



2025 EAPC EUROPE CONFERENCE LISBON



PROTECTING EUROPEAN DEMOCRATIC VALUES IN CHALLENGING TIMES

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MAY 6TH, TUESDAY

- 15.00 - Open Registration and Check-in
- 16.00 - **EAPC 2025 General Assembly** [UACS meeting room]
- 19.30 - **Cocktail Reception** [Cinamateca Portuguesa]

Locations

UACS Venue: Rua Castilho 14, 1269-076 Lisboa

Cinamateca: Rua Barata Salgueiro 39



MAY 7TH, WEDNESDAY

MORNING VENUE [UACS Auditorium]

R. Castilho 14, 1269-076 Lisboa

Theme for Conference Day: “Turning point for Europe and the free world: analysis”

- 09.30 - 09.50 Opening Conference - **Reza Kazemi** [Germany] and **Araldo Costeira** [Portugal]
- 09.50 - 10.10 Welcome Session with the Parish Council President
- 10.10 - 10.30 Coffee break
- 10.30 - 11.30 **PANEL 1 “What does the new US policy mean for democratic values in Europe and the free world?”**
Rick Ridder [USA], **Matt Klink** [USA], **Marie Della Mattia** [Canada], **Matias Galvez** [Chile]
Session Chair: **Sepp Hartinger** [Austria]





11.30 - 12.30 **PANEL 2 “How much do vote-buying, outside influence, fake news and election manipulation jeopardize democratic elections in Europe and the free world?”**
Alaa Garad [Egypt], Anthony Grally [France], Kresimir Macan [Croatia]
Session Chair: **Helène Mashliah-Gilkarov [France]**

12:00 - 13:00 Shuttle to the Portuguese Parliament

AFTERNOON VISITS [Portuguese National Parliament / City Hall
Praça da Constituição de 1976, Lisboa | Praça do Município, Lisboa



13.00 - 14.15 Lunch at the Parliament
14.15 - 15.15 Visit to the Portuguese Parliament
15.15 - 16.15 **“Parliament: the House of Democracy”**
Communication Plan of the Parliament
[Presentation/Discussion by the Parliament Services]
End of the Session

16.30 - 17.45 Bus sightseeing tour through Democratic Institutions and Parties

18.00 - 19.00 Visit to the City Hall
19.30 **Social Networking Dinner**
Restaurant Solar dos Bicos [Rua dos Bacalhoeiros /





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MAY 8th, THURSDAY

DAY VENUE [UACS Auditorium]

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Theme for Conference Day: “Strategies for tomorrow”

- 09.00 - 09.15 Opening Session - **Arnaldo Costeira** [Portugal]
- 09.15 - 10.00 **PANEL 3 “Challenges to ensure fair elections in Europe and the free world”**
Andrii Kruglashov [Ukraine], **Reza Kazemi** [Germany], **Arnaldo Costeira** [Portugal]
Session Chair: **Anthony Grally** [France]
- 10.00 - 10.20 Coffee Break
- 10.20 - 11.10 **PANEL 4**
“How can we defend our democratic values with new technologies and AI?”
Alex Tarascio [USA], **Ivan Ivanov** [Bulgaria], **Yair Chen** [Israel], **Sagar Vishnoi**
& **Rimjhim Gour** [India]
Session Chair: **Reza Kazemi** [Germany]
- 11.10 - 12.00 **PANEL 5**
“How can we take away the impact of populism?”
Marie Della Mattia [Canada], **Helène Mashliah-Gilkarov** [France]
Session Chair: **Gülfem Saydan Sanver** [Turkey]
- 12.00 - 12.15 Presentations Next IAPC and EAPC Conference
Presentation of Polaris Award
- 12.15 - 13.30 Working Lunch at the Conference Location
- 13.30 - 14.00 Presentation and Formal Approval of The **Lisbon Declaration**
- 14.00 - 14.30 **Keynote Speaker: Luis Paixão Martins** [Portugal]
- 14.30 - 15.20 **PANEL 6**
“Fighting Fake News, Disinformation, and Populism: Safeguarding Democracy in Uncertainty Times”
Sofia Aureliano [Portugal], **Marcelo Vitorino** [Brazil], **Nuno Silva Jorge** [Portugal],
Fabiana Vitorino [Brazil]
Session Chair: **Arnaldo Costeira** [Portugal]
- 15.20 - 15.45 **Keynote Speaker: Marcelo Vitorino** [Brazil]
- 15.45 **Closing Session**
- 16.00 - 18.00 Lisbon Sightseeing Guided Tour





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EVENING VENUE [Casa do Alentejo]
Rua das Portas de Santo Antão 58, Lisboa



- 20.00 Post Conference **Cocktail Reception**
- 20.30 Official Presentation of **The Lisbon Declaration**
Special Guest
Secretary of State of Parliament Affairs – Dr. Carlos Abreu Amorim
- 21.00 **Gala Dinner**
- 23.00 **EAPC Farewell Party**

POST CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MAY 9th, FRIDAY – SPECIAL SIDE EVENT

- 09.30 – 11.00 **“Masterclass – 75 Anniversary of the Schuman Declaration”***
Roundtable about European Future Challenges* [to be Announced]
[Lisbon Business and Government School]

LISBON ROUNDRIP BUS TOUR

Post Conference **Lisbon, Mafra, Ericeira [Sea City], Sintra [Typical Lunch* and Visit to the NEWS Museum], Cabo da Roca, Atlantic Sea Sightseeing, Cascais, Return to Lisbon along Tagus River, Family Picture at the top of the Edward VII Park, Arrival at the Hotel.**
[Subject to separate prior registration at the conference - 85€]
*Lunch not included [25€/30€ per person]

