

**MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS 2025**  
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IPRI-NOVA and NOVA FCSH

**RESEARCH GROUP AND URL**

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**SHORT CV OF THE SUPERVISOR**

Carmen Fonseca is Assistant Professor at NOVA University of Lisbon and researcher at IPRI-NOVA. Her research focuses on Foreign Policy Analysis, Regional Powers, Regionalism, with a focus on Brazilian foreign policy, South America regionalism, EU-LAC relations. She holds a Phd (2014) in International Relations, from NOVA FCSH, about Brazilian foreign policy strategies during Lula da Silva period. In 2023 she was Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Social and Political Studies of the State University of Rio de Janeiro and at IREL, University of Brasília. She integrates the Marie Curie Doctoral Network “Understanding Latin American Challenges in the 21st Century (LAC-EU)” and is a researcher of “United in Knowledge: EU-Latin America Academic Synergies (EULAS)”. Her current projects examine the origins of South America regionalism and the domestic sources, including veto players, of foreign policy. Between 2008-2024 she was editor of the journal *Relações Internacionais*.

**5 SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

- Fonseca, C. (2025) “South America Region-Building through Barry Buzan’s Lens”, in Acharya, A.; Lombaerde, P. D.; Futák-Campbell, B.; Iroulo, L. C. & Batista, J. P. (eds) *Essays on Global Regionalism*, Bruges: United Nations University Press (in press).
- Çoban, H. & Fonseca, C. (2025) “China’s Growing Influence in Latin America: Navigating Geopolitical Rivalry and Economic Dependency”, In *International Relations (Uluslararası İlişkiler)* (accepted to be publish)
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**PROJECT TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION**

**Domestic Sources of Regional Foreign Policy – A Comparative Analysis of Brazil, India and South Africa in comparative**

While most of the works on the Regional Powers’ foreign policy deals with the influence of external factors, it is not known enough the role of the domestic sources on the regional foreign policy making of such countries. Does Regional Powers’ domestic characteristics explain their correspondent regional and international performance? If so, does this dynamic happen in all dimensions of the external agenda? Why? When exists

a retraction of the external opportunities, how does the domestic nexus opportunities-constraints work? My ongoing research deals with these questions. It studies the cases of Brazil, India and South Africa in the XXI century, and seeks to answer to two inter-related questions: What are the domestic sources of Regional Powers' foreign policy? How does the domestic level shape Regional Powers' foreign policy? In our view, both levels of analysis are indissociable given the double performance (regional and international) of this category of States, which makes necessary an in-depth and comparative study of these variables.

#### SCIENTIFIC AREA WHERE THE PROJECT FITS BEST\*

Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)