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**The Double Face of Climate Change:  
From Ontological Threat to Opportunity  
for Global Peace**

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Viriato Soromenho-Marques (1957) teaches Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Nature, and European Ideas in the Departments of Philosophy and European Studies of the University of Lisbon, where he is Full Professor. Since 1978 he has been engaged in the civic environmental movement in Portugal and Europe. He was Chairman of Quercus (1992-1995). He is member of the National Council on Environment and Sustainable Development. He was one of the authors of the Portuguese National Strategy for Sustainable Development (2004). He was Vice-Chair of the European Environmental and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils network (2001-2006). He is the scientific coordinator of the Gulbenkian Environment Program. Since March 2007, he is one of the twelve members of the High Level Group on Energy and Climate Change by invitation of the President of the European Commission.

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He was the representative of public opinion in the Press Council (1985-1987). He is a regular contributor to some Portuguese mass media, particularly, the *Jornal de Letras*, *Rádio Renascença*, the public television network (RTP) and the Portuguese and Brazilian Sections of the BBC. Between 1998 and 2003 he was the director of a regional weekly newspaper (*Sem Mais Jornal*) and of a local daily newspaper (*Correio de Setúbal*).

He wrote about three hundred works on Philosophy, Environment and International Relations matters. He was speaker in seven hundred conferences in Portugal and nineteen other countries. Among other books, he was the author of the following titles: *Tragic Thought and Nihilism in Nietzsche* (1984); *Europe: The Risk of the Future* (1985); *Europe: Maze or Common House* (1993); *Back to Earth: Ecological Awareness and Environmental Policy* (1994); *Policy, Politics and History in Kant* (1995); *The Era of Citizenship: From Machiavelli to Jefferson* (1996); *Environment and the Future: The Portuguese Case Study* (1996); *Our Fragile Future: The Challenges of Global Environmental Crisis* (1998); *Reason and Progress in Kant's Philosophy* (1998); *Ecology and Ideology* (1999); *The Federal Revolution. Political Philosophy and Constitutional Debate in the American Founding Era* (2002); *The Federalist, from Hamilton, Madison and Jay* (translation in co-operation with João Duarte) (2003), *The Challenge of Water Policy in 21st Century. Between Conflict and Cooperation*, coordination (2003); *The Art of Winning*, introduction to two military writings from Frederick the Great (2005); *Portuguese National Strategy for Sustainable Development: 2005-2015*, in co-operation with 5 other authors (2005); *Metamorphoses. Between Breakdown and Sustainable Development* (2005), *Citizenship and European Construction*, coordination (2005).