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## Rule of Law Conference in Cascais

The Institute for the Global Rule of Law of the EPLO organized a Conference entitled 'The Rule of Law and the Administration of Justice' on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 January 2025 at Casa de Santa Maria the headquarters of the EPLO Regional Branch, Cascais with the participation of Professor Giuliano Amato, Emeritus President of the Constitutional Court of Italy and former PM, Mr M. de Serpa Soares former Under Secretary General for Legal Affairs and UN legal Counsel and distinguished personalities of the local and International community.

**The Program included the following sections and speakers:**

**Saturday, 18 January**

**15:30-16:30 Opening Session**

**Spyridon Flogaitis**, Director of the European Public Law Organization (EPLO)

**Margarida Lima Rego**, Dean of the NOVA School of Law, NOVA University of Lisbon

**Keynote speech: Maria Lúcia Amaral**, Ombudsperson of the Republic of Portugal

**16:30-18:00 Session I - The Rule of Law and the Administration of Justice**

**President: António Mendes Oliveira**, Chief of Staff of the President of the Supreme Administrative Court of Portugal, Judge of Law in the Administrative and Tax Courts

**Rapporteurs:**

**Luis María Díez-Picazo**, Judge at the Supreme Court of the Kingdom of Spain

**José Igreja Matos**, President of the Appeal Court of Porto and Vice-President of the Consultative Council of European Judges

**Sergio Verdugo**, Secretary General of the International Society of Public Law and Assistant Professor at IE Law School

**Sunday, 19 January**

**10:00-11:15 Session II – Map of Contemporary Attacks on the Judiciary**

**President: Miguel de Serpa Soares**, former Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel



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**Rapporteurs:**

**Ana Maria Guerra Martins**, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights

**Gilmar Ferreira Mendes**, Justice of the Supreme Federal Court of the Federative Republic of Brazil

**Marisol Peña Torres**, former President of the Constitutional Court of Chile and Professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile

**11:15-11:30 Coffee Break**

**11:30-13:00 Session III – Social and Cultural Conditions of Judicial Independence**

**President: César Caniço**, President of the Lisbon Regional Directorate of the Union of Public Prosecution Service Magistrates

**Rapporteurs:**

**Lúcia da Luz Ribeiro**, President of the Constitutional Court of Mozambique (video)

**Vishnu Varunyou**, Vice-President of the Supreme Administrative Court of the Kingdom of Thailand

**13:00-13:30 Session IV – General Conclusions**

**President: David Feldman**, University of Cambridge, UK

**Rapporteur: Teresa Violante**, Director of the EPLO Institute for the Global Rule of Law

**13:30-14:30 Closing Lunch**