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Born in 1962 in Pocinho

- 1983 He graduated in Portuguese Studies from the Faculty of Social and Human Sciences, New University of Lisbon.
- 1987 He was Assistant Lecturer in Linguistics at the School of Social Sciences, Évora University.
- 2006-2008 He has been a journalist for *Jornal de Letras*, *Expresso*, *Semanário*, *O Liberal*, *O Jornal*, *Se7e*, *Diário de Notícias*, *O Independente* and *Record* newspapers, and for *Visão*, *Notícias Magazine*, *Elle*, *Volta ao Mundo* and *Oceanos* magazines, and also director of *Ler* and *Grande Reportagem* magazines and *Gazeta dos Desportos* newspaper. He was director of the *Casa Fernando Pessoa*.

He was the author and presenter of several cultural television programmes on various channels (SIC, RTP2, RTP1, RTP-N and TVI24) and presenter of the Antena 1 radio programme «Escrita em Dia».

He has written several books of poetry, novels, short stories, travel accounts and one play, some of which have been published in Brazil, Germany and France, and was awarded the 2006 Grande Prémio de Romance e Novela by the Portuguese Writers' Association.

He was editor at *Quetzal* until the 2011 elections in which he was elected as an independent Member of Parliament on the Social Democratic Party list for Bragança