



Geopolitcs in the 21st century: a Brazilian perspective

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Ambassador Patriota was born in Rio de Janeiro on April 27, 1954. After having earned a diploma in Philosophy from the University of Geneva, he went on to graduate in 1979 from Brazil's diplomatic academy, the Rio Branco Institute. At the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in Brasília he worked as an Advisor to the Head of the United Nations Division from 1980 to 1982, as an Advisor to the Secretary General for Political Affairs from 1990 to 1992, and as the Deputy Diplomatic Advisor to the President of Brazil from 1992 to 1994. Overseas, he served as a member of Brazil's Permanent Mission to the International Organizations in Geneva, from 1983 to 1986. as Political Counsellor at the Brazilian Embassy in Beijing from 1987 to 1988, as Head of the Economic Section of the Brazilian Embassy in Caracas from 1988 to 1990, and as a Political Counsellor at Brazil's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, in New York, from 1994 to 1999. He was a member of Brazil's Delegation to the U.N. Security Council in 1995 and from 1998 to 1999. He served as Minister Counsellor at Brazil's Permanent Mission to the International Organizations in Geneva from 1999 to 2003. During the last two years of this posting, he served as Brazil's Deputy Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization.

Upon his return to Brasília, he served as Secretary for Diplomatic Planning in the Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. He was promoted to the rank of Ambassador in December 2003 and served as Chief of Staff to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Celso Amorim, from May 2004 through May 2005. Prior to his appointment as Brazilian Ambassador to the United States in February 2007, he served as Under Secretary General for Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In October 2009, Ambassador Patriota was appointed Brazil's Secretary General of External Relations.

His thesis for the Advanced Studies Course at the Rio Branco Institute was published in 1998 by the Alexandre de Gusmão Foundation (FUNAG) with the title "The Security Council After the Gulf War: articulating a new paradigm for collective security." Ambassador Patriota is married to Tania Cooper Patriota and they have two sons, Miguel and Thomas.

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