

## **Biographical sketch**

Former President of Brazil (1995-2002), **Fernando Henrique Cardoso** is currently president of the Instituto Fernando Henrique Cardoso (São Paulo, Brazil) and honorary president of the Party of the Brazilian Social Democracy (PSDB). Co-president of the Latin American Commission on Drugs and Democracy (since 2008), leading member of the Global Commission on Politics and Drugs (since 2010). Presidente of the Independent Commission on Aids and the Law, and member of the council of Global Leaders for the Reproductive Health (since 2010).

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Club of Madrid (Madrid) and, in the United States, a consultive member of several institutions such as: the Clinton Global Initiative (New York, NY); the Inter-American Dialogue, the World Resources Institute, the United Nations Foundation (New York, NY) and the Watson Institute for International Studies of the Brown University (Providence, RI).

He was born on June 18, 1931, in Rio de Janeiro, married the anthropologist Ruth Cardoso (1930-2008) and has three children.

A sociologist trained at the University of São Paulo, he emerged since the late 1960s as one of the most influential intellectual in Latin America. Cardoso was deeply involved in Brazil's struggle for democracy to overcome the authoritarian military regime (1964-1985). Elected Senator in 1982, he was a founding member of the Party of the Social Democracy (PSDB). He served as Minister of Foreign Relations in 1992/93 and Minister of Finance in 1993/94.

Former Full Professor of Political Science, to-day Professor Emeritus, at the University of São Paulo, he was professor at the universities of Santiago de Chile, of California (at Stanford and at Berkeley), of Cambridge (United Kingdom), of Paris-Nanterre, as well as at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales and the Collège de France. He deserved more than 20 *Honoris Causa* degrees from of the most famous universities. Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He was awarded honours such as the "Prince of Asturias Award of International Cooperation 2000", the UNDP's 2002 inaugural "Mahbub ul Haq Award for Outstanding Contribution to Human Development" and the "J. William Fullbright Prize for International Understanding" (2003).

His main works in English include *The Accidental President of Brazil* (2006, with B. Winter), *Charting a New Course: The Politics of Globalization and Social Transformation* (2001, M.Font editor) and *Dependency and Development in Latin America* (with E. Faletto, 1979). His up-dated

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