

Biographical Note of André Corrêa d'Almeida, Ph.D., M.Sc.

Thirty years of entrepreneurial, management, academic, and leadership experience with applied multidisciplinary programs, teaching, research and consultancy carried out in the United States, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia and Asia. André Corrêa d'Almeida is [Adjunct Associate Professor](#) at Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation (GSAPP) and held the same position at the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) for 14 years until 2025. He is also a [Lead Inventor](#) and founder of a EduTech AI/LLM startup at Columbia Technology Ventures.

At Columbia University, he was, until September 2025, the founding Associate Director of SIPA's Master of Public Administration in Development Practice degree program (MPA-DP). In addition, at Columbia University, he created initiatives in Jordan, Kazakhstan, China and Portugal as well as the [Development Practice Lab](#) for high-potential development practitioners and the [short film](#) "Smarter New York City: How City Agencies Innovate in a Time of Crises" to advance research and dialogues on urban innovation in times when crises and disasters around the world are occurring at an increasing rate.

At SIPA, André recruited 15 cohorts of graduate students, supervised nearly 800 of them, converted an MPA concentration in a standalone STEM MPA-DP degree, helped develop 30+ similar degrees in other universities around the world and, overall, contributed to the creation of a new cadre of professionals in the development field now with a total of approximately 9,000 development practitioners.

Currently, André Corrêa d'Almeida is also:

- **Senior Advisor to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** on monitoring evaluation, due diligence processes and Artificial Intelligence, climate change and information integrity, and member of the UNDP Global Policy Network ExpRes Roster (UNDP rapid deployment mechanism for pre-vetted experts);
- **Founding President of the Award winning nonprofit, nonpartisan, anti-corruption organization [All4Integrity](#)**, which a focus on anticorruption literacy and training, tech4integrity and investigative journalism and with several collaborations with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC);
- **President and Founder of ARCx–Applied Research for Change Center**, where he created a network of scholars and practitioners to study and advance innovation in local administrations and international organizations. ARCx mobilizes partners and/or clients in the United States, Brazil, Mexico, Portugal, Spain, Croatia, Kazakhstan, Mozambique, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, South Africa, Oman, Jordan, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, India, China and Australia.

• **Visiting Professor at the City University of Macao, China**, where he created and leads the “Smarter China: How Regions Innovate” initiative, a research network to study multi-city collaboration and public entrepreneurship in the Pearl River Delta.

He was also the Senior Advisor to the Global Futures Group for smarter cities, the New York Academy of Sciences for Artificial Intelligence, the Kazakhstani’s Academy of Public Administration, and the Brazilian National Council of Justice for AI. He advised various New York City agencies, the municipalities of Rio de Janeiro and Niteroi, in Brazil, and currently collaborates with the cities of Lisbon and Cascais, in Portugal. He also taught at Pratt Institute and Arizona State University’s Thunderbird School of Global Management, both at master and executive education levels, in NYC, Oman and Jordan.

He is the editor and co-author of the books [*Smarter New York City: How City Agencies Innovate*](#) (Columbia University Press, 2018), [*Reform of the Parliamentary System in Portugal: Analyses and Tools for an Urgent Dialogue*](#) (Principia Editora, 2019) and [*Smarter Cities Portugal: Innovation Incubators and Public Entrepreneurs in Times of Decentralization*](#) (Universidade Católica Editora, 2022). He has secured multiple grants and contracts to fund applied research and training programs in the fields of monitoring and evaluation, public-private partnerships, innovation and sustainable development.

He holds a PhD from the University of Colorado Denver (United States), an MSc from the University of Saint Joseph (China), and a *Licenciatura* from the New University of Lisbon (Portugal). He has his research published in several areas of Social Economics, International Development and Circular City. He received multiple research awards and is a regular contributor to [Apolitical](#), the [Huffington Post](#), [The Guardian](#), [Público](#) and [Observador](#).