrees in European Studies. He is currently Chairman of International Advisors at Goldman Sachs, Chairman of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and Chairman of the Board of Directors of FLAD, the Luso-American Development Foundation.



Miguel Filipe Machado de Albuquerque

Miguel Filipe Machado de Albuquerque is a Portuguese politician from the Social

Democratic Party in Madeira (PSD), born on May 4, 1961, on the island of Madeira, Portugal.

He has been President of the Regional Government of Madeira, since April 2015, having assumed the role of leader of the Social Democratic Party of Madeira in January of that same year.

He has been President of the National PSD Congress since July 3, 2022.

In the regional elections on March 29, 2015, Albuquerque's centre-right PSD retained power after an overall majority with 44.4% of the vote and winning 24 seats in the regional parliament. It was the 11th consecutive time that the PSD won an absolute majority in Madeira.

Miguel de Albuquerque is a lawyer by profession.

He held the position of Vice-Secretary of the Social Democratic Party from 1992 to 1995, Vice-President of the Regional Parliament from 1994 to 1996 and President of the Funchal City Council between 1994 and 2013.

His hobby is gardening.

The following editions have been published: the collection of published articles "Funchal Sobre a Cidade" - Editora Quetzal (October 1996) and the books "Espelho Múltiplo" Política e Modernidade - Editora Edicarte (February 1999), "Roseiras Antigas de Jardim" - Editora Alétheia (November 2006), "Crónicas de um Lugar Comum" (Chronicles of a common place) - Editora Alétheia (February 2010) and "Winston Churchill na Madeira" - Editora Alétheia (November 2018).

Orlando Samões

Orlando Samões (PhD and MA, IEP – Universidade Católica Portuguesa, BA in Economics, Nova School of Business and Economics - UNL) is associate

professor of the Institute for Political Studies,

Universidade Católica Portuguesa, where he serves as Coordinator of the BA Programme in Political Science and International Relations (IEP-UCP) and as the editor-in-chief of *Nova Cidadania* - Quarterly Journal. He has been teaching also the courses of 'political science' and 'contemporary political thought' as guest professor at Católica School of Business and Economics, Lisbon. His thesis on Adam Smith won the Novak Award 2021 attributed by the Acton Institute.



Raquel Duque

Raquel Duque: PhD in Political Science and International Relations: Security and Defence (IEP-UCP), MA in International Security and

Terrorism (University of Nottingham) and BA in Political Science and International Relations

(FCSH-UNL). She has developed research and academic studies at St Antony's College (University of Oxford) and Sciences Po, Paris. She is an Assistant Professor at the Institute for Political Studies of Universidade Católica Portuguesa. She is an integrated researcher at CIEP/UCP. She is a National Defence and Civil Crisis Management auditor for the National Defence Institute. She is the author of several national and international academic publications and has spoken at various conferences in Portugal and abroad. She participates as a specialist in International Relations in the media.



Ricardo Vieira

Ricardo Vieira is a Lawyer and specialist in Administrative Law at Abreu Advogados Madeira, with a career strongly marked by civic and political involvement.

He was a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region of Madeira for two terms (1985 –1996 and 2015–2017), where he played an important role in the areas of Public Law and regional administrative organisation. He also served as a Councillor at the Funchal City Council (2005–2009) and was a member of the Funchal Municipal Assembly.

Alongside his political activity, he has a well-established career as a lawyer and lecturer in the field of Administrative Law, with a special focus on relations between Public Administration, local government and the legal and institutional framework."

ONLINE EXHIBITION



CHURCHILL AND MADEIRA: 75 YEARS AGO

This exhibition is a unique online collaboration between the Churchill Archives Centre (CAC) and the Madeira Archives and Library (MAL). It brings together photographs of Churchill's 1950 visit, kept in Madeira, with documents from Churchill's own papers. Documents from Churchill's own papers are reproduced with permission of Curtis Brown, London on behalf of Portland Churchill Ltd.
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