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## **Manuela Franco**

Diplomat in residence, Abade Correia da Serra Fellow, Portuguese Institute for International Relations, Lisbon University (IPRI-UNL), October 2005.

## **Positions held**

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the XV Constitutional Government, 2003/2004.

Associate Researcher, Instituto de Ciências Sociais, Lisbon University, Research Project :“The Estado Novo and the Jewish Question”. Senior partner and manager of the Companhia do Triângulo, S.I, Lda, a consulting firm set up in Lisbon, [1991-1999]; Editor of the quarterly "Politica Internacional" - Lisbon [1990-1991]; *Chef de Cabinet* of the Secretary of State for Culture [1988-1990]; *Chef de Cabinet* a.i. of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation [1985-1987]; Diplomatic officer at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Lisbon and, from 1981, Secretary of Embassy at the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations, New York [1979-1985]; Teaching Assistant to the Course on International Law, Law School, University of Lisbon [1978-1979]

## **Areas of Interest**

Nationalism, Middle East Studies, Portuguese Foreign Policy.

## **EXPERIENCE**

.As a diplomat Manuela Franco served in the Human Rights desk, from 1979 to 1985, and in that capacity participated in a large number of World and international conferences, namely in the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly and the UN Commission for Human Rights.

Between 1990 and 1999 she joined the private sector where she became a consultant for cultural and political affairs. In this capacity she was Game Director, in the Seminar Game to analyse Regional Governance options for Portugal, carried out in June 1998 by Luso American Foundation for Development, with the support of RAND Europe (RAND Corporation). She directed or managed projects such as a STUDY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIPLOMATIC INSTITUTE: Design, development and implementation of the 1st formal Training Program for Junior Diplomats at the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs, Jan-Mar 1995; the ORGANISATION OF THE "ARRÁBIDA MEETINGS": Annual informal high level meetings on world affairs launched by the Fundação Oriente in 1994, at the Arrábida Monastery. (Steering Committee presided by Lord Carrington, with Ambassador J.Cutileiro); OVERHAUL OF THE PORT OF LISBON: preliminary study to identify new social and economic uses for the area under the Jurisdiction of the Port Authority of Lisbon, in particular the area of the city of Lisbon ", promoted by the Lisbon Port Authority [1993]; ESTUDOS GERAIS DA ARRÁBIDA-CONFERENCIAS DO CONVENTO, Drafting and setting up the institutional, organisational and functional structure of a Summer University and of the corresponding model of the Annual Program [1991] followed from 1992 to 1995, by annual consultancy contracts for the design, development, implementation and follow-up of the program for the Summer University, run yearly at the Arrábida Monastery, by the Comissão Nacional para a Comemoração dos Descobrimentos Portugueses; CONFERENCE: "TRANSATLANTIC SECURITY IN THE 90'S: NATO AND BEYOND", promoted by the Luso American Foundation for



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Development, the Conference was held in 1993 at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, (CSIS), Washington, D.C. Design of the Agenda and Program, and negotiation of arrangements with the American counterpart.

Within the purview of her current research activities, she directed and organized the exhibition "Spared Lives: the actions of three Portuguese diplomats in World War II", promoted by the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Portugal. This documentary exhibition due to tour the USA based on the network of Portuguese Consulates, opened in Newark, NJ, September 12/2000. In November 2000, Ms Franco was the Lecturer "Tribute to Dr. Aristides de Sousa Mendes, the Portuguese Consul credited with saving thousands of lives in World War II, promoted by THE LEADERSHIP CIRCLE of the American Jewish Committee Washington Chapter and the Embassy of Portugal, Washington.

### **Selected Publications**

OS PORTUGUESES DE SALÓNICA, keynote address to the Conference "Jews in Portugal Today, Identity, Integration or Assimilation" on the occasion of the 100 anniversary of the Lisbon Synagogue, September 7, 2004, [to be published in the issue of Journal of the Associação Portuguesa de Estudos Judaicos, forthcoming]; DIVERSÃO Balcânica/ OS ISRAELITAS PORTUGUESES DE SALÓNICA, in *Análise Social*, n.170, Spring 2004 ; Review of "The Jews of Europe and the Black Plague" by Anna Foa, in *Análise Social*, nº166, Vol. XXXVIII, 2003, ICS, Universidade de Lisboa; UMA INFLUÊNCIA PORTUGUESA NO LEVANTE? A DIPLOMACIA AO SERVIÇO DA PROPAGANDA DO PRESTÍGIO DA REPÚBLICA, in *Política Internacional*, n.26, Outono/Inverno 2002; MAS NÃO HÁ PAZ, essay on the return of Jewish sovereignty to Jerusalem, in *Política Internacional*, n.23, Primavera/Verão 2001; "Politics and Morals", introduction to the Catalog of the documentary/Exhibit "Spared Lifes: the actions of three Portuguese diplomats in World War II ", Instituto Diplomático, MNE, Setembro 2000; "Os Judeus em Portugal, 1926-1974", entry to the *Dicionário de História de Portugal- Suplemento, Vol VIII* , Drs M<sup>a</sup> Filomena Mónica e António Barreto, Ed. Figueirinhas, Porto,1999

### **Honours**

**Oficial da Ordem do Infante D.Henrique**

### **Education**

Law Degree, Law School, Lisbon University - 1978

Born in Lisbon, 1956. Three sons

Lived in New York (1981 to 1985), Israel (1992 to 1995) and Brussels (1995 to 1997).

Presently residing in Lisbon, Portugal