India-EU Partnership: A Conversation between S. Jaishankar and Augusto Santos Silva

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We are delighted to host a fireside conversation between Dr. S. Jaishankar, external affairs minister of India, and H.E. Augusto Santos Silva, minister of state and foreign affairs of Portugal, to discuss how India and the European Union (EU) might collaborate to bring about a mutually beneficial economic recovery, work together on issues such as healthcare and technology, and promote a free and open Indo-pacific. The conversation will be moderated by François Godement, senior advisor for Asia to Institut Montaigne.

S. Jaishankar is the external affairs minister of India. Earlier he was president – Global Corporate Affairs at Tata Sons Private Limited from 2018-19. He was foreign secretary from 2015-18, ambassador to United States from 2013-15, ambassador to China from 2009-2013, high commissioner to Singapore from 2007-2009 and ambassador to the Czech Republic from 2000-2004. He has also served in other diplomatic assignments in embassies in Moscow, Colombo, Budapest, and Tokyo, as well in the Ministry of External Affairs and the President’s Secretariat. He is a graduate of St. Stephen’s College at the University of Delhi. S. Jaishankar holds an MA in Political Science and an M. Phil and Ph.D in International Relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi. He is a recipient of the Padma Shri award in 2019.

Augusto Santos Silva is the minister of state and foreign affairs of Portugal. Previously, he served as minister of defence from 2009-2011, minister of parliamentary affairs from 2005-2009, minister for culture from 2001-2002, minister for education from 2000-2001 and secretary of state for Education Administration. He was also the pro-rector of the University of Porto where he is a professor at the Faculty of Economics. Augusto Santos Silva holds a Ph.D in Sociology from the Lisbon University Institute.

François Godement is senior advisor for Asia to Institut Montaigne, Paris. He is also a non-resident senior associate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C., and an external consultant for the Policy Planning Staff of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Until December 2018, he was the director of ECFR’s Asia and China Program and a Senior Policy Fellow at ECFR. A long-time professor at France’s National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilisations and Sciences Po, he created Centre Asie IFRI at the Paris-based Institut Français des Relations Internationales (1985-2005), and in 2005 Asia Centre. He studied at Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris and Harvard University.