



Global Challenges book series launch

The UFMG Office of International Affairs, in partnership with the UFMG University Press, have conceived of this series, which aims to discuss, through its six volumes, the different regions of the world currently covered by UFMG Regional Studies Centers – i.e., (1) Africa, (2) North America, (3) Latin America, (4) Asia-Pacific, (5) Europe, and (6) the Indian Ocean. More than 130 authors from 30 different countries have worked on this editorial project for 2 years. The purpose of the book series is to provide deep and systematic reflection on some of the main contemporary challenges faced in the following thematic areas: (I) Sustainability, (II) Health and Welfare, (III) Human Rights, (IV) New Technologies and Frontiers of Science, (V) Institutions, Governance and Regulation, (VI) Education, Culture and Art. Professors Aziz Saliba and Dawisson Lopes, respectively the Dean and the Deputy Dean for International Affairs at UFMG, are the editors of this series.



Opening class of UFMG's Minor in International Studies

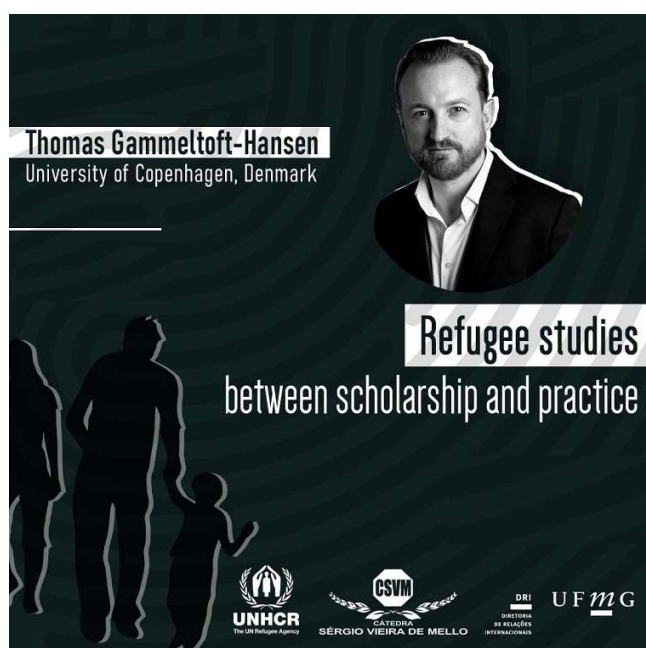
On February 26, 2021, José Antonio Sanahuja, a professor at Complutense University of Madrid and the current director of Spain's Carolina Foundation, gave this academic term's opening class of UFMG's Minor in International Studies. His lecture was entitled "The European Union after COVID-19: Green Deal, Strategic Autonomy and Geopolitical Rebirth." On the occasion, Professor Sanahuja addressed the European Union's (EU) reaction to the Covid-19 pandemic, covering the health crisis in itself, economic measures taken to mitigate this crisis, the EU recovery plan, and vaccination across the European continent. UFMG's Minor in International Studies was officially launched in 2019, comprising dozens of optional, undergraduate courses with a focus on international and comparative disciplines, which are offered at different schools and institutes. Classes are entirely taught in English or Spanish, thus creating truly multinational pedagogical environments at UFMG.



UFMG joins UNHCR network

On January 8, 2021, Danish Professor Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen, a specialist in the topic of migration and refugee rights, gave the opening lecture of the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees' Sergio Vieira de Mello (SVM) Chair at UFMG. This lecture, which was broadcast

by the UFMG Office of International Affairs channel on YouTube, dealt with the constitution of refuge as a field of study, and its relationship with the search for the realization of the rights of nationally and internationally forcibly displaced populations. The Sergio Vieira de Mello Chair was created in 2003 by the UNHCR. Organized as a network, it aims to promote actions to guarantee and expand refugees' access to rights and services in Brazil. SVM Chair network is made up of 30 Brazilian institutions of higher education, UFMG now included.



Featured countries: Australia and Guinea-Bissau

Since the year 2020, the UFMG Office of International Affairs and Australia's University of Southern Queensland (USQ) have established a fruitful institutional dialogue, mostly related to cotutelle agreements. Now, in 2021, a matchmaking meeting was organized by the parties with a view to involve professors from USQ and UFMG in joint research work, envisioning possible connections and overlaps in their professional agendas. Also in recent times, conversations between representatives from UFMG and one of Australia's oldest and best-renowned universities, the University of Adelaide, took place as a side-event of APAIE's last edition, hinting at a nascent collaboration. On the same note, UFMG and the government of Guinea-Bissau

have launched an ambitious cooperation strategy aiming at increasing the numbers of students and faculty who would travel both ways for academic exchange and research, making this African-Brazilian bilateral flow denser over the years. UFMG Office of International Affairs' representatives, Brazil-Guinea Bissau Chamber of Commerce's Julio Té, and the Brazilian Ambassador and Ambassadors to Bissau, Mr. and Mrs. Franco, have joined this meeting on April 13, 2021 (please see the photo).



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