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Afonso Seixas-Nunes was born in Porto, Portugal, in 1973. He joined the Portuguese Province of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1998, after graduating with a degree in Law from the Portuguese Catholic University in Porto. He was ordained as a priest in 2010. As a Jesuit, Seixas-Nunes pursued a degree in Philosophy (License) at the Portuguese Catholic University in Braga, where he was awarded the Prize Pe Vitorino de Sousa Alves. He also holds a degree in Theology from the Pontificia Università Gregoriana in Italy.



After completing his theological studies, Seixas-Nunes moved to London, where he earned a Master's degree in International Law and Human Rights from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE, UK). In early 2019, he completed his doctoral thesis in International Humanitarian Law at the School of Law of the University of Essex (UK), titled "The Legitimacy and Accountability for the Deployment of Autonomous Weapon Systems under International Humanitarian Law," which was subsequently published by Cambridge University Press in 2022.

In September 2018, Seixas-Nunes became a postdoctoral research fellow at the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict (ELAC), directed by Professor Dapo Akande at the Blavatnik School of Government. In August 2021, he joined Saint Louis University Law School as a permanent faculty member, teaching Public International Law and the Laws of Armed Conflict. His research focuses on AI technologies and International Humanitarian Law, as well as the intersection of Outer Space Law and International Humanitarian Law.