

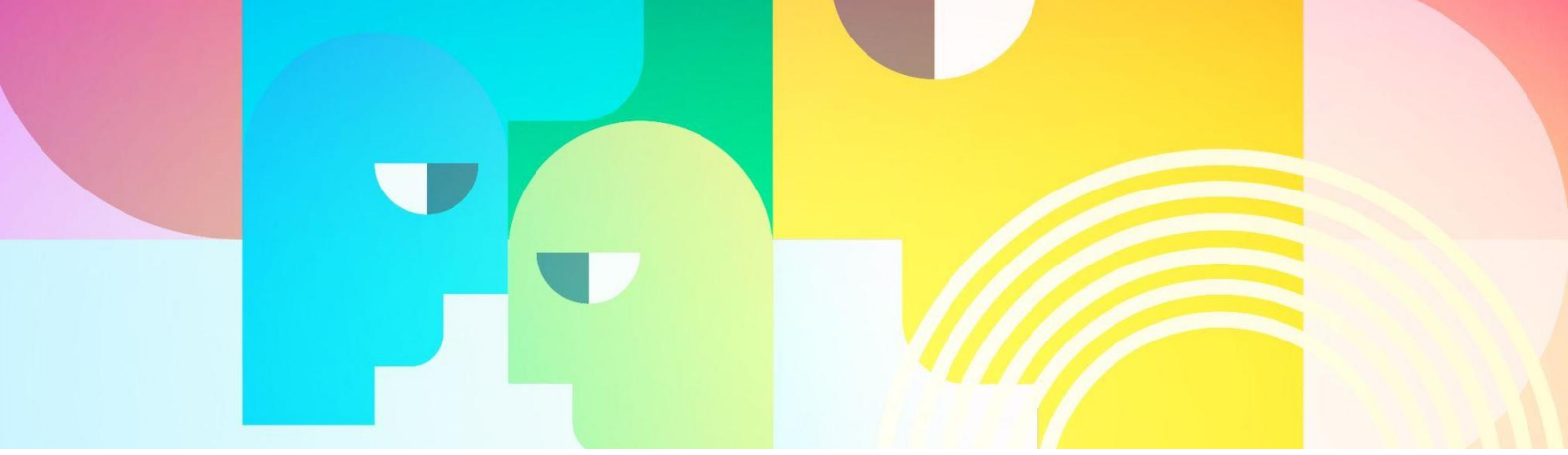


## **SEMINÁRIO ANUAL INTERNACIONAL**

**"Digital Sovereignty for Europe - an ethical framework"**

**5th March 2026, 9h15 - 13h00, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian (FCG)**

**SYNOPSIS OF SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS**



**Bernardo Correia**  
**Secretary of State for Digitalization**

Degree in Economics. Country Director for Google Portugal. He presided over the Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity Commission at the AmCham – US Chamber of Commerce in Portugal.



**Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**  
**Chair of the National Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences**



Full Professor of Ethics (University of the Azores), President of the National Ethics Council for Life Sciences, Vice-President of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies of the European Commission (EGE). M. Patrão Neves is member of the UNESCO World Commission for Ethics in Scientific and Technological Knowledge (COMEST), the Steering Committee for Human Rights in Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO) of the Council of

Europe, and the Lisbon Academy of Sciences. She was a consultant on the Ethics of Life to the President of the Portuguese Republic and a member of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Bioethics. She is an ethics expert and project evaluator for the European Commission, as well as an Ethics Consultant and Chair of Ethics Advisory Councils (EAC) for multiple European research projects, and a member of several Ethics Committees, also coordinating international projects, namely within the framework of the Africa-EU partnership. She is the author and/or coordinator of 38 books, and hundreds of articles and has given more than 400 lectures. She is a regular columnist in regional and national magazines. She was a Member of the European Parliament (2009-2014).



## **André Dias Pereira**

### **Vice Chair of the National Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences**

Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra. Member of the General Council of the University of Coimbra. President of the Board of the Biomedical Law Centre. Chair of the Educational Committee of World Association for Medical Law (WAML) Researcher at the Legal Institute – University of Coimbra. Member of the Medical-Legal Council and of the Ethics Committee of INMLCF, IP – National Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences. President of the Ethics Committee of AIBILI. Member of the Ethics Committees of the Polytechnic Institute of Coimbra and MIA-Portugal (Multidisciplinary Institute of Ageing). Fellow of the European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law (Vienna, Austria). Member of the Luso-Brazilian Institute of Comparative Law; International Associate of the Brazilian Institute of Civil Liability Studies (IBERC). President of the Biorights Commission (in Portugal) of ADFAS – Association of Family and Succession Law. Member of the European Association of Health Law and of the International Association of Comparative Law. Researcher in charge of the project Public Health Responsibility in the Portuguese-speaking world: Doing justice during and beyond the COVID Emergency, approved and funded by the World Health Organization (ERC WHO – (CERC.0079/ HEG 70).





**Andrea Renda**

**Director of Research at European Policy Studies (CEPS)**

**Keynote Speaker**

Director of Research at the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS). At CEPS he also leads the research team on Global Governance, Regulation, Innovation and the Digital Economy. He is Adjunct Professor of Digital Policy at the School of Transnational Governance of the European University Institute, in Florence (Italy) and Visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges (Belgium). He is currently the Vice Chair of the advisory group on Economic and Societal Impacts of Research (ESIR), at the European Commission, DG Research and Innovation; and member of the Expert Group on “Fair and Sustainable Economy” at the European Commission, DG Joint Research Centre. He is the Co-director of the Brookings/CEPS Forum for Global Cooperation on AI; a member of the OECD Network of Experts on AI, where he is currently the Co-Chair of the Working Group on AI Risk and Accountability; and a member of the policy steering committee of the Partnership on AI. Andrea also Chairs the AI Committee of the Italian telecommunications and media regulator, AGCOM; and is member of the board at the Energy Policy Group in Sofia (Bulgaria), and of the Global Policy Centre of the Instituto de Empresa in Madrid (Spain). He is a non-executive board member of Canonical, the company producing Ubuntu, a widely used open sources operating system. Andrea provides regular advice to several institutions, including the European Commission, the European Parliament, the OECD, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, UNIDO and many more.

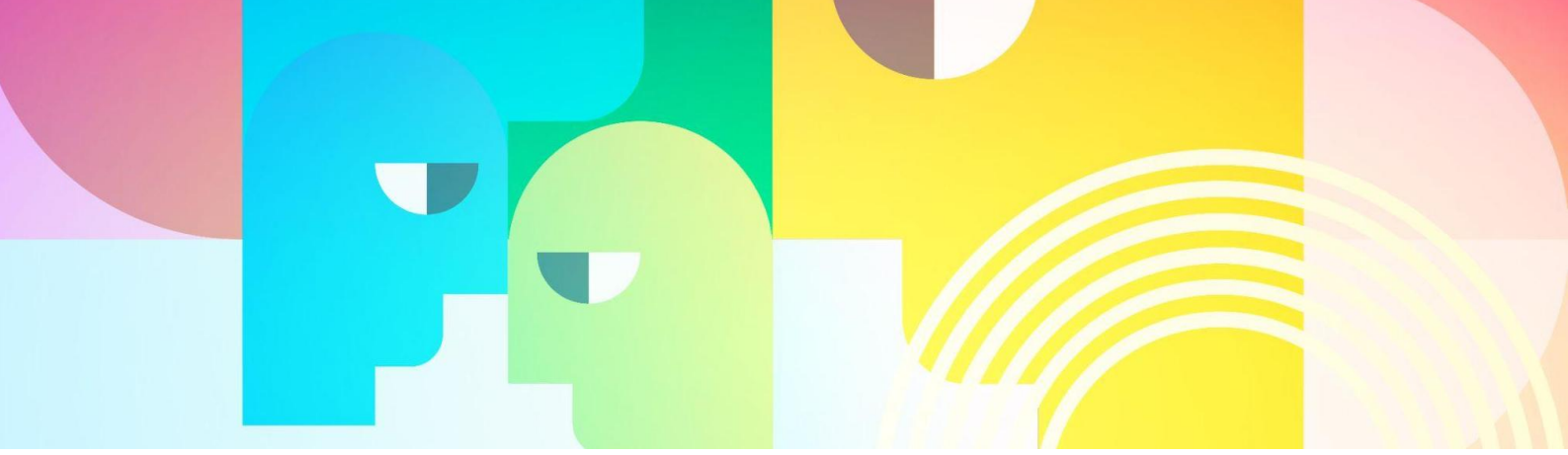




**Carlos Maurício Barbosa**  
**CNECV | Moderator**

Graduated in Pharmaceutical Sciences, PhD in Pharmacy, specialising in Pharmaceutical Technology, from the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Univ. of Porto (FFUP). Several post-graduate courses, namely at MIT and Univ. Barcelona, and completed the Programme for Senior Management of Health Institutions at AESE. Professor at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Univ. of Porto. Counselor for the V Mandate of the National Ethics Council for Life Sciences and President of the Innovation Council of the Portuguese Association of Health Engineering and Management. Integrates platforms for reflection on health policies. President of the Pharmacists Association between November 2009 and February 2016. Member of the National Education Council between 2010 and 2018. Member of the Advisory Boards of Infarmed and A3ES and the Portuguese Delegation of the International Pharmaceutical Federation, Pharmaceutical Group of EU, Europharm Forum and European Association for Health Professions Competent Authorities. In 1997, Carlos Maurício Barbosa created the first degree course in Pharmacy in Mozambique, of which he was coordinator and Visiting Professor until 2007. Coordinated the conception and preparation of the Portuguese Galenic Formulary. He was one of the founders of the Soc. of Pharmaceutical Sciences, President of the Spanish-Portuguese Local Chapter of Controlled Release Society and member of the Board of the Int'l Society of Pharmaceutical Compounding. He is currently the President of the General Assembly of the Portuguese Society of Cosmetological Sciences.

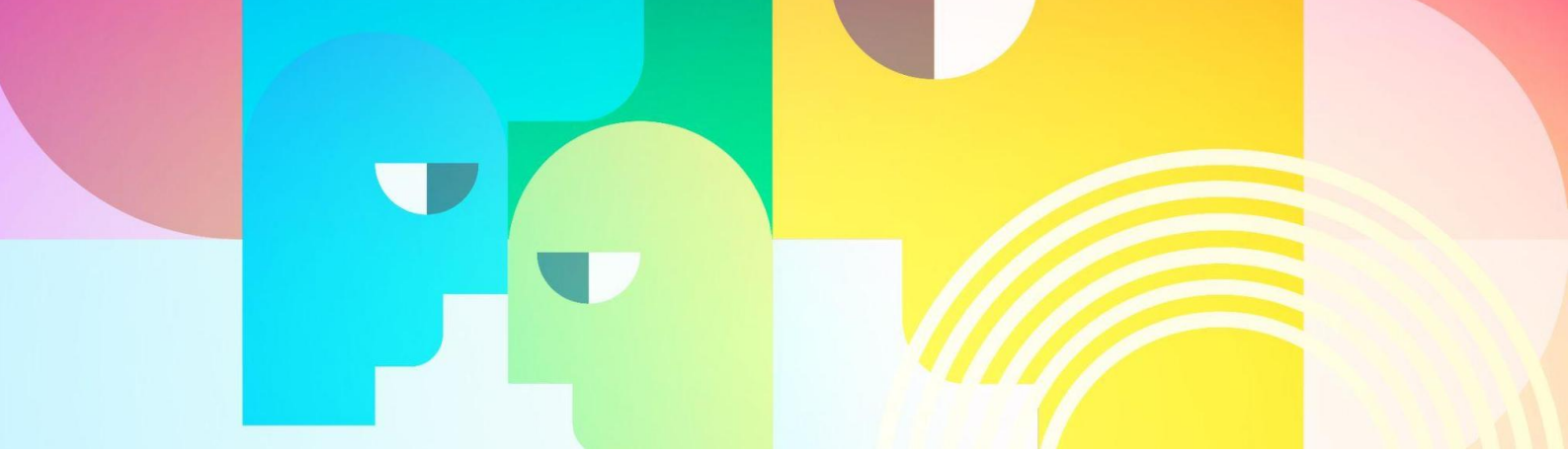




**Margarida Silvestre**  
**CNECV | Moderator**

Medical doctor, specialist in Gynecology-Obstetrics, subspecialist in Reproductive Medicine by the Portuguese Medical Association, and holds a consultant degree in Gynecology-Obstetrics. She works clinically at CLINIMER-Clinica de Medicina da Reprodução, Centro Cirúrgico de Coimbra. PhD in Bioethics from the Portuguese Catholic University, she is a Professor of Medical Ethics at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Coimbra (FMUC), coordinator of a postgraduate course, and leader of 5 curricular units in Health Ethics. She is currently a Member of the National Council of Ethics for Life Sciences, President of the National Council of Medical Ethics and Deontology of the Portuguese Medical Association, Senior Deputy of the SIG Ethics and Law Steering Committee of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology, President of the FMUC Ethics Committee, President of the College of Reproductive Medicine Subspecialty of the Portuguese Medical Association and Vice-President of the Portuguese Society of Reproductive Medicine, among other positions.





## **Christa Lundgaard Kjøller**

### **Director General of the Danish National Center for Ethics**

Director General of the Danish National Center for Ethics. The Center supports the work of the four independent bodies The Danish Council on Ethics, The Danish Data Ethics Council, The Danish National Committee on Research Ethics and The Danish Medicinal Research Ethics Committees. For more than 20 years Christa has been working with leadership and strategies in political organizations as The Prime Minister’s Office, The Royal Danish Theatre and the Ministry of the Interior and Health. Christa advocates for the necessity to include ethical considerations earlier in the policymaking process”.



## **Jean-François Delfraissy**

### **Chair of the National Consultative Ethics Council (CCNE)**



President of the CCNE. Infectiologist and immunologist, specialising in emerging diseases, including many years' work on AIDS. Former Chairman of the Covid-19 Scientific Advisory Board.



## Claude Kirchner

### Chair of the French National Digital Ethics Consultative Council (CCNEN)

Chairs the « CCNE du numérique » (French national digital ethics consultative council). He is director of research emeritus at Inria, the French national research institute for digital science and technology, of which he was the scientific director from 2010 to 2014. He is also a member of Viginum's ethics and scientific Committee and of the CNIL's scientific and foresight Committee. He was a member of CCNE, the French bioethics council from 2018 to 2023, a member of the ANSSI (Agence nationale pour la sécurité des systèmes d'information) scientific council until 2022 and the first chairman of COERLE, Inria's operational committee for legal and ethical risk assessment until the end of 2018. His scientific interests and contributions focus on the logical and semantic foundations of reliable and secure digital systems and their applications to cybersecurity.



## Helmut Frister

### Chair of the German Ethics Council



Studied law and worked as a researcher at the University of Bonn. His dissertation was awarded the Bonn University Prize. After his habilitation in criminal law and criminal procedure law Frister accepted a professorship in criminal law at the University of Dresden and a professorship in criminal law and criminal procedure law in Düsseldorf, which he held until his retirement in 2023. Today, Frister is a senior Professor and at the same time director of the Institute for Legal Issues in Medicine at the Faculty of Law at the University of Düsseldorf. He is a member of the German Ethics Council since 2020 and its Chair since 2024.



## **Joachim Vetter**

### **Head of office of the German Ethics Council**

Studied biology at Heidelberg University and earned his doctorate in biochemistry at Forschungszentrum Jülich. He then worked for the Project Management Organisation Jülich in research management and moved from there to the Federal Ministry of Education and Research in 2000, where he worked for the Department of Life Sciences, Ethics and Law. Since 2008, he has been the director of the German Ethics Council, which was established in the same year.



## **Ismini Kriari**

### **Member of the Hellenic National Commission for Bioethics and Technoethics**



Professor Emeritus of Constitutional Law, Department of Public Administration, at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences with extensive academic, institutional, and policy experience in bioethics. Former Rector and Vice - Rector of Panteion University. She has been a member of the Hellenic National Commission for Bioethics and Technoethics since April 2021. She is also the President of the Hellenic Authority for

Medically Assisted Reproduction. She has been a member of numerous national and international bodies in the field of bioethics, including UNESCO's Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee, and the Council of Europe's Steering Committee for Bioethics (CDBI). Author of several books and over 80 scholarly articles on legal and ethical issues mainly in law and technology, human rights and healthcare, bioethics and human rights. Her fields of research include: human assisted procreation in national law and comparative perspective, legal, ethical and social aspects of cloning, genetic banks and



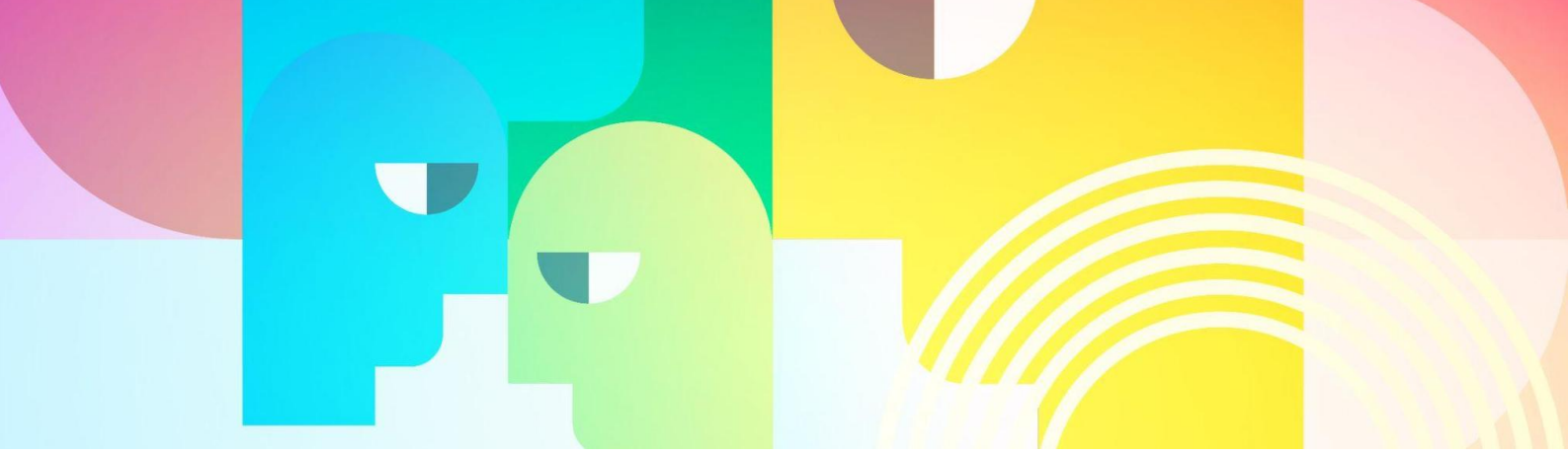
biobanks, therapies in somatic cells and germcells, legal and ethical issues about xenotransplantation, animal rights, embryo and stem cell research, nanomedicine, technology assessment and consensus conferences, the role of parliaments in the technological era.

## **Stavroula Tsinorema**

### **Member of the Hellenic National Commission for Bioethics and Technoethics**

Professor of Philosophy and Bioethics, Founding Director of the Interinstitutional Postgraduate Programme “Bioethics” and Director of the Centre for Bioethics of the University of Crete. She is member of the Hellenic National Commission for Bioethics and Technoethics and member of the Hellenic National Committee for the Welfare of Animals Used for Scientific Purposes. She holds a First-Class Honours Degree in Philosophy from the University of Athens, followed by M.A. in Moral and Social Philosophy and Ph.D. in Moral Philosophy from the University of Exeter. Her research publications focus on the epistemology of value-concepts, moral and social philosophy, bioethics, ethics of science and technology, research ethics, environmental ethics, Kant’s philosophy, Ludwig Wittgenstein. She sits on the Institutional Ethics Committee of the European Union Reference Centre for the Welfare of Aquatic Animals-EURCAW Aqua and she is the National Representative for the ERA Action on Research Ethics and Integrity of the European Commission. She chairs the Research Ethics Committee of Hellenic Pasteur Institute. She has served on a number of national and European Committees, including as member of the European Commission’s “Expert Group to advise on specific ethical issues raised by driverless mobility”, which issued the «Independent Expert Report on the Ethics of Connected and Automated Vehicles, 2020».





## **Juan Carlos Siurana**

### **Chair of the Spanish Bioethics Committee**



Associate Professor of Moral Philosophy at the University of Valencia. He holds a European Doctorate in Philosophy and has conducted extensive research at prestigious international institutions, including the Hastings Center in New York and Georgetown University in Washington DC. Dr. Siurana Aparisi currently coordinates the Inter-university Doctoral Program in Ethics and Democracy and directs the Bioethics Research Group at

the University of Valencia. As a prominent figure in his field, he serves on the Bioethics Committee of the Valencian Community and is a researcher at the ÉTNOR Foundation, where he focuses on business and organizational ethics. His diverse areas of specialization include discourse ethics, bioethics, and the ethics of humor and self-help. A prolific scholar, he has published over 100 scientific articles and authored several books, such as *Advance Directives* (2005) and *The Ethical Society* (2009).

## **Isolina Riaño Galán**

### **Vice chair of the Spanish Bioethics Committee**

Vice-President of the Spanish Bioethics Committee (since 2024). Paediatrician, specialist in Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes, and Full Professor of Paediatrics at the University of Oviedo. Head of the Bioethics Unit at Álvarez Buylla Hospital in Mieres, Asturias, and Member of the Royal Academy of Medicine of the Principality of Asturias (since 2019) and the Bioethics Committee of the Spanish Paediatrics Association, with extensive scientific output in paediatrics, bioethics and clinical research. Awarded the Professional Career Award by the Medical Association.





## **Carme Borrell i Thio**

### **Member of the Spanish Bioethics Committee**



Member of the Spanish Bioethics Committee, focusing on social inequalities in health and epidemiological research. Specialist in Preventive and Family Medicine with a PhD in Public Health, she has managed the Barcelona Public Health Agency since 2015 and is an Associate Professor at Pompeu Fabra and Johns Hopkins Universities. She led the Commission to Reduce Health Inequalities in Spain (2008-2010) and the European SOPHIE project. Former Director of Gaceta Sanitaria, she has over 394 indexed publications and holds the Narcís Monturiol and Josep Trueta Medals.

## **Sven-Eric Söder**

### **Chair of the Swedish National Council on Medical Ethics (Smer)**

Chair of Smer in 2021. Extensive experience from Government Ministries where he has taken on several positions, such as State Secretary at the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications, State Secretary at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Press Officer to the Swedish Minister of Defence. As State Secretary at the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications Mr. Söder was e.g. in charge of the first Swedish Life & Science strategy. Adding to this, Mr. Söder has experience from the private sector and the pharmaceutical industry in particular. As a member of the Leadership Team of Pfizer Sweden, he has been in charge of public affairs and communication on the Swedish market. Mr. Söder has also served as Director General of the Folke Bernadotte Academy. The Swedish Government Agency for International Peace and Security with worldwide activities and extensive cooperation with the EU, OSCE and UN. Currenty is Mr. Söder also Vice Chair of the Swedish University of Arts, Crafts and Design.





## Isabell Højman

**Communication officer of the Swedish National Council on Medical Ethics  
(Smer)**



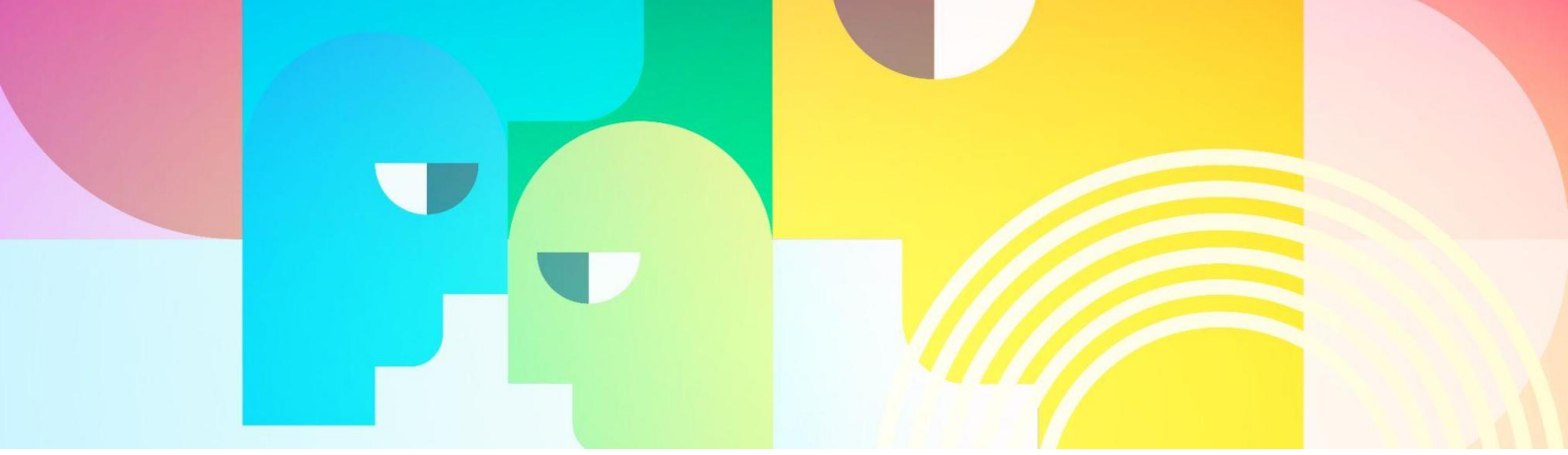
Communication officer at The Swedish National Council on Medical Ethics. She has a long background in radio journalism, specializing in science and societal change.

## Inês Godinho

**CNECV | Moderator**

Associate Professor at the Universidade Lusófona do Porto, exercising, since 2018, functions as Director of the Law Degree of the Faculty of Law and Political Science of that University. She is also Director of the ULP Law Review/Revista de Direito da ULP and President of the Ethics Committee of the Universidade Lusófona do Porto. She has collaborated, as a teacher, with the Biomedical Law Centre, with the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Beira Interior and with the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Coimbra. She has a PhD in Legal-Criminal Sciences from the University of Coimbra, is Vice-President of the CEAD Francisco Suárez and is also a researcher at the Legal Institute (Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra). Her main areas of research are criminal law and criminal procedural law, medical law and the theory of norms. Inês Fernandes Godinho is the author of more than 40 legal titles, published in Portugal and abroad.



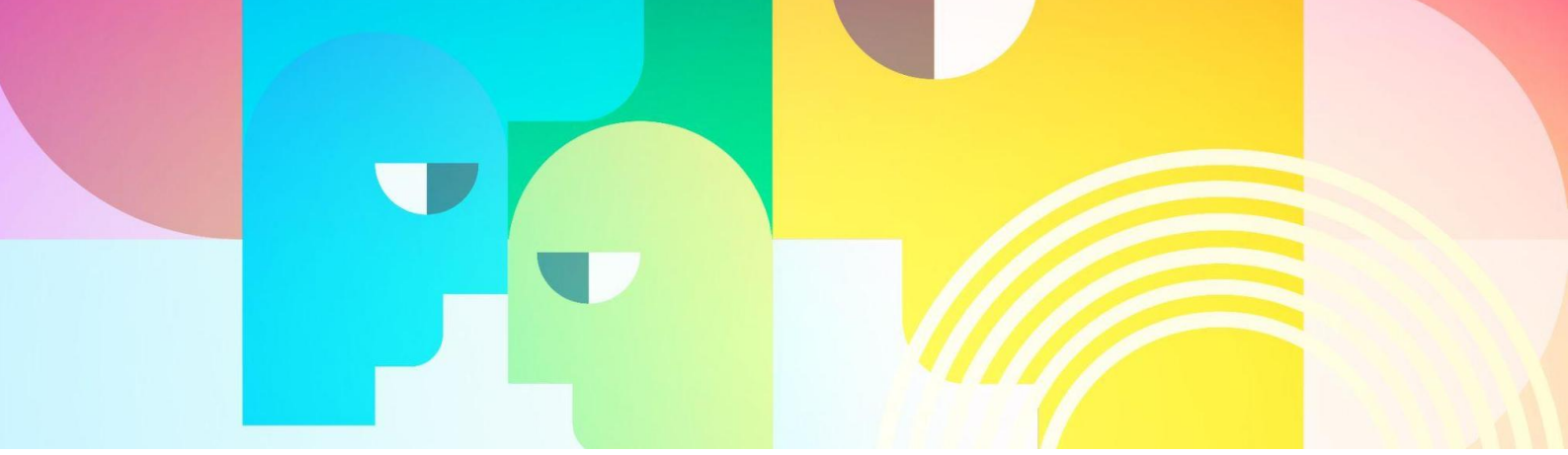


**Miguel Ricou**  
**CNECV | Moderator**



Degree in Psychology. Master in Bioethics. Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Porto and at the Infante D. Henrique Portuguese University. Specialist in Clinical and Health Psychology. President of the Specialty Council of Clinical and Health Psychology of the Portuguese Psychologists' Association. Member of the National Health Council. Member of the National Mental Health Council.

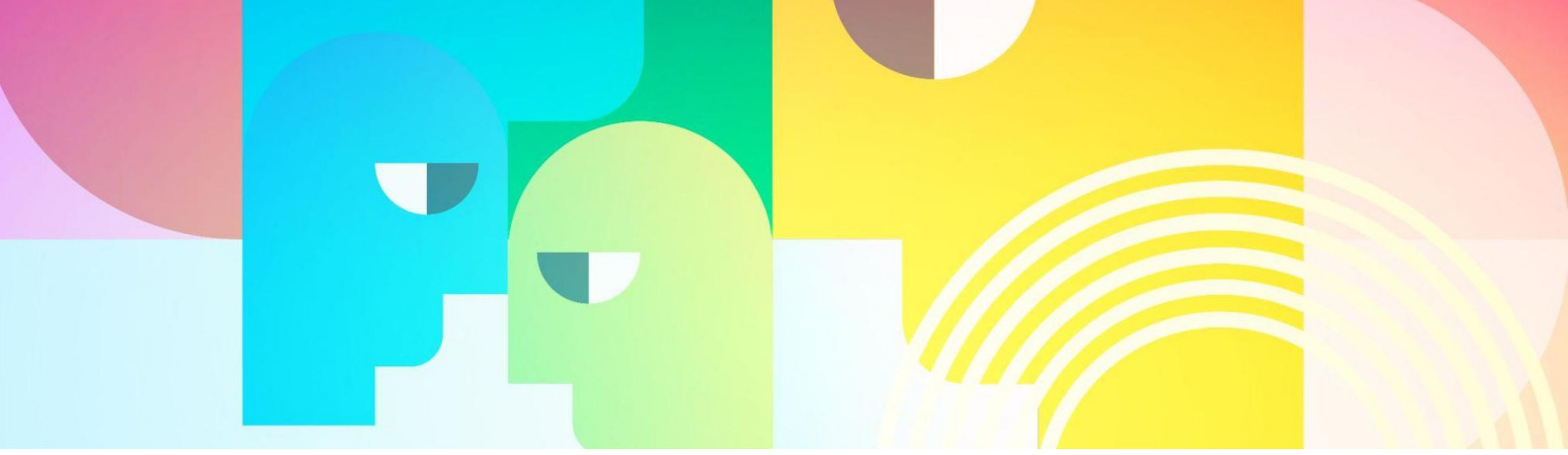
Portuguese representative on the Ethics Board of the EFPA – European Federation of Psychologists' Association. Ethics Expert of the H2020 Programme of the European Commission – Directorate-General for research & innovation. Integrated member of CINTESIS – Research Centre on Health Technologies and Services.



**Paula Pinto de Freitas**  
**CNECV | Moderator**

Mother of two children, MD, PhD in Medicine, Specialist in Psychiatry and Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Professor of Medical Psychology and Mental Health at the Institute of Biomedical Sciences Abel Salazar of the University of Porto. Director of the Department of Behavioral Sciences (2006-2012), Member of the Scientific Council since 2007, Co-Director of the Master Degree in Forensic Medicine and Director of the Master Degree in Genetic Counseling of ICBAS since 2020. Member of the Ethics Committee of the University of Porto since 2019. Member of the Board of the Medical Association's Specialty College of Psychiatry of Childhood and Adolescence (2002-2009). Integrates the Psychiatry and Mental Health Service of CHUP, dedicating particular interest to parenthood and namely to the area of Medically Assisted Procreation and Prenatal Diagnosis, being responsible for the Support Centre for Obstetrics and Gynaecology Services of CMIN/CHUP. Founding Member and Honorary Member of the Portuguese Association for Developmental Disorders and Autism – APPDA-Norte (1984), being responsible for its technical direction. Psychoanalyst, Associate Member of the Portuguese Psychoanalytical Society (SPP) of the Fédération Européenne de Psyanalyse (FEP) and of the International Psychoanalytical Association (IPA). Paula Pinto de Freitas carries out Clinical and Translational Research, having been a researcher at ISPUP (2012-17) and is Principal Researcher of the "InSight" Group, CINTESIS since 2019. Her research activity stems from her interest and taste for clinical and intervention/action.





## **André Rijo**

### **Vice-Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, Rights, Freedoms and Guarantees**

Degree in Law from the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon. Postgraduate degree in Governance and Regional and Local Development from the Higher Institute of Social and Political Sciences (ISCSP). Mayor of Arruda dos Vinhos, from 2013 to 2024. He is currently studying for a Master's degree in public administration at ISCSP.

