

Alfred Bosch i Pasqual

Born and raised in Barcelona, where he lives. 57 years old and father of two, Alfred and Paula. History BA, Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) and History PhD about on Nelson Mandela and the civil rights movement in South Africa.

Professor in universities and centres of research in Catalonia and around the World: Pompeu Fabra University, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Rovira I Virgili University, CIDOB, University of Chicago, University of London, University of Ibadan (Nigeria), University of Witwatersrand (South Africa) and Hood College (Washington). He also chaired the African Studies Centre (1991-1999).

He has participated in multiple international events and congress: Conference Eurocities-Eurobusiness, Mediterranean Cities, World Metropolis Congress, bid of Rio de Janeiro for the 2004 Olympic games, etc.

Involved in the organization of the Olympic Games of Barcelona in 1992 from 1984 to 1993. Responsibilities in the previous Candidature as in the Olympic Organization Committee of Barcelona (COOB'92). In charge of linguistic policy during the Olympic, Director of communications and Secretary-general of the Operational Committee of the games.

Columnist for various newspapers, he has worked as a world correspondent for 20 different countries: South Africa, Brazil, Lebanon, Syria, Israel, West Bank, Jordan, Mexico, Panama, Indochina, Sri Lanka, India, Philippines, Vietnam, Egypt, Iran or Bosnia.

As a writer, he has published 17 different title – including novels and essays- on a range of topics covering from African societies to the debate on Europe and Catalan issues. He has received the highest Catalan literary awards: *Joan Fuster* (1996), *Sant Jordi* (1997), *Néstor Luján* (2000), *Ramon Llull* (2004) and *Prudenci Bertrana* (2006).

As a grassroots leader, he was chairperson for the Barcelona Decideix popular referendum (2001), founding member of the National Catalan Assembly (2011) and member of the Omnium Cultural board of directors (2011).

Regarding institutional functions, he was leader of ERC in Barcelona City Council (2015-2018), vice-president of the Metropolitan Barcelona in charge of International Affairs and Cooperation (2015-2018) and leader of ERC in the Spanish Congress (2011-2014). In 2018 he entered the Catalan Government as Foreign minister.

Aside from Catalan and Castilian, he masters English, French and Portuguese and speaks basic German and Italian.