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Tecnologia (Foundation for Science and Technology). He was an External Examiner for Luton University in the UK for five years, linked with the Kensington Consultation Centre, also in the UK. He has published in scientific journals, nationally and internationally, and co-authored 5 books on psychology for the general public.

He has a frequent presence in the Portuguese media.

He is a prolific speaker and has presented in the USA, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Croatia, Spain, Germany, Hungary, Brazil, South Africa, Argentina, South Africa, Macao-China, and continually in Portugal, either for psychologists, or for professionals from health, education, organizational, and community arenas.

He is a co-founder, vice-president and member of the Scientific Committee of the Portuguese Association on Positive Psychology/Associação Portuguesa de Estudos e Intervenções em Psicologia Positiva (APPEIP) and a member of the Board of Directors of the International Positive Psychology Association (IPPA). Together with Helena Marujo, he was a pioneer in introducing Positive Psychology, Appreciative Inquiry, Solution Focus Approaches, Developing Sense of Humor and the World Café methodologies in Portugal, applying them to an array of areas of research and intervention. He also co-developed curricula for teaching these areas at the university level. Recently he co-organized the 2nd Portuguese Positive Psychology Conference, on the theme of Positive Communities and Relational Goods: Co-constructing Felicitas Publica (Public Happiness); In 2010 he organized the First Portuguese Positive Psychology Conference on Positive Nations, both at Lisbon University. He also organized the 1st Invitation-only Symposium on Wellbeing University.

He published around 50 papers and book chapters and co-edited a book on Positive Nations and Communities (Springer, 2013), currently being translated to Chinese, and 5 other books.

Luis Miguel has also been working with corporations implementing training and intervention programs on positive psychology and leadership for more than ten years.

Among many others, he was a speaker at TEDxOporto and TEDxUTL, and at the Positive Conference in Nova University where he helped launch the Project “Happy Clubs in Universities”. He was a member of the Scientific Commission of “Instituto da Felicidade/“Happiness Institute”.

He is co-author of the Portuguese site of Appreciative Inquiry (www.inqueritoapreciativo.com). He is a founding member of the ONG titled ANIME-SE (Associação Nacional de Incentivo, Modificação e Estudo da Saúde Emocional/National Association for the Promotion, Transformation and Study of Emotional Health), and a reviewer for Revista Portuguesa de Psicologia/Portuguese Review on Psychology.