

## Portugal and transatlantic relations: A bridge between the US and Europe

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*“Although distant from each other geographically, with distinct features as individual countries, both Portugal and the United States (U.S.) nevertheless share common values. These are rooted in historical ties, a bilateral partnership and a certain mutual vision for addressing global challenges. However, Portugal does have mixed relations with the U.S., which can be summed up as: economically good, politically loose and defence dependent”.*

With the return of Trump and the increasingly ambivalent messages coming from Washington, the transatlantic relationship is facing serious challenges in areas such as trade, climate policy, multilateral cooperation, and defence. How does Portugal view this changing relationship? And how has the country's foreign policy changed since the second Trump administration?

To discuss the latest developments in Portuguese attitudes towards the U.S., TEPSA, the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Lisbon (FLUL), the Portuguese Institute of International Relations (IPRI-NOVA), and the Centre of Philosophy of the University of Lisbon (CFUL), are co-organising the public debate **“Portugal e as relações transatlânticas: uma ponte entre os EUA e a Europa”**.

The event is taking place in the **Amphitheatre II of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Lisbon, on 21 November 2025, starting at 15:00 WET**. The discussion will be in Portuguese.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Viriato Soromenho-Marques**, Full Professor, CFUL
- **Alice Cunha**, Assistant Professor with Habilitation, IPRI-NOVA
- **José Gomes André**, Assistant Professor, CFUL & FLUL

With the second Trump administration in full swing, cosyng up to America's enemies while alienating its friends, the question of transatlantic relations has never been higher on the agenda. What is the role of the EU, and the wider European continent, in such a world? These are the themes explored in TEPSA's latest book [“The United States and the Future of Europe: Views from the Capitals”](#), a volume which looks at 40+ national perspectives from across Europe, edited by Michael Kaeding, Johannes Pollak, and Paul Schmidt.

