

Curriculum Vitae

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1. POLITICAL OUTCOMES

As policy-maker (Minister of Employment of PM A. Guterres, Special Advisor to the EU Presidencies and to the European Commission, Member of the European Parliament and Vice-President of the S&D Group), my main political outcomes were reached on the following topics:

- The EU development strategy – the EU “Lisbon Strategy” for Growth and Jobs – with new policy orientations for industrial, information society, research, innovation, education, employment, social protection, environment and regional policies (2000-2010). The follow-up with the EU2020 strategy.
- The EU Lisbon Treaty, final negotiation team (2007), follow-up of the Conference on the Future of Europe (2021-)
- Dialogues for sustainable development with the EU strategic partners: USA, China, India, Russia, South Africa and Brazil (2007- 2012). The EU Declaration on Globalization adopted by the European Council (2007).
- The new phase of the Erasmus Programme (2008). The European initiative “New Skills for New Jobs” (2009).
- The responses to the Euro-zone crisis (2008-19)
- The Economic Policy for Recovery (2014-2017,2020-)
- The European Employment Strategy (1997) and the European Pillar of Social Rights (2016-2020).
- The Roadmap for the European Union and the Commission Work Programme (2015-2018, 2024)
- Proposals for the reform of the United Nations system, the implementation of the SDGs Agenda and the Pact for the Future(2020-24)

2. ROLES AND ACTIVITIES

- Chair of the Board of Re-Imagine Europa, Brussels (2022-)
- Member of the T-20 International Advisory Council G-20 (2024-)
- Member of the Club of Rome (2024-) and Member of the Conclave- EuropaNova, Paris (2023-)
- Member of Assessment Board of the Europaeum PhD Programme, Oxford University
- Full Professor of Economics Emeritus at the Lisbon University Institute, IIUL-ISCTE (1997-)
- President of FEPS, Foundation for European Progressive Studies, Brussels, elected by the Member Foundations from the EU Member States (2017-2025)
- Member of the High- Level Group on Democracy, European Committee of the Regions, Conference on the Future of Europe (2021-2022) Member of the Advisory Board of the European Policy Centre, Brussels (2007-2024)
- Member of the Advisory Board of *Notre Europe*, association created by Jacques Delors, Paris (1997- 2020)
- Vice-President of the S&D Group for general coordination and interface with the other EU Institutions (2017-19). Vice-President of the S&D Group for Economic and Social Policies (2014-2016).Member of the European Parliament working with the Committees for Economic and for Social Affairs (2014-19)
- Economic rapporteur in the ESPAS, European Strategic Planning and Analysis System (2010-11)
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Consortium *New Pact for Europe*, King Baudoin Foundation(2012-14)
- Bertelsmann Foundation, Gulbenkian Foundation, La Caixa, Nordon, Network of European Foundations (2011-14).
- Maitre de conférences of European Economic Policies at the Institute for European Studies, *Université Libre de Bruxelles* (2009-14)
- Coordinator of the Project “Dialogues for Sustainable Development” bridging between the EU and Brazil, Russia, India and China, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, (2007-2008).
- President of the High-Level Group on Mobility in Europe (Erasmus), European Commission (2008).
- Special Advisor to the Portuguese Prime Minister for the European Union Presidency dealing with the Lisbon Treaty, the Lisbon Strategy and the EU Summits with Africa, China, India, Russia and Brazil (2007).
- Coordinator of the European Commission’s Project “Innovation, Skills and Jobs” (2006-2007).
- Special Advisor to the European Commission on the EU Lisbon Agenda for Growth (2005-2007).
- Special Advisor to the Luxembourg Presidency of the European Union for the Mid-term Review of the Lisbon Strategy (2005).
- President of the European Commission’s Advisory Group for Social Sciences, 6th Framework Programme for R&D (2002-2006).
- Advisor to the Brazilian Government in missions organised by the United Nations Development Programme (2003-2005) and by the European Union (2006-2007) on strategic planning for sustainable development
- Member of the Group for Economic Analysis supporting the President of the European Commission (2003-2004).
- Member of the High-Level Group on the Future of European Social Policies, European Commission (2003-2004).
- Member of the High-Level Group on Information Society, European Commission (2003-2004).
- Member of the European Employment Task Force, European Commission (2002).
- General Coordinator of the PROINOV (National Programme for Innovation), Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Portugal (2001-2002).
- General rapporteur for the Global Employment Forum, ILO, United Nations (2001).
- Coordinator of the Lisbon European Council and of the action line of the Portuguese Presidency of the European Union

- which defined the European economic and social strategy (2000).
- Member of the OECD network of government long-term strategists (2000)
- President of the High-Level Group on Industrial Relations and Change, European Commission (2000-2001).
- Special Advisor to the Prime Minister and Head of the PM's Forward Studies Unit and in charge of preparing the EU Presidency (1998-2002).
- Minister for Employment and Training in Portugal: reorganisation of the vocational training system, modernisation of the employment services and negotiation of the social agreements to reach 40 hours week and the strategic agreement for Eurozone membership (1995-1997).
- **ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**
- Degree in Sociology, Lisbon University Institute (ISCTE-IUL).
- 3 Master Degrees in Economics with different specialisations, University of Paris I (Sorbonne).
- *Doctorat en Science Economique* (PhD), University of Paris I (Sorbonne).
- Aggregation in Economics, Lisbon University Institute (ISCTE-IUL).
- **AWARDS**
- Gulbenkian Science and Technology National Award in Portugal, 1986 for her PhD thesis on the Employment System
- Nominated for the Gaetan Pirou Award (Economic Science Award given by French universities at national level), 1986.
- Highly mentioned in the Boa Esperança Science and Technology Award in Portugal, 1992.
- *Légion d'Honneur – Chevalier* of the French Republic for her role in the European integration and the EU Lisbon Strategy for Growth and Jobs, 2005. Promotion to the degree of *Officier* for her role in the EU Presidency and the Lisbon Treaty, 2008.
- *Ordre de la Couronne de Chêne au grade de Commandeur* of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg for her contribution to the promotion of social Europe, 2000.
- *Ordem do Infante Dom Henrique*, Grand Official of the Portuguese Republic for her academic and public service functions and for her European contribution, 2003.
- **PUBLICATIONS**
- Author of more than one hundred publications, notably the books:
- ***O Sistema de Emprego em Portugal – Crise e Mutações***, D. Quixote Publications: Lisbon, several editions: 1988 and 1992 (Gulbenkian Science Award, 1986). [*The Employment System in Portugal – Crisis and Change*]
- ***Competitividade e Recursos Humanos – Dilemas de Portugal na Construção Europeia***, D. Quixote Publications: Lisbon, several editions: 1991, 1994 and 1998 (Highly mentioned in the Boa Esperança Science and Technology Award). [*Competitiveness and Human Resources – Portugal dilemmas facing Europe*]
- ***Políticas de Reestruturação, Emprego e Desenvolvimento Regional*** (eds), IEFP: Lisbon, 1994. [*Restructuring Policies, Employment and Regional Development*]
- ***The New Knowledge Economy in Europe – A Strategy for International Competitiveness and Social Cohesion*** (ed) in collaboration with R. Boyer, M. Castells, G. Esping-Andersen, R. Lindley, B.Å. Lundvall, L. Soete, M. Telò and M. Tomlinson, Edward Elgar: Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA, 2002.
- ***Para uma Política de Inovação em Portugal*** (ed) in collaboration with M.M. Godinho and A. Neves, D. Quixote Publications: Lisbon, 2003. [*For the Innovation Policy in Portugal*]
- ***European Policies for a Knowledge Economy***, Edward Elgar: Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA, 2003. Portuguese translation: ***A Agenda Económica e Social da União Europeia – A Estratégia de Lisboa***, D. Quixote Publications: Lisbon, 2004.
- ***EU Research on Social Sciences and Humanities: Social Sciences in the European Research Area – For the Development of the Research Agenda*** (ed) in collaboration with Á. Török, B. Laffan, C. Keyder, C. Crouch, D. Gallie, H. Wallace, J. Heinen, K. Vaitisos, L. Kolarska-Bobinska, L. Soete, M. Telò, M. Godelier, T. Meyer and T. Burns, European Commission: Brussels, 2007.
- ***Perspectives on Employment and Social Policy Coordination in the European Union*** (ed) in collaboration with J. Berghman, C. Erhel, B. Gazier, J. Goetschy, A. Hemerijck, E. Lorenz, R. O'Donnell, C. Porte, G. Schmid, P.A. Silva, R. Wilson and J. Zeitlin, Ministério do Trabalho e da Solidariedade Social: Lisbon, 2007.
- ***Europe, Globalization and the Lisbon Agenda*** (ed) in collaboration with L. Soete, J. Goetschy, P.C. Padoan, R. Boyer, J. Berghman, A. Török, B.Å. Lundvall, B. Coriat, M. Telò, I. Begg and W. Drechsler, Edward Elgar: Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA, 2009.
- ***Europe is Still Possible***, Xlibris-Penguin Group, UK and USA, 2013. Portuguese translation A Europa ainda é possível, Lisboa , Presença, 2013
- ***Eurozone Crisis and the Transformation of the EU Governance***, 2014, edited with Eleni Xiarchogiannopoulou, Ashgate,
- ***A New Pact for Europe***, 2013, co-author with Janis A. Emmanouilidis (rapporteur), Pavol Demeš Thomas Fischer, Giovanni Grevi, Guillaume Klossa, Péter Kréko, Anne-Marie Le Gloannec, Robert Menasse, Henning Meyer, Alina Mungiu-Pippidi, Markus Österlund, George Pagoulatos, Paweł Świeboda and José Ignacio Torreblanca
- ***Renewing Multilateralism for the 21st Century: the Role of the United Nations and of the European Union***, FEPS & IAI, 2020 (eds) in collaboration with Ettore Greco, Fernando Nelli Feroci & Nicoletta Pirozzi, and with the collaboration of H. Giusto and S. Pfeil
- ***Our European Future***, FEPS, 2021 (ed) with the collaboration of François Balaté et al, available editions also in French, German, Spanish
- ***A New Global Deal- Reforming World Governance*** (ed) with the collaboration of Azita Berar, Joannah Berstein, Céline Charveriat, David Collste, Stefan Collignon, Sandrine Dixson-Declève Enrico Giovannini, Arancha Gonzalez Laya, Paolo Guerreri, Francesco Lapenta, Jo Leinen, Pier Carlo Padoan, Christian Salm, Nathalie Spittler, Gerhard Stahl and Rober Sweeney
- **CONFERENCES**
- Participation in more than one thousand conferences as a keynote speaker taking place, for example, in:
- **Athens, Barcelona, Beijing, Berlin, Boston, Brazilia, Bruges, Brussels, Dublin, Frankfurt, Geneva, Helsinki, Kyoto, London, Ljubljana, Paris, Prague, Pretoria, Rome, Sao Paulo, Uppsala, Vienna, Washington and Warsaw**.