

Francisco Seixas da Costa

Born 1948, Vila Real, Portugal

Degree in Political and Social Sciences, Lisbon University (1971)

Portuguese career diplomat (1975-2013)

Portuguese Secretary of State for European Affairs (1995-2001)

University professor, Private sector director and consultant (since 2013)

Professional biography

1971/75 – Caixa Geral de Depósitos

1975/2013 - Career diplomat, Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1979/82 - Embassy of Portugal, Oslo

1982/86 - Embassy of Portugal, Luanda

1986/87 - Head of Division, European Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lisbon

1987/90 - Adviser to the Secretary of State for Development Co-operation, Lisbon

1990/94 - Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Portugal, London

1994/95 - Deputy Director-General for European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lisbon

1995/01 - Secretary of State for European Affairs, Portuguese government, Lisbon

2001/02 - Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York

2002/04 - Permanent Representative to the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Vienna

2004/08 - Ambassador to Brazil, Brasília

2009/13 - Ambassador to France, Paris. Since 2010, also to Monaco, and, since

2012, also Permanent Representative to UNESCO

2013/2014 - Executive Director of the North-South Centre, Council of Europe

Other functions

1987/89 - Portuguese chief negotiator of Lomé IV convention

1990/93 - Deputy permanent representative to the Western European Union (WEU)

1995/2001 - Head of Portuguese ministerial delegations to the Council of Europe, the Organisation for Economic and Development Co-operation (OECD), the Western European Union (WEU), the Schengen Agreement and the World Trade Organisation (WTO) (since 1996)

1995/97 - Portuguese chief negotiator of the EU Amsterdam Treaty

1997 - President of the Committee of Ministers of the Schengen Agreement

2000 - President of the Council of Ministers of the EU Internal Market

2000 - Portuguese chief negotiator of the EU Nice Treaty

2001 - Vice-president of the UN Economic and Social Council

2001/02 - Chairman of the Economic and Financial affairs Committee of the UN General Assembly

2002- Vice-president of the UN General Assembly

2002 - President of the Permanent Council of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europa (OSCE)

2009/2013 - President of the General Council of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro University (UTAD)

2011/2013 - Member of the General Council of Guimarães - European Capital of Culture
2013 - Member of the Board of Directors, Beleggingsmaatschappij Tand BV, Amsterdam
2013/2015 - Columnist, *Diário Económico*

Current functions

Since 2010 - Member of the Consultative Council, School of Economics, University of Coimbra
Since 2010 - Member of the Consultative Council, Janus - Journal of International Relations
Since 2013 - Member of the General Council, FCSH, Universidade Nova de Lisboa
Since 2013 - Chairman of the Consultative Council, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Delegation in Paris
Since 2013 - Independent Non-Executive Director, Jeronimo Martins SGPS SA
Since 2013 - Member of the Committee on Corporate Governance and Corporate Responsibility, Jerónimo Martins SGPS SA
Since 2013 - Member of the Supervisory Board, Warta - Retail & Services Investments BV
Since 2013 - Member of the Strategic Council, Mota-Engil SGPS SA
Since 2014 - Independent Non-Executive Director, Mota-Engil Africa NV
Since 2014 - Chairman of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, Mota-Engil Africa NV
Since 2014 - Member of the Audit Committee, Mota-Engil Africa NV
Since 2014 - Invited professor, Universidade Autónoma, Lisboa
Since 2015 - Invited professor, Universidade Europeia, Lisboa
Since 2015 - Columnist, *Jornal de Notícias*
Since 2016 - Columnist, *Jornal de Negócios*

Bibliography

O Caso República, António Pinto Rodrigues, Lisbon, 1975
Diplomacia Europeia - Instituições, Alargamento e o Futuro da União, , Lisbon, 2002
Uma Segunda Opinião - Notas de Política Externa e Diplomacia, Lisbon, 2006
As Vésperas e a Alvorada de Abril, Brasília, 2007
Tanto Mar? - Portugal, o Brasil e a Europa, Brasília, 2008
Apontamentos diplomáticos, Lisbon, 2009