

II Latin Polar Science Workshop

Drawing the Polar Futures

Portugalense Legal Institute, Portugalense University
April 16, 2026

PROGRAMME*

*Event timing: 9h00 to 19h30 (Lisbon time)

9h00 - Registration desk

9h30 - Opening remarks

- [Jorge Leite](#), Vice-Rector for Research, UPT
- [Maria Manuela Magalhães](#), Director of IJP
- [Pascoal Pereira](#), Researcher at the Portugalense Legal Institute (IJP) & Assistant professor in the International Relations program, Universidade Portugalense
- [Céline Rodrigues](#), Latin Polar Science, Researcher, IPRI-NOVA

9h40 - Reinforcing cooperation between Arctic and non-Arctic European States

[Laurent Mayet](#), President of the think tank Le CerclePolaire.

10h10 - Arctic maritime surveillance

Keynote speaker: [Élise Racicot](#), Ambassador of Canada to Portugal

Moderator: [Céline Rodrigues](#)

Speakers:

- [Josué Barão](#), Business Development – Space, ATLARCTIC project, Tekever Portugal
- [Luis Velasco](#), Assistant Professor, Vigo University, Spain

11h20 - Coffee break

11h30 - Research in Svalbard

Keynote speaker: [Hanne Brusletto](#), Ambassador of Norway to Portugal

Moderators: [Laura Urrejola](#) and [Ana Flávia Barros-Plautiau](#)

Speakers:

- [Filipa Barros](#), Researcher, University of Porto and Head of Research, Blindsigh
- [Paulo Câmara](#), NEPESD, Núcleo de Estudos Polares da Escola Superior de Defesa, Full Professor, University of Brasilia and Escola Superior de Defesa (ESD), Brazil (online)

12H40 - Lunch

14h00 - Book presentation: Threat Multiplier

[Sherri Goodman](#), USA (online)

14h40 - Geopolitics in the Arctic and Antarctica: is science affected?

Moderator: [Ana Belén López Tárraga](#)

Speakers:

- [Vanessa Reij](#), Polar Geopolitics, Defence and International Relations, Ministry of Defence, Portugal (online)
- [Jefferson Simões](#), Glaciologist, Professor at the Geosciences Institute of the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Brazil (online)
- [Federico Aznar Fernández-Montesinos](#), Principal Analyst, Instituto Español de Estudios Estratégicos, Ministry of Defence, Spain

15h30 - The End of Arctic Exceptionalism: Emerging Security Architecture and Implications for Latin States

[Théo Urvoy](#), Director of the Cryosphere Department at the Institut D'études de Géopolitique Appliquée (IEGA)

16h00 - What kind of role for southern countries in the Arctic/Poles?

Moderator: [Pascoal Pereira](#)

Speakers:

- [Leonardo Mattos](#), Professor of Geopolitics, Brazilian Naval War College, Brazil (online)
- [Giuliana Panieri](#), Director of the Institute of Polar Science, Italy (online)
- [Céline Rodrigues](#), Researcher IPRI-NOVA, Portugal

16h50 - Coffee break

17h00 - From the Atlantic to the Poles: How Blue Economy Clusters Support Polar Science and Sustainability

[Ruben Eiras](#), Secretary-General, Fórum oceano

17h30 - Research: Osservatorio Artico, NEPESD

Moderator: [Marco Volpe](#)

Speakers:

- [Leonardo Parigi](#), Director Osservatorio Artico, Italy
- [Colonel José Roberto Lima](#), Director ESD and NEPESD, Brazil (online)

18h00 - Abstract Presentations

Moderator: [Rui Garrido](#)

Call: Presentation of the selected abstracts

19h00 - Closing remarks

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More information
and registration

