



H.E. Michel Temer
37th President of Brazil

Brazilian politician, lawyer, and author, Michel Temer served as 37th President of Brazil from August 2016 to January 2019. He took office following the impeachment and removal from office of his predecessor Dilma Rousseff, having been Vice President since 2011 and Acting President since May 2016.

Mr. Temer was the eighth and youngest son of Lebanese immigrants who arrived in Brazil in 1925. He studied law at Universidade de São Paulo and Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, earning a doctorate from the latter institution, where he later served as a Professor of Constitutional Law. In 1964, he joined the Department of Education of São Paulo and in 1970, became State Prosecutor. In 1983, he was named the state's Attorney General and the following year, became São Paulo's Secretary of Public Safety (1984-86). He again served as São Paulo Attorney General in 1992, and again as Secretary of Public Safety from 1992-93.

Having joined the Partido do Movimento Democrático Brasileiro (PMDB), in 1986 Mr. Temer became a member of the National Constituent Assembly that promulgated Brazil's constitution. In 1987, he was elected to the first of six terms in the federal Chamber of Deputies, serving as Speaker three times (1997-99, 1999-2001, and 2009-10). During his tenure in the Chamber of Deputies, he took a leave of absence to again oversee the São Paulo Department of Public Safety. In 2001, he was elected President of the PMDB National Committee.

Mr. Temer has published journal and newspaper articles, both nationally and abroad, as well as numerous books on constitutional law. His most famous work, Elements of Constitutional Law (1982), focuses on the organization of the Brazilian state and the separation of powers. His 2006 book Democracy and Citizenship highlights the relevance of law and includes some of his speeches as a federal deputy.