

Augusto Santos Silva

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

Period in office: 2019-10-26 until the current date



Biography

Augusto Santos Silva was born in Oporto in 1956.

He has a PhD in Sociology from ISCTE – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (1992).

He is Professor in Faculdade de Economia da Universidade do Porto.

Member of the XXI Government, as Minister of Foreign Affairs (2015-2019).

Member of the XVIII Government, as Minister of National Defense (2009-2011).

Member of the XVII Government, as Minister of Parliamentary Affairs (2005-2009).

Deputy of the Assembly of Republic, representing Oporto's constituency (between 2002 and 2005, and in 2011, effectively; with his functions suspended between 2005 and 2011 because he was a member of the Government).

Member of the XIV Government, first as Secretary of State of Educational Administration (1999-2000), afterwards as Minister of Education (2000-2001), and then as Minister of Culture (2001-2002).

Dean of Universidade do Porto (1998-1999).

Chairman of the scientific council of Faculdade de Economia do Porto (1998-1999).

Affiliated in Socialist Party since 1990, he is – nowadays – member of its national political commission.

He has several books published related to Sociology and Political Ideas.