

Friday



Luis Fazenda

Participou no Serviço de Apoio Ambulatório Local (SAAL) após o 25 de abril, fundou Associações de Moradores e foi deputado municipal várias vezes. É membro do Secretariado do Partido da Esquerda Europeia e membro do secretariado do Bloco de Esquerda.



Simon Maljevac

Levica Housing Responsible, Slovenia

Degree in sociology from the University of Ljubljana. Secretary-General of the political party The Left (*Levica*). Alongside his work in several NGO's, he has also worked in academia. He has co-authored several scientific articles and published a scientific monograph, *Obrazi homofobije* (Faces of Homophobia). From May 2022 to January 2023, he served as State Secretary responsible for equal opportunities, family, disabled persons, older people and deinstitutionalisation at the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the Republic of Slovenia. He is now Minister of Solidarity Based Future in Slovenia.



Marisa Matias

MEP Bloco de Esquerda

Marisa Matias é doutorada em Sociologia e actualmente deputada no Parlamento Europeu, eleita pela primeira vez em 2009, onde é Vice-Presidente do Grupo THE LEFT - Esquerda Unitária Europeia/Esquerda Verde Nórdica (GUE/NGL) e membro da Mesa.

Integra as Comissões de Indústria, Investigação e Energia (coordenadora), Ambiente e Saúde Pública (ENVI e SANT), dos Assuntos Externos (AFET) e a Subcomissão dos Direitos Humanos (DROI). Integra também a Delegação para as relações com os países do Magrebe, a Delegação à Assembleia Parlamentar da União para o Mediterrâneo e a Delegação para as relações com a Palestina.

É membro da Comissão Executiva do Partido da Esquerda Europeia. É membro da Comissão Política e da Mesa Nacional do Bloco de Esquerda.



David Madden

David Madden is Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of the Cities Programme at the London School of Economics. He is the author, with Peter Marcuse, of *In Defense of Housing*.

Saturday

1. Financialization



Ana Drago

Ana Drago faz investigação no Observatório sobre Crises e Alternativas do CES. Licenciou-se em Sociologia em 2001 pela Faculdade de Economia da Universidade de Coimbra, com a monografia final "Agitar antes de ousar: o movimento estudantil anti-propinas", entretanto publicado em livro. Em 2020, doutorou-se em Estudos Urbanos pelo ISCTE - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa/FCSH - Universidade Nova de Lisboa, com a dissertação "Um país a tornar-se urbano e democrático: a questão urbana na primeira década da democracia portuguesa". Neste trabalho procurou discutir a forma como o regime democrático e os diferentes actores politizaram e/ou despolitizaram a desigualdade e o desordenamento urbano que marcavam o processo de metropolização em torno de Lisboa, no período entre a revolução de Abril e adesão de Portugal à CEE em 1986. Tem publicado trabalhos em colectâneas portuguesas e revistas internacionais sobre a relação entre politização e processo urbano, políticas de habitação e efeitos da financeirização da cidade em Portugal após a grande crise financeira de 2008. Foi deputada à Assembleia da República entre 2002 e 2013, e é actualmente membro do Plenário do Conselho Económico e Social.



José Gusmão

José Gusmão is a Portuguese economist, activist and politician working as a Member of the European Parliament for Left Bloc (BE). He is Vice-President and Coordinator for The Left in the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON). He is also a member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL), the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), the Delegation for

Relations with the United States (D-US) and the Delegation to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee (D-CL).

Born in Lisbon in 1976, José Gusmão graduated in Economics at Lisbon School of Economics and Management (ISEG). Worked as a research assistant and as a researcher. He has been one of the authors of an economics “Bicycle Thieves” (Ladrões de Bicicletas) and co-authored the books “The crisis, the troika and the urgent alternatives” and “Economy with All”.

He was a member of the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP) but later joined the Left Bloc (Bloco de Esquerda). He was then a deputy to the Assembly of the Republic in the XI Legislature, being Vice-President of the Committee on Budget and Finance. He worked between 2011 and 2018 as an Assistant in the European Parliament, with Miguel Portas and Marisa Matias.

2. Social Movements



Vasco Barata

Lawyer, housing activist on Chão das Lutas.



João França

Journalist, researcher and author of La PAH: A Handbook.

Extra info: ([Português](#), [Inglês](#) e [Castelhano](#). [Vídeo](#) sobre a PAH que foi feito ao mesmo tempo que o livro.)

Aleks Porparol

Aleks Porparol has been active in tenants' rights movement in the German capital Berlin for several years. As of late, he has participated in the initiative Deutsche Wohnen & Co. enteignen!, which aims at socialising the housing stock of large for-profit companies in Berlin, and in the Kiezprojekt, which assists tenants in organising themselves around specific local issues at the level of settlements and boroughs.



Cesare Ottolini

Born in Padua (Italy) in 1956, Cesare Ottolini has a long history of activism in the fight for the right to housing. He was national president and national secretary of Unione Inquilini, one of the most important and widespread tenants' organizations in Italy, and the global coordinator of Habitat International Coalition. He is also involved with the International Steering Committee and Jury, of the International Tribunal on Evictions and collaborates with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Housing. Currently, he is the global coordinator of the International Alliance of Inhabitants, a worldwide network of grassroots organizations of inhabitants and community-based social movements.



Valéria Racu

Sindicato de Inquilinas e Inquilinos de Madrid (Madrid Tenants' Union) is a member-led union taking action to transform the housing system and win homes for people, not private profit. They stand together against the landlords and estate agents who exploit them by taking collective action and strengthening communities. Their goal is to make sure all non-property owners have a decent, secure and affordable place to call home. Valeria

Racu is an active member of the union as well as one of its spokespersons.

3. Rent Control



Rodrigo Martinez

Dr Rodrigo Martinez is a Lecturer in Real Estate and Finance. His main research focus lies on the causes and consequences of housing affordability. His previous research studied how new home-sharing platforms like Airbnb can drive housing prices and rents in large tourist cities. Currently, he is working on the effects of natural disasters on real estate development and urban density. He co-authored a project focused on the effects of rent control on the rental market in Catalonia. He combined his academic work with being part of the housing movement. In Barcelona, he was a speaker for the Tenants Union, working on the implementation of rent control in Catalonia.



Maria Manuel Rola

Member of Parliament for Bloco de Esquerda 2017-2022, in the Committees for Environment, Spatial planning, Local government and Housing. Worked, among other things, on the fight against real estate speculation and the approval of the new Basic Housing Law. Presented the first proposition of Bloco de Esquerda for a Rent Control in 2021. She is now doing a masters in Public Policy on Housing focused on Private Rental Regulation and Rent Control. National Board Member of Bloco de Esquerda and Co-coordinator of the Housing Working Group of the European Left.

4. Youth Housing status and movements



Romana Xerez

Romana holds a PhD in Social Sciences from the Technical University of Lisbon. She is an Associate Professor at Institute for Social and Political Sciences (ISCSPP) — University of Lisbon and serves as Vice-President for Research. Additionally, she is a research fellow at the Centre for Public Administration and Policies. She was a Board member of the European Network for Social Policy Analysis (ESPAnet), and she was a co-founder of ESPAnet Portugal. Her research interest focuses on housing, homeownership, and the welfare state, particularly on southern European countries. Romana's recent research explores the intersection of housing inequalities from intergenerational perspective. She is currently the Principal Investigator of the research project "Housing, Welfare and Inequalities in Southern Europe: Exploratory Research from Portugal on Generation Z", financed by the Foundation for Science and Technology.



Daniel Céitinn

Daniel is a member of Dublin City Council, the capital city of Ireland, since 2020. He is a member of the political party Sinn Féin. He works in health policy with Sinn Féin in Dáil Éireann, the national parliament of Ireland. He represents inner city working class communities in Dublin which face severe housing challenges. He has a MSc in European Public Affairs and Law from University College, Dublin and a BA (Hons) in History and Political Science from Trinity College Dublin.



António Soares

Estudantes pela Habitação Porto

António Soares, 22 years old. António is a master's student at the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Porto, where he graduated with a degree in Geography. He completed his degree with a research project on gentrification processes in the city of Porto: COMMUNITY HOUSING IN BONFIM, PORTO: A CITY TO LIVE IN.

He is a student activist and founder of the "Students for Housing" movement and has been a member of other student collectives and movements for higher education and housing rights.



Roman Čučela

was born in Prague, in 1999. Since 2017 he has been a member of the Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia and stood as a candidate in the 2018 municipal election in Prague 11. Since 2022 he has been working in the European Parliament as an assistant to MEP Kateřina Konečná where he, among other projects, worked on a regulation on short-term rentals.

Sunday

1. Local Policies



Ian Brossat

Senat ur Paris, PCF

A member of the French Communist Party (PCF), he has been a Paris advisor since 2008. From 2014 to 2023, he served as deputy to Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris, in charge of housing, emergency shelter and refugee protection. Since 2018, he has been the spokesperson for the PCF. Was elected Senator of Paris on September 24, 2023.



Martha Kleed rfer

Chairwoman of DIE LINKE in Berlin Mitte (central district of Mitte) and Member of the district assembly of Berlin Mitte, speaker for housing and mobility.



S rgio Aires

Porto Councillor, Bloco de Esquerda

Degree in sociology from Porto University.

Dedicated to fighting poverty since a very young age, voluntarily and professionally. Worked on the investigation cabinet from

EAPN Portugal and further coordinated the network nationally, founding member for the European antiracist network and European network for Roma and health, having supported the constitution of several Roma and inter cultural mediation associations. Has presided over the Anti-Poverty Network.

Worked on several projects and has also worked as an independent consultant for poverty eradication and in social economy projects, in which he has coordinated and conceived several European projects and made consultancy for several local power municipalities on implementing social observatories. Has also been the director of the Lisbon Observatory against poverty and has been a consultant to the Azores Regional Government for its regional strategy for poverty-fighting. He is Policy Advisor at the European Parliament at The Left Group.

Since 2021 he is Bloco de Esquerda Porto Councillor.



Mauro Sirotnjak

Mozemo! representative City Assembly

is an architect based in Zagreb. He is Interested in the politics of space and commoning spatial practices, and is currently developing research on the relation between contemporary housing policies, urban memory and infrastructure.

2. Digital Platforms



Murray Cox

Murray Cox is a multidisciplinary Australian-American artist and activist based in Newburgh NY, who uses visual, audio, spatial and data storytelling to explore themes of equity.

He is the founder of Inside Airbnb, a data activist project which uses data to help communities organise around the impacts of short-term

rentals, and the Executive Director of the Housing Justice Data Lab, which uses data and maps to fight for the right to housing and the right to our cities.



Ricardo Lafuente

Ricardo Lafuente is co-founder and leader of D3, a Portuguese association for the defense of digital rights. His recent focus has been on contexts where digital technologies are used to address social problems, with a techno political analysis of automated mechanisms in the areas of health, justice, education and city management, among many others.



Katalin Gennburg

Katalin Gennburg is an urban development researcher and spokeswoman for urban development and construction, environment and tourism for the parliamentary group of Die LINKE in the Berlin State House of Representatives. Accordingly, she is concerned with issues relating to the growing city of Berlin and questions about the city of the future. She argues for a city where people are at the center, not profit interests. Her political work is based on grassroots organizing campaigns, grassroots activism, and movement-based politics. The best example of this is the referendum "Deutsche Wohnen & Co enteignen" in Berlin. Since Katalin Gennburg moved from a shrinking city in East Germany to Berlin's Speckgürtel, she has been preoccupied with the question of how cities change. She has a degree in Philosophy (B.A.) and Historical Urban Studies (M.A.) and has been politically engaged since the beginning of the Iraq war. In 2002, she was elected as the youngest member of the city council in Falkensee. Since 2016, she has been a member of the Berlin House of Representatives as a three-time directly elected MP.

3. Closing



Mariana Mortágua, Bloco de Esquerda National Coordinator

is a Portuguese economist, politician, and current National Coordinator of the Left Bloc, as of May 2023. Was elected in 2013 to the Portuguese National Assembly and worked mostly around the financing and banking sector. She gained particular

visibility in Portuguese politics after her performance in the parliamentary inquiry of Zeinal Bava and Ricardo Salgado, in the context of the bankruptcy of the BES bank.



Claudia Haydt, from Die Linke, is a board member of the Informationsstelle Militarisierung (IMI) and is one of the Vice-Presidents of the European Left.