



Ricardo Baptista Leite, MP, MD, PhD(c) | Summary Biography

Member of Parliament | Head of Public Health | Medical Doctor | University Professor | Public Health Advocate
Born 31st May 1980 | Portuguese-Canadian Citizenship (Born TO, Canada)

Member of the Portuguese Parliament, National Spokesperson for Health of the Social Democratic Party, Medical Doctor trained in infectious diseases and **Head of Public Health** at *Católica University of Portugal*.

Founder and President of 'UNITE – Global Parliamentarians Network to End HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis and other Infectious Diseases', a global platform of current and former policy makers created under the auspices of **UNAIDS** and committed to ending these public health threats by 2030 in accordance with the UN SDG's.

Awarded by **'The Economist Intelligence Unit'** as a **'HCV Change Maker'** (2016). This acknowledgment, attributed to solely six people globally, came in due recognition of Ricardo's academic work and policy leadership in the field of hepatitis c.

National Spokesperson for Health of the Social Democratic Party and Member of the Portuguese National Parliament, currently on a 2nd term (2011-Present). Serving as coordinator of the Social Democratic Party in the *Parliamentary Health Committee*, member of the *Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee*, member of the *Parliamentary all-group on Population and Development*, Vice-President of the *Portuguese-Canadian Parliamentary Friendship Group* and Member of the *Portuguese-UK Parliamentary Friendship Group*; having served as Vice-President of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Chair of the *all-party Parliamentary HIV/AIDS workgroup* Member of the *Digital Parliament all-party Working Group* and President of the *Portuguese-Canadian Parliamentary Friendship Group*.

Head of Public Health at the *Institute of Health Sciences of Católica University of Portugal*. **Guest Lecturer** at *NOVA Medical School* (Infectious Diseases and Microbiology) and at *NOVA Information Management School* (Coordinator of Sustainable Healthcare Unit), both at *NOVA University*. **Senior Fellow** at *New Westminster College* (BC, Canada) and **PhD candidate** in Public Health and Health Systems at *Maastricht University* (The Netherlands). Previous experience includes having been an elected member of the supervisory board of the *National Genetic Database Protection Agency* and a decade of experience in **health technology** as a medical consultant at *Glintt Healthcare Solutions* (2009-2016), a multinational software house.

From 2015 to 2017, **Deputy Mayor** and **City Councilor of Cascais**, responsible for local health policy, academic partnerships, international relations (including economic diplomacy), youth (including Cascais European Youth Capital 2018) and employment policies.

In the past, **practicing physician** during 7 years, including a 5-year **Infectious Diseases** residency program at the Western Lisbon Hospital Center. Intern in public health (HIV, Hepatitis and STI's) at the **World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe**, based in Copenhagen (2011).

Post-graduate studies in many universities in Europe and abroad, among which are **Johns Hopkins University** (MD, USA), **Harvard Medical School** (MA, USA), **Harvard Kennedy School of Government/IESE** (Madrid, Spain), **Albert Einstein College of Medicine** (NY, USA), **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona** (Spain) and **AESE Business School** (Lisbon, Portugal).

Volunteer work related with health and development organizations, such as being member of the **Center for Health and Development International Advisory Board (Mangalore, India)**, member of the board of the **Hepatitis B and C Public Policy Association** (Brussels, Belgium), member of the **European AIDS Treatment Group** (EATG) External Advisory Board, among many other affiliations with **Patient Associations**.

Alumini of the **Millennium Fellowship** at **The Atlantic Council** and of the **Marshall Memorial Fellowship** at the **German Marshall Fund of the United States**. Member of the **European Leadership Network** (www.europeanleadershipnetwork.org), **European Young Leaders** (Friends of Europe | Europanova), **European Young Leaders Forum** (BMW Foundation), **Emerging Leaders in Environmental and Energy Policy Network** (ELEEP | The Atlantic Council), **Chatham House** (The Royal Institute of International Affairs). Fellow at the **ZEIT Stiftung - Fundação Gertúlio Vargas 2015 Latin American Forum on Global Governance** and member of the ZEIT Stiftung alumni. Member of the **Antigua Forum** alumni at *Universidad Francisco Marroquín* (Guatemala).

Founder of CREATING HEALTH – Research and Innovation funding, a sustainable nonprofit which has been set up within the Católica University of Portugal to help capture funding for health innovation and research projects (<http://creatinghealth.ics.lisboa.ucp.pt>). **Co-founder of the Estoril Conferences**, which are focused on the issue of globalization under the motto *Global Challenges, Local Answers* (www.estorilconferences.com).

Main author of the book "Citizenship for Health" (PT, 2015) and of the book **"Strategic Consensus on Integrated Management of Hepatitis C in Portugal"** (PT, 2014), among other publications.