

António Câmara

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António Câmara is a Professor at NOVA University School of Science and Technology. He was a Visiting Professor at Cornell University (1988-89) and MIT (1998-99).

António Câmara was a pioneer in geographical information systems and augmented virtual reality. He supervised and co-supervised 40 PhD students and authored over 200 scientific publications. António Câmara published four books: [Spatial Multimedia and Virtual Reality](#) (Taylor & Francis, 1999 and 2021), [Environmental Systems](#) (Oxford University Press, 2002), [Voando com os Pés na Terra](#) (Bertrand, 2009) and [O Futuro Inventa-se](#) (Objetiva, 2009).

He was a Senior Consultant for the Alqueva Dam (largest artificial lake in Western Europe), Expo 98 (World fair held in Lisbon) and National Geographical Information System (first spatial data infrastructure on the Internet) projects.

António Câmara co-founded [YDreams](#) in 2000. He was the company's CEO from 2000 to 2016. YDreams has been a leading company in the spatial computing space. It has developed over 1300 projects for 50+ Fortune 500 companies in 40 countries.

António Câmara also co-founded: [Ynvisible](#) (2011), a leading e-paper display manufacturer; [Azorean Aquatic Technologies](#) (2013), a pioneer in the development of aquatic drones; [The Inventors](#) (2016), a leading ed-tech company; and [TUGA Innovations](#) (2022), an emergent mobility company. Four of these companies are now listed in international stock markets.

The work of his companies has been covered by Wired, Fast Company, Forbes, Bloomberg, Economist, Financial Times, New York Times, Guardian, Liberation, El País, Huffington Post, Engadget, Tech Crunch, Venture Beat, Cool Hunting, Gizmodo, CNN, CNBC, France 24 and many other international and national media.

He was also a member of the Board of [Semapa](#) (2008-16), and the Roundtable of Entrepreneurs of [EIT](#) (2011-13).

António Câmara has received twenty-five national and international awards including [Prémio Pessoa](#) (2006) and EU Entrepreneur of the Year Award (2008).

In his youth, he was a member of Portugal's national tennis team U18 and U20 and played in the international circuit.