

Does the Universe care about politics?

The geopolitics of understanding and exploring Space

October 14th 2026 • 16:00 - 18:00

Pavilhão do Conhecimento — Centro Ciência Viva, Lisboa

AGENDA

- 16:00** Meet & Greet with Neil deGrasse Tyson (+ welcome coffee)
- 16:30** **Opening**
Astronaut for a Day and CanSat Students
Pedro Russo, President, Ciência Viva
Ricardo Conde, President, Portuguese Space Agency
Turismo de Portugal (TBC)
- 16:45** **Opening Remarks**
Neil deGrasse Tyson
- 16:50** **Debate: Does the Universe care about politics?**
Jessica Dempsey, Director-General of the SKA Observatory
Pedro Mota Machado, Professor at Instituto de Astrofísica e Ciências do Espaço /FCUL
Valente Amândio Cuambe, Coordenação Técnica e I&D, RAEGE Açores Santa Maria
Pedro Russo, President of Ciência Viva
Moderation: Ricardo Conde, President of the Portuguese Space Agency