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Graduated in Economics from ISEG ("Instituto Superior de Economia e Gestão").

Professional Activity:

Visiting Assistant Professor at "Instituto Superior do Trabalho e da Empresa" (ISCTE) and responsible for the subject "Economics and Portuguese Economic Policy" included in the programme of studies for the Graduation in Economics.

Adviser to the Minister for Solidarity and Social Security.

Director- General of the Department of Statistics, Studies and Planning of the Ministry of Solidarity and Social Security.

Member of the European Union's Committee for Employment and Labour Market.

Coordinator of the National Action Plan for Employment.

Adviser to the Economic and Social Council.

Director-General of the Department of Studies, Forecasting and Planning of the Ministry of Labour and Solidarity.

Political Activity

Secretary of State for Social Security of the XIV Constitutional Government (1999-2001).

Secretary of State for Public Works of the XVI Constitutional Government (2001-2002).

Member of the Parliament at the IX Legislature (2002-2005).

Coordinator of the Socialist Party's Parliamentary Group for Solidarity and Social Security Affairs at the Parliamentary Commission for Labour and Social Affairs (2002-2004).

Member of the Socialist Party' s National Secretariat (since 2002).

Minister of Labour and Social Solidarity of the XVII Constitutional Government (March 2005-October 2009).

Minister of Economy, Innovation and Development of the XVIII Constitutional Government (since October 2009).