

II Latin Polar Science Workshop

Drawing the Polar Futures

Portucalense Legal Institute, Portucalense University
April 16, 2026

PROGRAMME*

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

9h00 – Registration desk

9h30 – Opening remarks

Director Portucalense University, Director IJP, Latin Polar Science

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, Invited Assistant Lecturer, University of Porto, Portugal
- 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 Rei, 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 – Blue Economy

Fórum Oceano, Portugal

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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**Abstract submissions
extended until the 8th of March**

**More information and
registration**

