

“60 Years of UNESCO’s History”

International Symposium

16-18 November 2005, UNESCO House, Paris

Programme

Wednesday 16 November (morning)

Registration of participants

16 November – 8:30 – on presentation of an ID and the invitation

Ceremony of the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of UNESCO

16 November – 9.30-12.30 (Room I, with live broadcast to Room II)

Official Speeches

Special Guests and artistic interlude

Reflection:

- **Claude Lévi-Strauss**, Member of the French Academy

Speakers:

- **Amadou-Mahtar M’Bow**, former Director-General of UNESCO (1974-1987): “UNESCO: The Ambitions of Development put to the Test”
- **Federico Mayor**, former Director-General of UNESCO (1987-1999): “UNESCO and the Chances for Peace after the Cold War”

Wednesday 16 November (afternoon)

“Birth of an International Organization”

16 November – 15.00-18.00 –Round Tables 1,2

Round Table 1 (Room XI): “From a Community of Minds to UNESCO”

Chair:

- **Glenda Sluga**, Associate Professor of History, University of Sydney

Speakers:

- **Jean-Jacques Renoliet**, Ph.D. in History, University of Paris I: “Forgotten UNESCO: The Intellectual Cooperation Organization, 1919-1946”

- **Jo-Anne Pemberton**, Senior Lecturer, School of Politics and International Relations, University of New South Wales: “Towards a Society of Minds: From the International Commission of Intellectual Cooperation to UNESCO”
- **Richard Toye and John Toye**, respectively Professor, University of Cambridge, and Professor, University of Oxford: “Alfred Zimmern, Julian Huxley and the Initial Leadership of UNESCO: A Comparative Perspective”

Discussants:

- **Françoise Kreissler**, Professor, History of Modern and Contemporary China, INALCO, Paris
- **Michael Riemens**, Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Groningen
- **Carlo Felice Casula and Liliosa Azara**, respectively Full Professor of Contemporary History and Professor of International Relations, Roma Tre University

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[Round Table 2 \(Room X\): “The Vision: Fostering Humanism and Peace”](#)

Chair:

- **Roger-Pol Droit**, Philosopher, Researcher at the CNRS, Paris

Speakers:

- **Patricia Morales**, Researcher, Institute for Globalization and Sustainable Development, Tilburg University: “The Philosophy of UNESCO towards Intellectual and Moral Solidarity”
- **Harald Prins**, Professor of Anthropology, Kansas State University: “Toward a World without Evil: Alfred Métraux as UNESCO Anthropologist (1946-1961)”
- **Samuel Mawete**, Professor, Ecole normale supérieure, Marien Ngouabi University, Brazzaville: “UNESCO and The Culture of Peace”

Discussants:

- **Irene Oh**, Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Miami
- **Michel Fourcade**, Lecturer in Contemporary History, University of Montpellier III
- **Francisco Gracia Alonso**, Director, Department of Prehistory, Antiquity and Archaeology, University of Barcelona

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“Peace, Reconstruction and Reconciliation: Key Challenges for the United Nations”

16 November - 18.30-19.30 (Room X) - Keynote Speech

Lakhdar Brahimi, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Thursday 17 November (morning)

“Ideas and United Nations History”

17 November – 9.15-10.00 (Room IV) – Keynote speech

Emma Rothschild, Director of the Centre for History and Economics at the University of Cambridge;
Visiting Professor at Harvard University

“Ideals Challenged by History”

17 November – 10.30-13.30 – Round Tables 3,4,5

Round Table 3 (Room XI): “The Race Question”

Chair:

- **Pierre Kipré**, Professor Emeritus, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Abidjan

Speakers:

- **Marcos Chor Maio**, Senior Researcher, Political Sciences, Casa de Oswaldo Cruz, Rio de Janeiro : “UNESCO’s Post-War Anti-Racist Agenda: Debating Race and Exploring Brazil’s “Racial Democracy”
- **Yvan Gastaut**, Lecturer in Contemporary History, University of Nice: “UNESCO, Races and Racism, Continuity and Transformation (1945-2005)”
- **Staffan Müller-Wille**, Senior Research Fellow for Philosophy of Biology, Exeter University: “Race and Ethnicity: Human Diversity and the UNESCO Statement of Race (1950-1951)”

Discussants:

- **Claudio Pogliano**, Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Pisa
- **Jean Gayon**, Professor, Institute of the History and Philosophy of Sciences and Technology, University of Paris I
- **Kathleen Tobin**, Associate Professor, Latin American Studies, Purdue University Calumet, Hammond

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Round Table 4 (Room IX): “Reconciliation, Reconstruction and Dialogues”

Chair:

- **Germán Carrera Damas**, President of the Scientific Committee for the General History of Latin America, Caracas

Speakers:

- **Cemil Aydin**, Assistant Professor of History, University of North Carolina-Charlotte: “Before UNESCO’s Cultural Mission: The Debates over Civilization(s) and the Legitimacy Crisis of the World Order (1882-1945)”
- **Laura Wong**, Doctoral Candidate, Harvard University: “UNESCO’s 1957-1967 ‘Major Project on the Importance of Mutual Appreciation of Eastern and Western Cultural Values’”
- **Paul Weindling**, Professor, History, Oxford Brookes University: “The UNESCO German Programme and John Thompson (1946-1954): A Biographical Approach to a History of Reconstruction”

Discussants:

- **Noboru Noguchi**, Director-General of the National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan
- **Cédric Viale**, Associate Professor, Catholic Institute of la Roche sur Yon

- **Isenbike Togan**, Professor, Inner Asian History, Middle East Technical University, Ankara

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Round Table 5 (Room X): “In the Turmoil of International Politics: Cold War and Decolonization”

Chair:

- **Akira Iriye**, Professor Emeritus, Department of History, Harvard University

Reflection:

- **Ibrahima Thioub**, Professor, Department of History, Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar: “UNESCO and Development in Africa”

Speakers:

- **Ilya Gaiduk**, Senior Researcher at the Institute of World History at the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow: “The Soviet Union and UNESCO During the Cold War”
- **Hervé Ondo**, Doctoral Candidate, University of the Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris III: “The Politics of UNESCO in Gabon from 1960 to 1970”
- **Chloë Maurel**, Doctoral Candidate, University of Paris I: “UNESCO Faced with Tension in International Politics (1946-1974)”

Discussants:

- **Alexis De Greiff Acevedo**, Professor, Vice-Rector at the National University of Columbia, Santa Fe de Bogotá
- **Anne Dulphy**, Researcher at the Center for History at Sciences-Po, Paris
- **Jahnvi Phalkey**, Doctoral Candidate, School of History, Technology and Society, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta

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Thursday 17 November (afternoon)

“Taking Action: International Cooperation in Perspective”

17 November – 15.00-18.00 – Round Tables 6,7,8,9

Round Table 6 (Room IV): “Discovering the Heritage of Humanity”

Chair:

- **Christina Cameron**, Canada Research Chair on the Conservation of Built Heritage, University of Montreal

Speakers:

- **Metchild Rossler**, Programme Specialist, World Heritage Centre, UNESCO: “World Heritage and Globalization: A Historical Perspective”
- **Selma Al-Radi**, Archaeologist and Associate Researcher, New York University: “Museums and Heritage Preservation in Post-Conflict Countries: A Critical Reflection”
- **Valdimar Hafstein**, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Folklore, University of Iceland: “The Making of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: Tradition and Authenticity, Community and Humanity”

Discussants:

- **Sudhir Chopra**, Visiting Fellow, Lauterpacht Research Institute in International Law, University of Cambridge
- **Zilan Wang**, Research Assistant in the Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge

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Round Table 7 (Room XI): “Social Responsibility of the Sciences”

Chair:

- **Amel Aouij Mrad**, Professor of Public Law, University of Law and Political Science, Tunis

Speakers:

- **Patrick Petitjean**, Researcher in the History of Science, CNRS, Paris: “Science and Society Relations as a Key Issue in UNESCO’s History”
- **Jacob Darwin Hamblin**, Professor, Department of History, California State University: “The Politics of International Cooperation in Science”

Discussants:

- **Stephen Bocking**, Environmental Historian, Trent University, Ontario
- **Heloisa Bertol Domingues**, Researcher, Department of History of Science, MAST, Rio de Janeiro
- **Dhruv Raina**, Professor, School of Social Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

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Round Table 8 (Room IX): “The Challenge of Education for All”

Chair:

- **Eckhardt Fuchs**, Professor, University of Mannheim

Reflection:

- **Phillip Jones**, Associate Professor and Director of the Research Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Sydney: “Education for All as a Universal Idea”

Speakers:

- **Dina Karam**, Doctoral Candidate in Political Science, University Saint Joseph, Beirut: “From Elitism to Education for All”
- **Marcel Kabanda**, Associate Researcher, Centre for African Research, University of Paris I: “The Contribution of UNESCO in the Installation of Education Systems in Young African Nations - The Case of Rwanda”
- **Hector Lindo-Fuentes**, Professor of History, Fordham University, New York: “Educational Television in El Salvador: UNESCO and Modernization Theory in Action”

Discussants:

- **Andrew Kirkendall**, Associate Professor of History, Texas A&M University
- **Dayal Partap Singh Randhawa**, Researcher, Department of Education, Panjab University, Chandigarh
- **Valérie Touré**, Ecole normale supérieure de Dakar

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Round Table 9 (Room X): “Personal Accounts by Former Staff Members”

Chair:

- **Witold Zyss**, President of the FAFICS, former President of the AFUS

Speakers:

- **René Ochs and Gérard Bolla:** “International Cooperation: Two Key Moments, Addis-Ababa (1961) and Mondiacult (1982)”
- **Georges Kutukdjian, Sorin Dumitrescu and Meryll David:** “The International Civil Service: Experiences at UNESCO”
- **Nino Chiappano, Aimée Gnali and Silvio Mutal:** “In the Field...”

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Friday 18 November (morning)

“What Sort of History/Histories for UNESCO?”

18 November – 9:30-13:00 (Room X) – Plenary Session

Chair:

- **Jean-François Sirinelli**, Director of the Center for History at Sciences-Po, Paris

Introduction:

- **Emma Rothschild**, Director of the Centre for History and Economics, University of Cambridge; Visiting Professor at Harvard University

Report of the Round Table Summaries by the Rapporteur:

- **Robert Frank**, Professor, University of Paris I

Speakers:

- **Sunil Amrith**, Researcher, Centre for History and Economics, University of Cambridge: “Methodological Approaches and Historiography”
- **Jens Boel**, Chief Archivist of UNESCO: “Sources, Themes, and New Questions”
- **Thomas G. Weiss**, Presidential Professor of Political Science, Director of the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies, Co-Director of the United Nations Intellectual Project: “Research, Publication and Perspectives of Cooperation”

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Summary and Proposals for Future Research

Closing Remarks:

- **Françoise Rivière**, Assistant Director-General of UNESCO
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