



Brief Curriculum Vitae of Alvaro de Vasconcelos

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Alvaro de Vasconcelos was Born in Porto, in 1944. Founder of the Institute for Strategic and International Studies in Lisbon (IEEI) in 1981 in which he served in the double capacity of chairman of the governing board and director since the institute was established.

He has served as special advisor to the Portuguese government on defence and home affairs, and published abundantly on European and international politics. He is author and co-editor of many books, articles and reports, notably in the areas of EU common foreign and security policy and on the world order, such as *Portugal: A European Story*, *La PESC: Ouvrir l'Europe au Monde*, *The European Union*, *Mercosul and the New World Order*, and *A European Strategy for the Mediterranean*.

He has been a regular and early collaborator of the Western European Union (WEU) ISS - later to become the EU ISS - where he contributed to a number of *Chaillot Papers*. He serves on the editorial and advisory boards of several European specialised journals and policy research institutes.

He took up several lecturing and teaching engagements in European and American Universities and has taken part in many conferences as a speaker and key-note speaker.

He is also a regular contributor to the Portuguese written press, radio and television, and a frequent contributor to the European press. His syndicated articles appear in many reference newspapers worldwide.

As a result of his research and networking activity, he has been involved in a number of European and extra-European network projects, and has notably served on the Board of the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), the Steering Group of the European Foreign Policy Research Network (FORNET) and EU-CONSENT. He is a co-organiser of the Euro-Latin American Forum, a member of the Directing Board of the ObREAL EU-Latin American relations network, and the convenor of the GARNET Latin-American activities.

Over the past ten years his network-managing activities have increasingly been absorbed by the coordination of EuroMeSCo, the 50-member strong Euro-Mediterranean network of foreign and security policy research. His responsibilities in EuroMeSCo's governing bodies have included the relationship with the Senior Officials' Committee, the European Commission and the Council, as well as the organisation of the network's major events and activities.
