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Notas Biográficas / Speaker's Biographical information

Quinta-feira, 7 de setembro | Thursday, September 7th

Round table “EU-NATO Relations: A New Atlantic Century?”

Alana Mocerí, IE University (SP) – Alana Mocerí is an international relations analyst, writer, and professor at IE University's School of Politics, Economics and Global Affairs. Her main areas of expertise are politics and communication in the United States, EU, and Spain, including public diplomacy, global governance, electoral campaigns, public opinion, disinformation campaigns and grassroots and transnational activism. She is a World Politics Review featured analyst, and a regular contributor to the leading Spanish daily *El País*, and the foreign affairs publication *esglobal*, among others. She has also appeared on numerous television and radio programs around the world, and has given guest lectures and seminars in Spain, the United States, and Germany. She has a degree in Political Science from UCLA and a Master's in Politics and Democracy from UNED

Ana Isabel Xavier, CEI-Iscte and UAL, (PT) – Ana Isabel Xavier is an associate Professor at Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa (UAL) and Guest Professor at ISCTE-IUL. Full Researcher at Center for International Studies (CEI-IUL) and a member of the Board of the Portuguese Atlantic Commission. From March 2015 to February 2017, she served as Deputy Director General of National Defense Policy at the Directorate General of National Defense Policy and was awarded with the Cruz del Mérito Aeronáutico con Distintivo Blanco by the Government of Spain (August 2016) and the Medal of First Class National Defense by the Government of Portugal (December 2017). She is an analyst for international affairs in RTP.

Licinia Simão, University of Coimbra (PT) – Licinia Simão is Assistant Professor at the School of Economics, University of Coimbra, teaching International Relations and Researcher at the Centre for Social Studies. From 2018 to 2023 she served as an advisor to the Portuguese Minister of Defense, where she coordinated the Atlantic Centre initiative. Her research interests include foreign policy analysis and security studies, with a focus on European

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foreign, security and defense policies, political transition and conflict management in the former-Soviet republics, as well as security dynamics in the Atlantic.

Sexta-feira, 8 de setembro | Friday, September 8th

Panel 1 – Narrativas Insulares | Island Narratives

Edgardo Medeiros da Silva, ISCSP, Univ. Lisboa (PT) – Edgardo Medeiros da Silva is assistant professor of English at the School of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Lisbon and a researcher with ULICES – The University of Lisbon Centre for English Studies. His research interests revolve around American political history and culture, Luso-American relations, and the writings of Henry Adams. He is a fellow of the Salzburg Global Seminar on American Studies and a member of the Portuguese Association for Anglo-American Studies.

Andrea Vacha, CIES-Iscte (PT) – Andrea Vacha holds a master's degree in sociology from the Università degli Studi di Torino and a master's degree in management of development from the ITC I.L.O. In 2014 he worked as a project manager for a NGO in Chibuto, Mozambique: that's when he became interested in the history of Gaza Kingdom. During 2022, he was a guest student at the Pedagogical University of Maputo and at Arpac, Mozambique's socio-cultural research institute. He is currently a PhD candidate in contemporary history at Iscte-IUL in Lisbon and a FCT scholarship holder.

Timothy D. Walker, U. Mass.-Dartmouth (EUA) – Timothy D. Walker (B.A., Hiram College, 1986; M.A., Ph.D., Boston University, 2001) is Professor of History at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, where he serves on the Executive Board of the Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture. He is a scholar of maritime history, colonial overseas expansion, and trans-oceanic slave trading, and is an Affiliated Researcher of the Centro de História d'Aquém e d'Além-Mar (CHAM); Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal. Walker was a visiting professor at the Universidade Aberta in Lisbon (1994–2003) and at Brown University (2010). He is the recipient of a Fulbright dissertation fellowship to Portugal (1996–1997), a doctoral research fellowship from the Portuguese Camões Institute (1995–1996), and a NEH-funded American Institute for Indian Studies Professional Development Grant for post-doctoral work in Goa, India (2000–2002). Walker has also been named a fellow of the Portuguese Orient Foundation (Fundação Oriente), the Luso-American Development Foundation (2003 & 2008), and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (2010–2011). In 2018 Walker was appointed a Guest Investigator of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, drawing historic climate data from archived whaling logbooks, Portuguese colonial, and other maritime documentation. He has taught maritime history aboard numerous traditionally-rigged sailing vessels, is a contributing faculty member of the Munson Institute of Maritime Studies, and Director of the NEH "Landmarks in American History" workshops series, titled "Sailing to Freedom: New Bedford and the Underground Railroad" (2011–2022).

Panel 2 – Diásporas Atlânticas | Atlantic Diasporas

Dulce Scott, Anderson University (EUA) – Dulce Maria Scott, professor of sociology and criminal justice at Anderson University, USA, holds a Master's degree in Political Science and a PhD in sociology from Brown University, USA. She is chair of the Department of Social Work and Criminal Justice and director of the Criminal Justice Program. Her research and publications have focused on race, ethnicity, migrations, and diasporas. She has published extensively on Portuguese American ethnic communities. She is the co-executive editor of a book series, *Interdisciplinary Diaspora Studies*, with Peter Lang Academic Publishing and she is co-executive editor of the *Interdisciplinary Journal of Portuguese Diaspora Studies*. She is a research consultant and seats on the Advisory Board of the Portuguese American Leadership Council of the United States (PALCUS). She is immediate past president of the Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences (IASS).

Diniz Borges, California State University (EUA) – Diniz Borges was born in Praia da Vitória, Terceira Island, Azores. At 10, he emigrated with his parents to the United States. He currently teaches and researcher at California State University, Fresno, where he founded and directs **the Portuguese Beyond Borders Institute (PBBi)**, which has instituted several projects related to the Azores and the Diaspora. He is a member of several Diaspora organizations and president of the California Portuguese-American Coalition (CPAC), dedicated to the election of Azorean descendants to public office and greater civic participation by our Diaspora in California. He is co-moderator of the PALCUS webinar series *Our Voices: Portuguese Experiences in the U.S.* and the PALITICUS podcast on American politics from a Portuguese-American perspective. He is the author of several books dedicated to political and cultural analysis of the USA and our Azorean diaspora in the American world. Diniz Borges has just published the bilingual anthology of poetry ***Into the Azorean Sea***. He has published in various Azorean and Diaspora newspapers, magazines, and academic journals on topics related to the Diaspora, such as integration, acculturation, and identities, as well as literary analysis. He has received several distinctions, including California Foreign Language Teacher of the Year in 2017, the only time this annual award has gone to a Portuguese language teacher in California.

Daniela Melo, Boston University (EUA) – Daniela Melo holds a Ph.D. and Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of Connecticut, and a Bachelor of Arts with a major in International Relations and a major in Italian from Connecticut College. Melo is a Fulbright scholar and has been the recipient of fellowships from the Tinker Foundation and the Luso-American Development Foundation. She is currently a lecturer in the division of Social Sciences at Boston University. Her research occupies the intersection of three areas of study: social movements and activism, gender studies, and European politics. Melo's work has been published in various journals including *Social Movements Studies*, the *Journal of Women in Politics & Policy*, *Foreign Policy Analysis* and *Comparative European Politics*. She is currently editing a book with Paul Manuel (American University) titled "After the Carnation Revolution: Social Movements in Portugal since 25 April 1974." The volume is forthcoming with Liverpool University Press.

Panel 3 – Os Açores na Política Atlântica | The Azores in Atlantic Politics

Tomé Ribeiro Gomes, CEI-Iscte (PT) – Tomé Ribeiro Gomes holds a BA in Political Science and International Relations from Nova University of Lisbon and an MA in Governance, Leadership and Democracy Studies from the Catholic University of Lisbon. He has worked at the Consulate General of Portugal in London and Agência para a Modernização Administrativa in Lisbon. He is currently a PhD candidate researching the strategic relevance of the Azores in the History, Security Studies and Defense programme at ISCTE-IUL, Lisbon.

Paulo Fontes, CEHu-Univ Açores (PT) – Paulo Vitorino Fontes holds a PhD in Legal-Political Theory and International Relations (summa cum laude) from the University of Évora in 2016. He has a bachelor's and master's degree in sociology from the University of the Azores. He has been an Assistant Professor at the University of the Azores since 2021, is an integrated member of the Centre for Humanistic Studies at the same University and an integrated member of the Research Centre in Political Science at the Universities of Minho and Évora.

Nuno Santos Lopes, CEHu-UAc, IPRI-NOVA and OP-ISCSP (PT) – Nuno Santos Lopes is a PhD Candidate in International Relations, at FCSH-NOVA University of Lisbon, financed by a PhD Research Studentship from IPRI-NOVA/FCT. Holds a MA in Political Science and IR from FCSH-NOVA (2016) and a BA from the University of the Azores (2013). Invited Lecturer at FCSH-University of the Azores since 2019. Researcher at IPRI-NOVA (2022), CEHu-UAc (2019) and OP-ISCSP (2016). Research areas: Azores; European Studies; Geopolitics; UN.

Panel 4 – Geopolítica Atlântica | Atlantic Geopolitics

Ana Azevedo, IEP, Univ. Católica (PT) – Ana Azevedo is a PhD candidate in Political Science & International Relations, Researcher at Institute for Political Studies – Research Line on Maritime Affairs in Catholic University (UCP). MA in European Studies – UCP. Major in Law, Universidade de Lisboa. IDN Auditor – CDN and Intensive Security and Defense Course Azores. Teacher of 'Cultural Plurality and State Identity' and 'Electoral Processes, Citizenship and Political Culture', UNESCO – EDUWELL Postgrad. on Social and Human Sciences. Co-coordinator of the research lines: Democratic Culture & Civic Conscience; Ethics in times of crisis (Universidade de Coimbra – VCC). Extensive professional experience in the financial area, namely in risk, project and auditing management, and teaching.

Cátia Miriam Costa, CEI-Iscte (PT) – Cátia Miriam Costa is a researcher at the Centre for International Studies (ISCTE-IUL) and an invited professor at the same university. She is the director of the Global Ibero-America Chair at the European Institute for International Studies. She has participated as a researcher and coordinated several international projects. She has published articles and book chapters in international journals and publishing houses. Her research areas are governance/ocean governance, sea and globalization, diplomacy, international communication, discourse analysis, and China and East Asia.

Sandra Balão, CAPP, ISCSP-ULisboa & CID-IUM (PT) – Sandra Maria Rodrigues Balão holds a Master and a PhD Degree from the Higher Institute for Social and Political Sciences (School of Social and Political Sciences), University of Lisbon (ISCSP-ULisboa). Her main areas of interest are: Globalization and Military Strategic Studies; The International System and its [New] Public and Private, Single or Collective Actors; Multilevel Power Politics; Foreign Policy; Geopolitics; Global Studies; Elite Theory; Governance and Democracy and State Studies. She has been focusing her Area Study interests in the Arctic (security challenges in a broad sense) with a focus in the EU strategy for the Arctic Region, as well as in the USA & NATO Areas. She teaches both undergraduate and graduate Political Science, Strategic and International Relations Studies' Courses. She is an integrated researcher in CAPP (Center for Administration and Public Policies), where she is Vice President (Scientific Policy) and a cooperative researcher in IO (Eastern Issues Institute).

Panel 5 – Atlantic Security and Technology

Alexandre Moreli, IRI, Universidade de São Paulo (BR) – Alexandre Moreli is Associate Professor of the Institute of International Relations at University of São Paulo, Brazil. Moreli completed his Ph.D. at Université Paris 1 – Panthéon-Sorbonne in 2012. A specialist in international and transatlantic history, his work has been published in *International History Review*, *American Historical Review* and *Diplomatic History* and in several anthologies.

António Alexandre, CIDIUM-IUM (PT) – António Gonçalves Alexandre is a Captain in the Portuguese Navy (in reserve) and received a Ph.D. in international relations from NOVA University of Lisbon – School of Social Sciences and Humanities. He is an associate researcher at the Research and Development Centre of the Portuguese Military University Institute, and regularly collaborates with NOVA-FCSH, the Portuguese Military University Institute and the Portuguese National Defense Institute.

Paulo Quental, Azores Mission Structure for Space (PT) – A native of the Azores, 32 years old and holds a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. At the moment, he is the Coordinator of the Azores Mission Structure for Space, responsible for the coordination with the Portuguese Space Agency and other stakeholders, to attract space projects and develop the space sector in the Azores. His previous experience includes teaching and researching at the Technical University of Lisbon, technological companies, where we worked in project management, production management and energy production. Joined the Portuguese Space Agency in 2021, carrying out project management duties in the field of space transportation and access to space. He is also involved in the development and analysis of opportunities in the national and international space sector, supervising activity licensing, financing, and strategic definition processes in space access projects, such as launchers, propulsion systems and stratospheric platforms.