

## UPF Cascais, Portugal Delegation Attends Estoril Conferences

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**Cascais, Portugal** -- UPF was invited to attend the eighth edition of the Estoril Conferences, a renowned international event organized annually by NOVA School of Business and Economics and co-organized by NOVA Medical School, with the support of the Municipality of Cascais.

**Jacques Marion**, the UPF co-chair for Europe and the Middle East, and **Gabriella Mieli**, the UPF coordinator for Southern Europe, joined the UPF-Portugal delegation at the event, which took place at the NOVA School of Business and Economics on September 1 and 2, 2023.

For the second consecutive year, UPF was invited to this remarkable event as a partner. The conference's primary objective is to foster discussions on global challenges and promote innovative solutions. This year's theme was "Re-Humanizing the World."

The two-day conference was attended by over 1,000 participants, including many students and international guests.

With opening speeches by Portuguese President **Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa** and Education Minister **João Costa**, the conference featured a succession of panels on the planet, people, health, peace, and policy, addressing the rapid changes taking place in the world and the need to keep human beings at the center.

Speakers included a wide array of experts from around the world. Former presidents, Nobel laureates, scientists, artists and environmental activists offered their expertise.

The UPF-Portugal delegation of 12 included:

**Professor Paulo Oliveira**, the president of the Lusophone Observatory on Economic Activities, a professor and researcher at the Lisbon Lusophone University, and a UPF Ambassador for Peace;

**Professor Nuno André**, a professor and researcher at Nova University of Lisbon, journalist, UPF Ambassador for Peace, and newly appointed collaborator in the Vatican Dicastery for Communication;

**Dr. Natércia Mirão**, the head of the Educational Projects Sector for Equality and Citizenship at the Odivelas Municipal Council;

**Dr. Cristina Casas**, the director of the

Department of International Relations, Migration Policy, and Migrant Attraction at the High Commissioner for Migration;

**Professor Dr. Helena Marujo**, a professor at the Higher Institute of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Lisbon, holder of the UNESCO Chair of Peace, and a UPF Ambassador for Peace.

As a conference partner, UPF was offered a valuable opportunity for networking with speakers and participants. The event also provided a platform for UPF to engage with Ambassadors for Peace and



partners. The quality of organization, high caliber of speakers, and warm hospitality extended to participants, along with the timely theme of the conference, created a memorable and informative event.



UPF-Portugal is looking forward to pursuing its partnership and cooperation with the Estoril Conferences. The newly proposed "Road to the Estoril Conferences" initiative provides an opportunity for contributing toward the upcoming 2024 edition. UPF aims to leverage its international expertise and human resources to support this high-level conference, fostering a fruitful collaboration in the years to come.



For more information on the Estoril Conferences, visit:

- [www.estorilconferences.org](http://www.estorilconferences.org)
- [www.facebook.com/EstorilConferences](https://www.facebook.com/EstorilConferences)
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2023 EDITION

# RE- HUMANIZE OUR WORLD

PLANET, PEOPLE, HEALTH, PEACE AND  
POLICY

## 1-2 SEP 2023

Nova SBE, Carcavelos Campus - Cascais, Portugal



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## THE STAGE OF LIFE IS SET HERE. WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU!

Every day, we move towards tomorrow, without knowing what it will be. **The impossibility to see the future**, to feel it or to touch it, **often makes us close ourselves in our own box**.

**Inside these walls, we are all we see**, losing touch of them – our counterparts to whom we are deeply connected to in our shared human essence. Behind closed doors, **we pull away from our best self**. We **lose awareness of the impact of our actions**, of our surroundings, of our peers, that have also embarked in this journey of life like us.

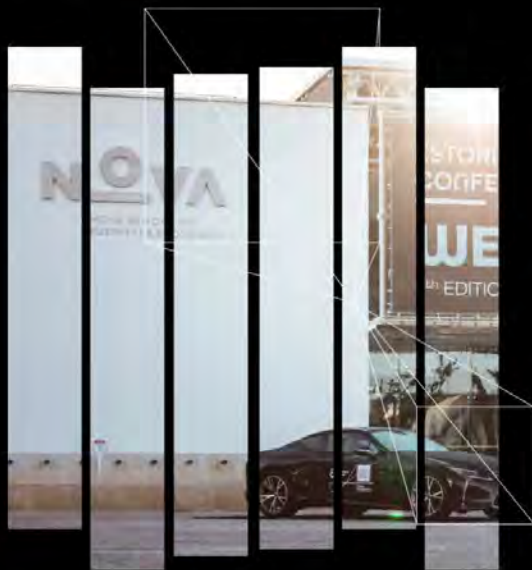
**We must not lose the feeling of how precious life** is and how powerful we, humans, are to make it even more astonishing. **Carrying our humanity to the stage of life, by giving voice to those who transform it into impactful action**, is the main mission of the **8th Edition of the Estoril Conferences, co-organized by NOVA SBE** and, this year, also by **NOVA Medical School**. Reinforcing the transforming power of innovation and technology, **we will give stage to world leaders and the pioneers of today and tomorrow to discuss topics of great importance** to our shared future, such as the environment, peace, politics, and health.

The 8th Edition of Estoril Conferences will address larger subjects in accordance with the major global concerns that the world is facing by **encouraging a discussion and a call to action among world leaders** on the most important issues facing all generations, with a particular focus on the **younger generations**.

**Join us in reshaping the future** and help us to create the more humane society that the world so desperately needs by turning words into actions.







## Where?

At Nova SBE Carcavelos Campus, Cascais Portugal in a co-organization with NOVA Medical School.

## For who?

To all who are inspired and motivated by creating impact and change in the world no matter the age, namely the purpose generation.

## How much?

Free event, open to all, with limited seats.

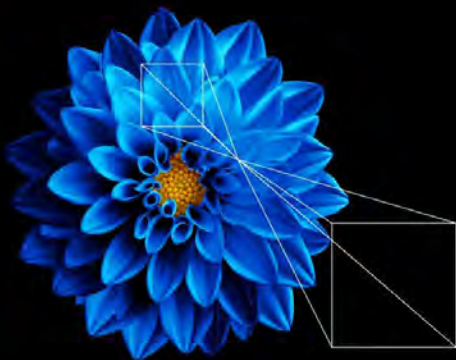
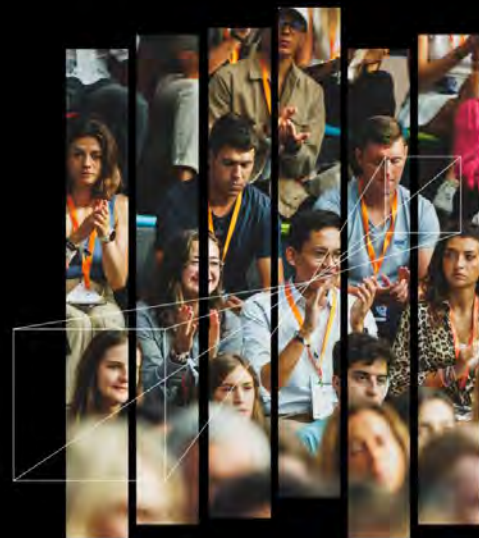
## READY TO TAKE THIS LEAP WITH US?

From 2023 on, **the Estoril Conferences will be held annually** keeping its objective to open, inclusive, elevated, and participatory discourse on pertinent routes to a sustainable future based on more equality, fairness, justice, and peace.

Join us, and **let's re-humanize the present together, reshaping the future.**

**Let's start by looking at where we are currently standing.**

What are we doing for the **Planet**, for **People**, for **Health**, for **Peace** and for new **Policies**?



## PLANET

**Earth has been humanity's home for millions of years, but we are far from being its only inhabitants.** It has also been hosting the life of thousands of other species, as the only planet in the known universe confirmed to support life...

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## PEOPLE

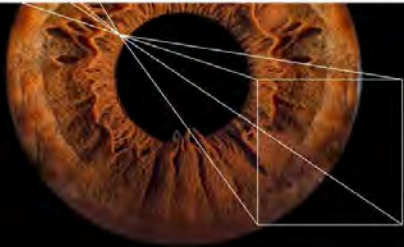
**We are the writers of our own history.** Not just our own, as individuals, but that of all of us. Humanity. **We define how our chapters are going to look like** and we choose how we want to punctuate it...

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## HEALTH





**We all ask for health.** It is part of our most immediate and aspiring desires – for ourselves and for all of those we hold dear. Yet, **what stands out as our greatest source of vitality can easily be turned into our greatest fear**, sometimes in a blink of an eye...

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## PEACE

**Human history is filled with chapters of fights, conflicts, and wars.**

In our quest for a more fulfilling life, we have often been practicing the opposite of the so desired harmony and tranquility that peace has inherent...

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## POLICY

**Why let your voice be tamed when you can make a difference?** We have and must fight for our rights, for fairer opportunities, for greater balance in our society. ...

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## IN A 2-DAY AGENDA

**The 8th Edition of the Estoril Conferences** invites us to embark on a 2-day journey that **challenges us to look inward and reconnect deeply with our human essence** to pave the way for a **healthier, more peaceful and inclusive world**.

On **September 1st**, the stage will be enlightened by world leaders that will join the younger generations to discuss **what actions can we take to face the ongoing planetary crisis, while debating the urgency of turning words into concrete deeds for a more peaceful environment**. Approaching the **needed changes in political decision-making** processes is also part of the agenda of the first day, integrating the policy topic, that will complement the planet and peace conversations.

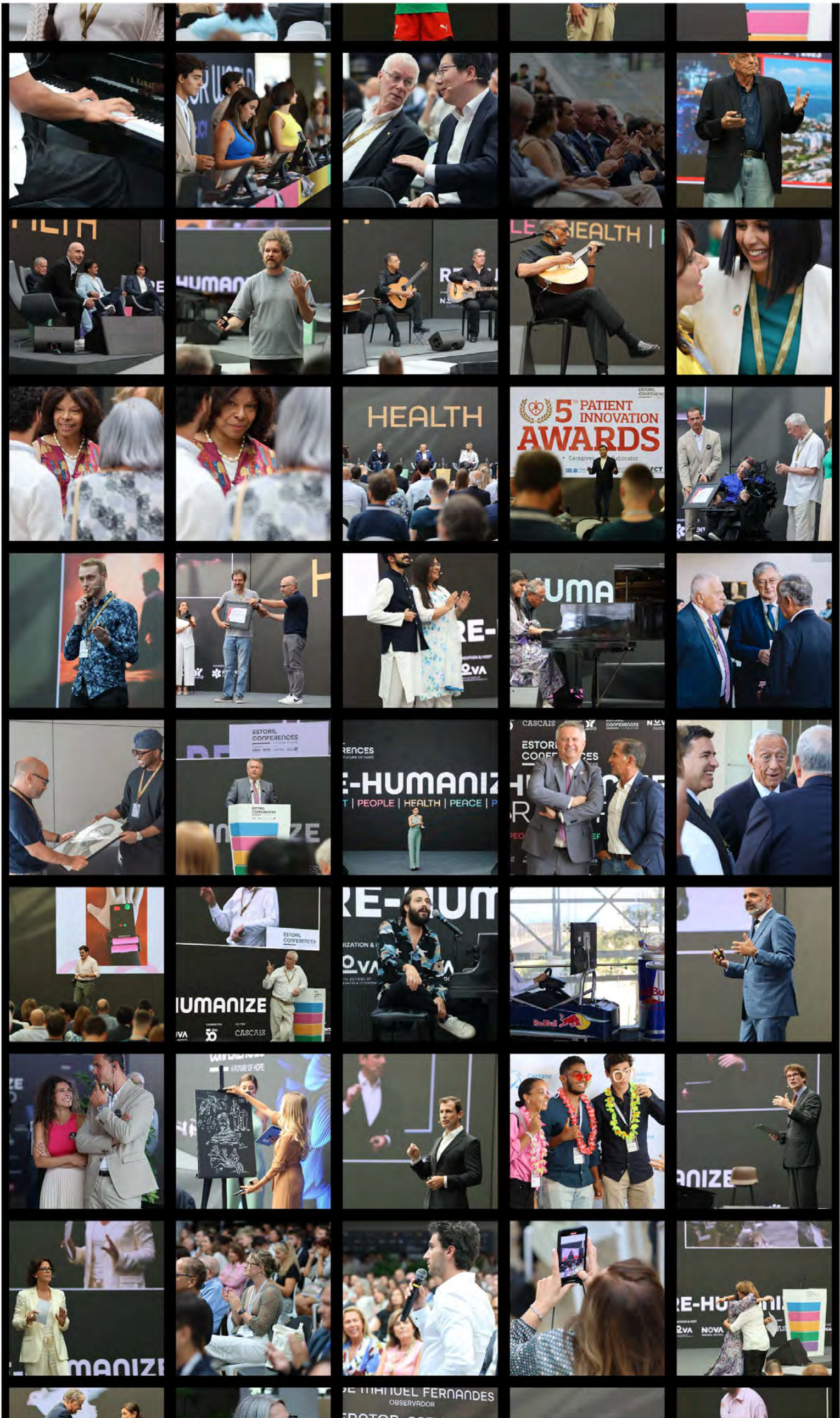
On **September 2nd**, the sessions will be **mainly devoted to the theme of health**, where some of the **emerging challenges** such as **poverty, climate change, and mental health conditions** will be discussed, as well as **the role played by technology** to advance the health sector.



## Photos











# ESTORIL CONFERENCES

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Established in 2009, with six previous and powerful editions, the **Estoril Conferences** look to engage a multitude of high-profile leadership at the political, business, academic and civil society levels in inspiring new generations to, together, find possible solutions for our common challenges.

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