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Abílio Baeta Neves is a social scientist who graduated from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS). He earned his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Münster, Germany. He subsequently served, among other positions, as Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies at UFRGS (1988–1992), Secretary for Higher Education at Brazil's Ministry of Education (1996–2000), and President of the Research Support Foundation of the State of Rio Grande do Sul (Fapergs).

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