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Biographies



Ali Mokrani

Amb Ali Mokrani is the Director of Cooperation with the European Union and Institutions, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Algeria.



Amb Mokrani joined in 1984 the Algerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as a Diplomatic Secretary. Among the main diplomatic activities that he has taken and is still taking on, the most remarkable are the Presidency of the Follow-up Committee with the NATO, the national coordination of the Union for the Mediterranean, the follow-up of the 5+5 Dialogue, OSCE and Partnership with the Council of Europe, as well as the management of the EU-Algeria cooperation.

Graduated from the National School of Administration of Algiers, diplomacy section, from the French Law University of Clermont-Ferrand (Diploma of Profound Studies) and from the Strasbourg French University (Diploma of Specialised Studies in International Relations), in 1984 he joined the Algerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as a Diplomatic Secretary. Amb Mokrani is also an associate teacher in the Higher National School of Political Sciences of Algiers.

Anna-Katharina Deininger

Ms Anna-Katharina Deininger was appointed as OSCE's first ever Special Representative of the Chairmanship-in-Office on Youth and Security in 2015, and reappointed in 2016 and 2017. She advocates for the needs and rights of youth toward various stakeholders, for systematic youth participation, and for youth mainstreaming within the OSCE.



As board member of the United Nations Youth Associations Network, she aims at facilitating cooperation between youth and the UN.

Previously, she worked as adviser at the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations in New York, as consultant to the Austrian Federal Ministry for Science, Research and Economy, and as consultant to the department for Human Rights, Sustainability and Social Policy of the Students' Union at the University of Graz.

Ms Deininger holds a Master's degree in Law from the University of Graz, Austria, and has studied in Asunción, Paraguay, and in Barcelona, Spain.

António Gamito

Amb António Gamito is the Executive Director of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe since September 2016.



Among his many assignments abroad, Amb Gamito has served in the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York (1994-1998), in the Observation Mission to the Referendum in East Timor (1999), in the Permanent Representation to the European Union in Brussels (1998-2001), in the Embassy at Washington DC (2004-2009) and in Algiers as Portuguese Ambassador to Algeria from 2013 to 2016.

At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs he served as Head of Division for Special and Political Affairs (2001), Chief of Staff of the Political Director (2002), Special Envoy for the Minister of Foreign Affairs to Iraq (2003), Director of the Americas Department (2009-2010) and Director General for Consular Affairs and Portuguese Communities (2010-2013).

António Pedro Roque Oliveira

Mr António Pedro Roque Oliveira is the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM). He began his career as politician in 2002, when he was elected Member of the Portuguese Parliament.



In 2011, he was re-elected Member of Parliament and he is currently in office, working at the Standing Committee on Social Security and Labour and at the National Defence Standing Committee, where he is the coordinator of his parliamentary group. In 2015, he started his work at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in History from the Universidade Lusíada of Lisbon and two Post-graduate Diplomas in History Teaching (Universidade Lusíada, Lisbon) and Educational Multimedia Communication (Universidade Aberta, Lisbon).

Augusto Santos Silva

Mr Augusto Santos Silva, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal, has a PhD in Sociology from ISCTE – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (1992). He is also Professor in Faculdade de Economia da Universidade do Porto.



He was member of the XVIII Government, as Minister of National Defense (2009-2011), member of the XVII Government, as Minister of Parliamentary Affairs (2005-2009) and Deputy of the Assembly of Republic, representing Oporto's constituency (between 2002 and 2005, and in 2011). He was also member of the XIV Government, as Secretary of State of Educational Administration (1999-2000), as Minister of Education (2000-2001), and then as Minister of Culture (2001-2002).

Mr Santos Silva was dean of Universidade do Porto (1998-1999) and chairman of the scientific council of Faculdade de Economia do Porto (1998-1999). Affiliated in the Socialist Party since 1990, he is currently member of its national political commission. He published several books related to Sociology and Political Ideas.

Eduardo Cabrita

Mr Eduardo Cabrita is currently the Assistant Minister for the Prime Minister of the Government of Portugal. Graduated in Law and Economics Sciences (Universidade de Lisboa), he taught Public Finances and Fiscal Law in the Law Faculty of Universidade de Lisboa (1982-1988), where he was appointed as Member of the Governing Board (1984-1985).



He is a Finance Inspector in the context of Service of General Supervision of Finances since 1985, currently holding the position of Senior Finances Supervisor.

He was also Member of Parliament from 2002 to 2005. From 2005 to 2009 he was Vice-Secretary of the State and Local Administration. In 2009, he was elected for a second term as Member of Parliament, heading the Parliamentary Commission on the State Budget, Finances and Public Administration between 2011 and 2015.

Elie Al-Hindy

Mr Elie Al-Hindy is an associate professor in the Faculty of Law and Political Science, at Notre Dame University - Louaize, Lebanon (NDU), and served previously as the Chairperson of the department of Government and International Relations (2011-2015).



He earned his PhD (2009) in Government and International Relations from the University of Sydney - Australia on the topic of 'The Right of Self Determination for Minorities: An Arab Perspective'. He has an MBA in International Affairs and Diplomacy and two bachelor degrees in Political and Administrative Sciences (2000) and in International Affairs and Diplomacy (1998).

Mr Al-Hindy is an active member, trainer and consultant in many national and international civil society organizations. He has also been a human rights advocate for more than 15 years. He is currently the President of the Board of ALEF - act for human rights and the Director of the Middle East Institute for Research and Strategic Studies.

Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni

Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni has served as Council of Europe's Deputy Secretary General since 2012 and was re-elected in June 2015. Before taking up her post, Ms Battaini-Dragoni held a number of positions within the Organisation.



In 2001 she became the first female Director General in the Organisation's history, in charge of Social Cohesion. Between 2004-2011, she served as Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, taking the Council of Europe's work into new terrain by introducing programmes on democratic citizenship, intercultural learning and human rights to schools, youth projects and other cultural spaces. In 2011 Ms Battaini-Dragoni established the Directorate General of Programmes (ODG-PROG), enabling greater decentralisation of activities to the field.

She holds a degree in foreign languages and literature from the University of Venice and a diploma from the Institut Européen des Hautes Etudes Internationales from the University of Nice.

Jari Vilen



Amb Jari Vilen became a prominent figure in European and international politics after serving with distinction in the Finnish Parliament between 1999 and 2007. As Minister of Foreign Trade and European affairs, he was responsible for representing Finland during the EU enlargement negotiations.

He chaired the Grand Committee of the Parliament between 2004 and 2007, and was then appointed as Finland's Ambassador first to Hungary (2007), and then to Poland (2012). In 2014 he became EU Ambassador to the Council of Europe.

He has also served as chair of the European Movement in Finland, of the administrative council of the Finnish Fund for Industrial Cooperation, of the National Educational Association and of the Conservative Group at the Nordic Council, as well as vice-chair of the National Coalition Party Council. In 2016, he was appointed chair of the Board of Directors of the Regional Environmental Center.

Jean-Marie Heydt

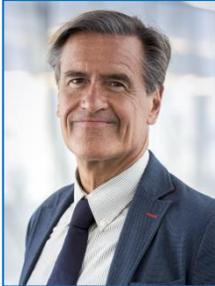


Mr Jean-Marie Heydt is the permanent representative of the European Association of Training Centers for Socio-Educational Care Work (FESET), the European Federation that collects Colleges and Universities preparing to Higher Education in Education and Social fields.

In 2009 he was elected President of the Conference of International of non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) of the Council of Europe. Since 2013, he is the Chair of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe.

He is also General Director of the 'Association générale des familles du Bas-Rhin' (Strasbourg, France). After the law school and the studies in human sciences, he worked for more than 10 years as social worker at the Juvenile Court. Mr Heydt holds a PhD in Compared Educational Sciences and a Degree in European Studies. Since 1999 he teaches in several Universities and Colleges, in particular at the University of Haute Alsace.

Juan Fernando López Aguilar



Mr Juan Fernando López Aguilar is a Member of the European Parliament since June 2009, where he served as Chairman of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and as Head of the Spanish Socialist Delegation until May 2014. At present, he is Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, Vice-chair of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly and Chair of the Working Group on Anti-Semitism.

Prior to this, he was a member of the Spanish Parliament from 2000 to 2009 and, in 2007, became Secretary General of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party in the Canary Islands (PSC-PSOE). He was Minister of Justice from 2004 to 2007.

He has also spent much of his career as a Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Las Palmas.

Krassimir Nikolov

Mr Krassimir Nikolov joined the Directorate-General for External Relations of the European Commission in Brussels in January 2010 and was later transferred to the newly-created European External Action Service (EEAS).



In early 2017, he started working as Deputy Head of Division 'Migration and Human Security' in the EEAS after serving as Deputy Head of Division 'Middle East 2' (2016-2017). Previously, he had been responsible for EU-Russia political relations (2014-2016) and for EU-Israel bilateral relations (2010-2014). Before becoming an EU official, he had taken part in developing Bulgarian foreign policy on several EU-related projects by working with ministers from different governments, and was member of the presidential advisory council on Euro-Atlantic integration (2001-2006).

In parallel, he taught EU integration courses in universities in Bulgaria, Greece, Belgium, France, Russia and Norway, wrote over 90 refereed publications and served as Secretary General of the Bulgarian European Community Studies Association / BECSA (1993-2009).

Lora Pappa

Ms Lora Pappa, after graduating in International Studies (IUHEI) at the University of Geneva, worked for a Greek NGO, Greek Council for Refugees and thereafter for the National Youth Foundation, a specialized agency of the Greek Ministry of Education.



She was engaged as a consultant to the UNHCR and, in parallel, she acted as Advisor to the Greek Ministry of Interior for the first months of the organization of the Global Forum on Migration and Development. She piloted and established the first Reception Centre for Unaccompanied Minors in Crete (Greece). In 2010, she initiated the opening of a similar Centre for Unaccompanied Girls and Single Mothers in Athens.

In 2010, Lora Pappa founded the NGO METAdrasi - Action for Migration and Development. METAdrasi's main focus has been primarily community interpretation and the care of unaccompanied minors. In 2015, she was awarded with the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe for her commitment in the promotion of human rights and democracy.

Mbarka Brahmi

Tunisian Member of Parliament, Ms Mbarka Brahmi is the founder of the 'Centre Brahmi pour la paix et la solidarité'. She has been awarded for her direct engagement in the Tunisian democratic process and her fight for social justice in the North African country.



Ms Brahmi started her political activity in the 80s, during the university years in Tunis, where she was studying law and political science. There, she joined the opposition movement 'Étudiants Arabes Unionistes Progressistes', banned by the regime.

After years of commitment to women's rights and following the outbreak of the Arab Spring, she became honorary President of the 'Courant Populaire' Party. In 2014, she was elected Member of the Tunisian Parliament and one year later she took up the Presidency of the Health and Social Affairs Committee.

Nadia Bernoussi



Professor of constitutional law at ENA, ISA and IRAT in Morocco, in 1998 Ms Nadia Bernoussi obtained her doctorate of state in public law on constitutional justice in the Maghreb, under the direction of Professor Abdellah Saaf. She is a visiting professor in the faculties of law of the universities of Montpellier (2008) and Aix-en-Provence in France, and of Tunis in Tunisia (2010).

Vice-President of the International Academy of Constitutional Law and member of the International Association of Constitutional Law's Executive Committee, she is also a founding member of the Moroccan Association of Constitutional Law and of the Moroccan Association of Political Science.

Member of the editorial board of the French Magazine of Constitutional Law, she ranges from the cross disciplines of public law, political sociology and comparative politics, while her research and interests focus on the relationship between State and Law. She was also member of the Royal Commission which drafted the Constitution of Morocco in 2011.

Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser



Mr Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser assumed the leadership of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) in March 2013. As a veteran diplomat and President of the 66th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, he has devoted his time and work to peace-building and promoting the culture of peace, tolerance and reconciliation.

In December 2006, he was President of the UN Security Council, representing the State of Qatar in the Council during the two-year period of Qatar's non-permanent membership. Prior to that, Mr Al-Nasser, who is now ranked as a Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Qatar, served as his country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, from 1998 to 2011.

Mr Al-Nasser holds three honorary doctorates in international affairs, recognizing his efforts to foster cross-cultural understanding. Recipient of numerous decorations and awards, Mr Al-Nasser was made an honorary fellow of the Foreign Policy Association in New York, in 2009.

Nazim Ahmad



Mr Nazim Ahmad is representative of the Aga Khan Development Network for Portugal and Mozambique. In parallel with his career as businessman and manager, he held various functions in the Ismaili National Council for Portugal.

Since 1991, Mr Ahmad developed his activity within the diplomatic arena, both with the Portuguese Government and Diplomatic Corps in Portugal as well as with the Government of Mozambique and Diplomatic Corps in Mozambique. He was responsible of several negotiating processes with the Portuguese Republic, achieving the legal recognition of AKF Portugal as a Portuguese Foundation and a Private Institution for Social Solidarity.

Since 2004, he has also been a member of the Commission for Religious Freedom. In 2004 he was awarded with the decoration Comendador da Ordem do Mérito.

Nuno Rogeiro



Mr Nuno Rogeiro taught Political Science, History of Political Ideas and Constitutional Law, co-created the first international relations course in Portugal, and is a founding member of the Portuguese Political Science Association.

He has been working extensively in the printed and electronic media since 1981 and co-anchored the international relations weekly show 'Sociedade das Nações' (SIC Notícias) during more than a decade (2003-2015). He was also fellow or participant of several international forums.

Mr Rogeiro was the personal representative for the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs for terrorism and extreme fundamentalism in the EU during the period 2002-2003 and heads the strategic consulting firm NRC.

He published 20 books on political science, constitutional law, international politics, strategic affairs, defense, security, conflict resolution and terrorism, gained two major media prizes (1993, 1996) and was decorated with the Order of Henry the Navigator.

Outoudert Abrous



Mr Outoudert Abrous graduated from the Political Studies Institute of Algiers in 1974, worked as journalist in the daily newspapers ‘El Moudjahid’ and then joined the Ministry of Information where he was appointed Director of cooperation.

In 1995, he has been called to become the Director of publication and Manager of the French language daily newspapers ‘Liberté’ whose print run is 100.000 copies per day, and where he is still working.

Active in civil society, he has participated in several meetings and events, such as the ‘International Exhibition of Youth Books’ in 2009, and has been one of the founding members of the event ‘Meeting of the Euro-Maghrebin authors’ (organised by the European delegation in Algiers) for which he has been every year one of the moderator.

Piero Fassino



Mr Piero Fassino was Mayor of Turin from 2011 until 2016. Between 2013 and 2016 he was President of the National Association of Italian Municipalities. Member of Italian Parliament from 1994 to 2011, he was among the founders of the Party of European Socialists in 1993.

In 2001, he was elected national secretary of the Democrats of the Left and was among the founders of the Democratic Party in 2007. From 1996 to 2001 he was a member of the Italian Government as Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs (1996-98), Minister for Foreign Trade (1998-2000) and Minister of Justice (2000-2001).

He is currently a member of the Democratic Party’s National Directorate, President of the Socialist Group at the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and the Congress’s Envoy for the Mediterranean. He is also member of the Presidency of the Party of European Socialists and of the Global Progressive Alliance. He is the President of CeSPI – Centro Studi di Politica Internazionale of Rome.

Roderick Parkes

Dr Roderick Parkes joined the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) in late 2015, where he works on issues of immigration, asylum and international home affairs cooperation.



Prior to this, he worked as a researcher at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) in Berlin (2005-2009), before moving to Brussels and establishing the SWP's liaison office to the EU and NATO (2009-2012). In 2012, he moved to the Polish Institute of International Affairs, PISM, in Warsaw, where he ran the Europe programme (2012-2014). In 2014, on leave from PISM, he spent a year at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI) on a research scholarship from the Swedish Foreign Ministry to look into the EU's refugee crisis.

Dr Parkes was educated at the Universities of Edinburgh and Cambridge, as well as at the Institut d'etudes politiques in Grenoble, and received a PhD from the University of Bonn.

Verena Taylor

Ms Verena Taylor is the Director of the Office of the Directorate General of Programmes of the Council of Europe.



Ms Taylor holds a PhD in political science and, after working with civil society/NGOs in Vienna and London, joined the Council of Europe in 1989 when the Organisation expanded rapidly, both with regard to member States and to new standards. She is responsible for the programming, resource mobilisation and decentralised implementation of/for Council of Europe cooperation and technical assistance.

She strongly believes that the Organisation's standards and policies on human rights, the rule of law and participation are as relevant today as they were when the Council of Europe was founded in 1949.