



Tiago André Ferreira Lopes has born at Lisbon at 28th July 1986. Shortly after his birth he's family moved to Abrantes, a small interior town, where he had lived for 22 years. Before enter at the degree, Tiago had studied at the Dr. Solano de Abreu Secondary School, in the scientific area of Humanities.

Tiago Ferreira Lopes finished his degree in Social Communication, with a specialization in Journalism, at Abrantes Superior School of Technology, an organic unit of Tomar's Polytechnic Institute at July 2008. During his four years as a student of Social Communication, Tiago Ferreira Lopes was elected three times to be the Speaker of the Social Communication Students at the Pedagogical Council of ESTA. It was also elected twice as the Speaker of all ESTA Students at the General Council of IPT. In 2007/2008 he had joined the Statutory Commission of is institution, representing all ESTA Students.

In 2008/2009, Tiago Ferreira Lopes entered to the PhD program of Social Sciences, in the profile of International Relations, at ISCSP (Superior Institute of Social and Political Sciences). Tiago Ferreira Lopes thesis project (The dynamics of ethnonational projects in the North Caucasus) it is being supervised by Doctor Marcos Farias Ferreira. Since 22th of June of 2009 Tiago Ferreira Lopes is a researcher at the Orient Institute, integrated in the research team on "Political and Economical Transitions".

At September 2009 Tiago Ferreira Lopes won a PhD state grant at Portugal (Foundation for Sciences and Technologies). In April 2010 Tiago Ferreira Lopes was also appointed as the Executive Officer of the Observatory for Human Security. In October of 2010 the PhD candidate and full-time researcher had coordinated a six weeks workshop on Writing Techniques.

In September 2011 Tiago Ferreira Lopes was invited to join the "Strategic Outlook" team as an expert in Russia, Caucasus and Central Asia. Latter he was also promoted as a member of the advisory board. Tiago joined the "State Building and Fragility Monitor" team as an Associate Researcher and Media Administrator in October 2011. Since its entrance to the Orient Institute, Tiago Ferreira Lopes has presented some of his research and analysis papers in several international conferences (Abrantes, Aveiro, Covilhã, Lisbon, Exeter, Krakow, Stockholm, Saint Petersburg, Jyvaskyla, New Jersey, and Brussels).