

OUR SPEAKERS

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Sebastião Dâmaso de Andrade has a background in Psychology and Political Science, specializing in Political Psychology, communication, body language and human behaviour. His work explores how psychological predispositions, evolutionary mechanisms, nonverbal cues and styles of communication shape social perception, political attitudes and collective behaviour. His current research connects personality, ideology, political disenchantment and the psychological foundations of receptivity to rupture-oriented political messages. Alongside his academic work, he is involved in cultural and entrepreneurial projects related to event production and digital solutions.

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Barbosa, Suzi



Suzi Barbosa is a Bissau-Guinean politician, currently a member of the Spain-Africa Strategic Council since 2025. She served as Special Advisor to the President of the Republic, Umaro Sissoco Embaló, for Foreign Policy from 2023 to 2024. She was Minister of State and Foreign Affairs from 2019 to 2023, having been appointed Minister four times. Previously, she served as Secretary of State for International Cooperation from 2015 to 2016. Before that, she was the Diplomatic and Political Advisor to Prime Minister Aristides Gomes from 2018 to 2019. She was an elected Member of Parliament for three terms and also President of the Women Parliamentarians Network of Guinea-Bissau.

She is a PhD candidate in African Studies in Portugal. In 2025, she was decorated by the Spanish government with the Order of Merit "Isabel la Católica". Suzi Barbosa was a member of parliament and President of the Women Parliamentarians Network of Guinea-Bissau.

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Becker-Weinberg, Vasco



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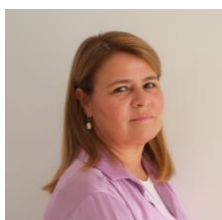
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Godfrey, Edward



Gomes, Tomé Ribeiro



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Archil holds academic degrees in mathematical modeling, cybersecurity, and information technologies, and has spent nearly two decades leading successful initiatives in the technology and private sectors. He is the founder of several technology startups in Georgia and has been actively engaged in fostering collaboration between academia, industry, and

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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.

Koç, Haldun



Haldun Koç took office as Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Lisbon in April 2024. He is a career diplomat who held different positions at the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and on missions abroad: at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Türkiye to the United Nations in Vienna; at the Consulate-General in Plovdiv, Bulgaria; at the Embassy in Athens, Greece; at the Consulate-General in Barcelona, Spain; and as Ambassador to Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Leandro, Francisco José



Mach, Zdzislaw



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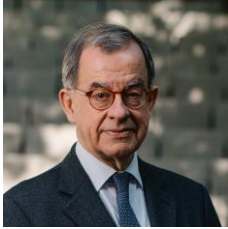
Martinho, Ana



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If Russia Wins was an immediate #1 bestseller upon publication in Germany and has since become a bestseller in the Netherlands. It is forthcoming in fourteen territories around the world.

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Georgia: Politics, Economy and Society“, in: Galina M. Yemelianova and Laurence Broers (Eds), Routledge Handbook of the Caucasus (Oxon, New York: Routledge, 2020), and “The Uncertain State of Georgia’s Democracy” (Brussels: CEPS, 2020).

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She published a monograph on the Europeanization of heritage in museums “The Invisible Hand of Europe. The Museum as a Civilising Agent”, (Peter Lang, 2020), currently involved in research about populism, religion and collective memory formation.

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Plattner, Marc



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Ms. Racicot then worked on the integration of the Montréal regional office into the department's national network; this was followed by 3 assignments in Brazil, including as head of mission for Quebec and, recently, as the senior trade commissioner for Canada's Brazilian mission platform. She also served for several years on the global council of the Canadian Trade Commissioner Service. She has served in various capacities at Headquarters, including in the areas of small and medium-sized enterprise export diversification, climate change, clean development finance and intergovernmental relations. She was also involved in the development of a mentoring program, aimed at equity, for women diplomats.

Ramos, António Fontes



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He graduated from the Faculty of Law of the New University of Lisbon (2006) and obtained an LL.M. (2007) and a Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) (2012) from Harvard Law School. Professor Almeida Ribeiro is the author of dozens of books and articles, including *The Decline of Private Law* (Hart Publishing, 2019), *Fundamental Rights* (UCP Press, 2025), and *Constitutionalism in Postmodernity (O Constitucionalismo na Pós-Modernidade)* (UCP Editora, 2025). He has delivered hundreds of lectures and conference papers at Portuguese and foreign institutions. Among other distinctions for academic achievement, he received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Student Teaching from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government (2010) and the Mancini Prize for the Best Work in European Legal Thought from Harvard Law School (2013).

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educational backgrounds, ages, and interests. As a specialist in planning and strategic assessment in different economic sectors, she has coordinated and edited various consultancy studies, publications, including peer-reviewed ones. She is a researcher at CIEP and the Portuguese Ocean and Atmosphere Institute. Her research focus is Blue Economy; blue geopolitics and governance; EU maritime policies; EU integration process, geopolitics and foresight.

Roças, Daniel



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Samões, Orlando



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Sampaio, Nuno

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