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Master in juridical-political Sciences by the faculty of law of the University of Coimbra, wrote and defended the thesis «A Nova Fronteira da Transparência: o caso do Freedom of Information Act». University professor in the faculty of law, Lisbon.

He was Secretary of State for Internal Administration between 2005 and 2009, being responsible for the creation and implementation of the Public Safety Technological Plan, the creation of the National Internal Security Network and several strategic IT/IS projects for the modernization and innovation of Public Safety in Portugal.

He was Parliamentary assessor between 1977 and 1983. Deputy of the Parliament in the IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and IX Legislature, in representation of the PCP (1983-1990), as independent deputy of the Parliament after politics rupture (1990-1991) and as independent deputy in the lists of the Socialist Party (1991-1999), adhering to the PS in January of 1999.

Member of Parliamentary Committee of Constitutional Subjects, Rights, Freedoms and Guarantees, had systematic intervention in the legislative reforms in the areas of justice and internal security and in the processes of constitutional revision. He helped to stimulate the TV Parliament Channel and to place to the service of the parliamentary activity, new technologies of information and communication.

He was Vice-president of the Parliamentary Group of the PS from VII to the X Legislature (1992-2005), with exception of the period while he held the functions of Secretary of State of the Parliamentary Subjects of XIV the Constitutional Government (September 2000 - April 2002).

Member of CADA (Commission of Access to Administrative Documents) elect for the Parliament (1994-2000).

Analyst and Politician Commentator. Member of the permanent panel of the Program «Flashback» (1989-2003) and «Quadratura do Círculo» (2004-2005). He developed activities of international consultant for the definition of strategies of open Administration and deepening of the democracy in the digital age.

He published:

«Dicionário da Revisão Constitucional», Ed. Europe-America, 1989.

«Rumo ao Espaço Comum Informativo?», Coimbra Publishing company, 1991.

«Roteiro Prático da Internet», Ed. Quetzal Publishing, Lisbon, 1995 and 1996 (with CD-ROM).

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«Homo S@piens - Cenas da vida no ciberespaço» - Ed. Quetzal, 2000
Constituição da República Portuguesa, ed. organizada e comentada, Ed. News, 2001.
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«Eficácia e Transparência do Parlamento na Era Digital – Contribuição para uma estratégia de aproximação entre a Assembleia Nacional de Cabo Verde e os cidadãos», 2004.

Published several articles in law journals and of social sciences and kept regular contribution in the generalist press and computer science (including the column «ciberscópico.pt»).

Government Roles:

- From 2007-05-17 to 2009-09-27 Secretary of State Assistant and for Internal Administration of the XVII Governo Constitucional
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- From 2000-09-18 to 2002-04-06 Secretary of State for Parliament Affairs of the XIV Governo Constitucional