

## Dr Solomon Passy

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Solomon Isaac Passy (born December 22, 1956) is a Bulgarian scientist, statesman, and innovator, author of the Theory of i-Democracy (informed Democracy) (in 2007), TEDx Speaker (in 2017), founder (in 1990) and President of the Atlantic Club of Bulgaria, Foreign Minister in the Government of King Simeon II (2001-2005), Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in 2004. He represented Bulgaria at UN Security Council (2002-2003) and was its Chairman (September 2002 and 2 December 2003), and was nominated by the Bulgarian government for Secretary General of NATO (2008). As Foreign Minister he negotiated and signed Bulgaria's accessions to NATO (2004) and EU (2007) - projects which he himself initiated as Member of Parliament back in 1990. Dr. Passy served as Chairman of the Parliamentary Committees on Foreign Affairs (2005-2009) and Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security (2001). He was a Member of Parliament in three legislations (1990-1991, 2001-2005, 2005–2009) and the first non-NATO Vice-President of the Atlantic Treaty Association (ATA), Paris (1996-1999) and Chair of the Transparency and Accountability Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of OSCE (2006-2009). In the 1980s Solomon Passy was active in anti-establishment and pro-democratic movements. In 1980-1994 he is a Ph.D. Computer Scientist at Sofia University / Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Passy and his wife Gergana authored (2008-2014) the project for the EU Universal USB Charger for GSM Cell Phones and he is a pioneer of Bulgaria's Antarctic presence and membership in the Antarctic Treaty as well as Bulgaria's space law.

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