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After graduating in medicine, he practiced medicine and was a Professor at the Normal School (Pedro Nunes). After post-graduate studies at the School of Tropical Medicine and the Colonial School he won a scholarship from the National Council for Education in 1934. In 1935 he began teaching Ethnology and Colonial Ethnography at the Colonial School (the present Institute of Political and Social Sciences). His anthropological investigations began in 1934, in Angola, where he also returned between 1948 and 1950, when he became the Head of the Anthropology Mission. He then carried out two more campaigns in 1952 and 1955. His anthropological studies also involved other former Portuguese colonies such as Guinea (1959 and 1962), Cape Verde (1962), S. Tomé and Príncipe (1954), Mozambique (1959), the Portuguese India (1960 and 1961), Macao (1966) and Timor. He was a member of the Board of Missions and Overseas Geographical Research and Director of the Center for Studies in Ethnology. Between 1938 and 1957 he was a Member of Parliament of the National Assembly. He taught Ethnology of the Portuguese overseas colonies and Antropobiology at the Higher Institute of Social Sciences and Overseas Politics until 1970.