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## BIOGRAPHY OF PARTICIPANTS

### IRINA BOKOVA (BULGARIA)

Irina Bokova is Director-General of UNESCO since 2009. She was Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to France and Monaco, Personal Representative of the Bulgarian President to the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO from 2005 to 2009.

Born in 1952, she obtained an MBA from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations and studied at the universities of Maryland and Harvard in the USA. During her rich and distinguished career, she served as Bulgaria's representative to the United Nations and later as Secretary of State for European integration and Foreign Minister. Ms. Bokova has long promoted the transition to European integration. As Founder and Chairperson of the European Policy Forum, she worked to overcome divisions in Europe and promote the values of dialogue, diversity, human dignity and rights.



### JEAN-PIERRE RAFFARIN (FRANCE)



Born in 1948, Jean-Pierre Raffarin graduated from Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris (ESCP). As a French statesman, he held such prominent functions as President of the Region Poitou Charentes, Member of the European Parliament, Senator of Vienne, France (since 1995) and Vice-President of the French Senate (since 2011).

French Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Craft from 1995 to 1997, he was Prime Minister from 2002 to 2005.

He is particularly active on the international stage as President of the Republic's personal representative for Francophony and Chairman of France-China Committee. He is Chairman of the “Fondation pour la Prospective et l'Innovation”.

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## **XU JIALU (CHINA)**

Born in 1937, Xu Jialu is the Director of the Chinese Language and Culture College and the Director of the Institute for Advanced Study of the Humanities and Religion at Beijing Normal University. He is the Chairman of Nishan Forum Organizing Committee since its launch in 2010.



One of China's leading authorities on classical Chinese literature, he has served in various teaching and administrative capacities in this field for four decades. Director of the Advanced Institute for Confucian Studies, Shandong University, President of the International Society for Chinese Language Teaching and Chinese Culture Promotion Society, he has served as Senior Consultant of Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs and China Association for International Friendly Contact. He is also a professor at a number of Chinese universities and received Honorary Doctorates from the Hong Kong Baptist University, the Hong Kong Institute of Education and the University of Macau

Chairman of the 10th and 11th China Association for Promoting Democracy Central Committee in 1997-2007, he was also elected as member of the 7th and 8th NPC Standing Committee, member of the NPC Education, Science, Culture and Health Committee in 1987-1994, Director-General of State Language Committee in 1994-2000 and Vice-Chairman of the 9th and 10th NPC Standing Committee in 1998-2008.

Throughout his career, he has been committed in promoting Chinese culture and cross-cultural communication between different civilizations throughout the world and in the study and research of Chinese scholium, Chinese characters, ancient Chinese culture and Chinese information processing.

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## **XU LIN (CHINA)**

XU Lin is Director-General and Chief Executive of Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters.

She served as Education Counselor of the Chinese Consulate General in Vancouver, Canada (2000-03), President of the Service Center for Chinese Study Fellows in New York (1999-2000), Head of the Loan Office of Foreign Capital, Ministry of Education (1997-2000), and Assistant to the Mayor of Xuchang City, Henan Province (1992-1993). From 1981 to 1992, she held various posts at the Finance Department of the Ministry of Education.



She graduated from Fudan University and obtained her master's degree from Beijing Normal University. She was awarded Honorary Doctorates from the University of Arizona, the University of Edinburg, the University of Western Kentucky, the University of St. Thomas in Chile, and the University of Babeş Bolyai in Romania.

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## **MICHEL CAMDESSUS (FRANCE)**

Former Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, Mr Camdessus is Honorary Governor of Banque de France.



- In January 2010, Mr. Camdessus was appointed by President Sarkozy as the Chair of the high level working group on the reform of French public finances equilibrium rules.
- In September 2009, Mr. Camdessus was appointed Special Commissioner to monitor French banks' bonus payments practices.
- He was the Chairman of the French Financing Corporation (Société de Financement de l'Economie Française, SFEF - 2008-2009)
- He is a member of the Africa Progress Panel, chaired by Mr. Kofi Annan
- He is a member of the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation
- He was a member of the Commission for Africa, chaired by the British Prime Minister, Tony Blair (report: "Our Common Interest" - March 2005).
- Mr Camdessus was the Chairman of the World Panel on Financing Water Infrastructure (report: "Financing Water for All" - Kyoto-March 2003).

Mr. Camdessus was educated at the University of Paris and earned postgraduate degrees in economics at the Institute of Political Studies of Paris (Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris) and the National School of Administration (ENA).

Following his appointment as Administrateur Civil in the French Civil Service, Mr. Camdessus joined the Treasury in the Ministry of Finance in 1960. After serving as Financial Attaché to the French delegation at the European Economic Community in Brussels from 1966 to 1968, he returned to the Treasury and went on to become Deputy Director in 1974, and Director in February 1982. During the period 1978-84, Mr. Camdessus also served as Chairman of the Paris Club, and was Chairman of the Monetary Committee of the European Economic Community from December 1982 to December 1984. In August 1984, Mr. Camdessus was appointed Deputy Governor of the Bank of France, and was appointed Governor of the Bank of France in November 1984. He served in this capacity until his election as Managing Director of the IMF.

Michel Camdessus was elected as Managing Director and Chairman of the Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on January 16, 1987. On May 22, 1996, the Executive Board of the IMF unanimously selected Mr. Camdessus to serve a third five-year term as Managing Director, beginning January 16, 1997. He was the seventh Managing Director of the IMF. Mr. Camdessus retired from the IMF on February 14, 2000.

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## **JEAN-PATRICK CONNERADE (FRANCE)**



Emeritus Professor of Physics at Imperial College London, President of the European Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters and Honorary President of Euroscience, Jean-Patrick Connerade is an eminent scholar in his discipline. He received his Doctorate (PhD) at Imperial College in 1968 and his higher doctorate (D.Sc.) in Atomic Physics at University of London in 1976.

In his long career, Jean-Patrick Connerade worked for prestigious institutes such as the European Space Research Institute (ESRIN) and the Wolfgang Paul's lab Physikalisches Institut of the University of Bonn. In the last 40 years, he has served as Member of the Board of numerous institutes and organizations.

Honorary Professor of Physics at East China University of Shanghai and Permanent Visiting Professor at Wuhan Institute of Physics and Mathematics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, his academic influence has also reached China.

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## **IMRE HAMAR (郝清新) (HUNGARY)**

Imre Hamar is a professor of Chinese studies at Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest. He is the Head of the Department of Chinese Studies, Director of the Institute of East Asian Studies, and Director of the Confucius Institute. His research field is Chinese Buddhism, especially the Huayan School. He has recently studied the tradition of commentary-writing in Chinese Buddhism. He has published five books and more than sixty articles, and lectured at Harvard, Columbia, Berkeley, Tokyo, Oxford, and Hamburg Universities.



## **ZHOU HONG (CHINA)**



Professor Zhou Hong is Director-General of the Institute of European Studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and Chairperson of the Chinese Association for European Studies. She is an elected Member of the Academic Divisions of CASS and serves as Deputy Chair of the Academic Division for International Studies of CASS. Professor Zhou is at the same time a standing member of China Economic and Social Council and Vice President of the Chinese Association for International Relations.

Her most recent publications include Social Security Systems Worldwide (ed.), Chinese Views of the World (ed.), EU as a Power (ed.), EU Governance Model (eds.) China-Europe Relations (eds.), Donors in China, and Whither the Welfare State. She has been the editor of the Annual European Development Report since 1996.

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## **SABIHA AL-KHEMIR (TUNISIA)**

Sabiha Al-Khemir was born in Tunisia and lives in New York. She is a writer, artist, and expert in Islamic art whose work is concerned with cultural bridging and cultural dialogue. Ms. Al Khemir is Project Director for the up-coming major exhibition, 'Beauty and Belief: Crossing Bridges with the Arts of Islamic Culture'. This exhibition is organized by The Brigham Young University Museum of Art and will travel to The Indianapolis Museum of Art, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston and The Brooklyn Museum of Art.

She was the Founding Director of the Museum of Islamic Art in Doha, Qatar.



Dr. Al Khemir and her most recent historical novel, 'The Blue Manuscript', were featured at the 2009 National Book Festival, Washington, DC. She has produced documentaries broadcast on Channel 4, United Kingdom, and directed other exhibitions including "From Cordoba to Samarkand", at the Louvre in 2006.

A well-known artist, her art has received international acclaim including in The United States. Her illustrative works include "The Island of Animals" and a number of book covers of well-known titles such as "Respected Sir" by the Nobel Prize winning author Naquib Mahfouz.

Known for her commitment to achieving understanding through the respect of cultures and appreciation of beauty, Sabiha Al Khemir brings a unique vision to art in particular and Humanity in general.

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## **JACQUES ATTALI (FRANCE)**

Professor, writer, Honorary Member of the Council of State, Special Adviser to the President of the Republic from 1981 to 1991, founder and first President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London from 1991 to 1993, Jacques Attali ([www.attali.com](http://www.attali.com)) is currently CEO of A&A, an international consulting firm ([www.aeta.net](http://www.aeta.net)) specialised in new technologies, based in Paris, and President of PlaNet Finance ([www.planetfinance.org](http://www.planetfinance.org)), an international non-profit organisation assisting microfinance institutions all over the world. PlaNet Finance is the most important world institution of support to the microfinance. PlaNet Finance advises and finances the development of the microfinance in 80 countries.



He founded Action Contre la Faim in 1980 and the European programme Eurêka (a major European programme on new technologies that invented, among other things, the MP3). In, 1989, he also launched an international programme of action against the disastrous floods in Bangladesh. Jacques Attali then advised the Secretary General of the United Nations on the risks of nuclear proliferation. He is at the origin of the higher education reform, known as LMD, to bring all European degrees into line.

Jacques Attali has a doctorate in Economics and is a graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique (first in the class of 1963), the Ecole des Mines, the Institut d'Etudes Politiques and the Ecole Nationale de l'Administration. He taught Economic Theory at the Ecole Polytechnique, the Ecole des Ponts et Chaussées and the University of Paris-Dauphine. He has received honorary doctorates from several foreign universities and is a member of the Universal Academy of Cultures.

Jacques Attali is a columnist for the magazine L'Express. He has written more than 50 books, translated into more than thirty languages, with over eight million copies sold all over the world, including essays (dealing with a wide variety of subjects ranging from mathematical economics, to music), biographies, novels, children's tales and plays. Dr. Attali has been designated as one of the three most influential intellectuals in France and one of the 100 most influential worldwide.

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### **GRAHAM WARD (UNITED KINGDOM)**



Graham Ward is the Regius Professor of Divinity at the University of Oxford and former Head of the School of Arts, Histories and Cultures at the University of Manchester. He is the author of numerous books such as *Cities of God* (Routledge), *Cultural Transformation and Religious Practice* (CUP), *True Religion* (Blackwell), *Christ and Culture* (Blackwell) and *The Politics of Discipleship* (Baker Academic). Along with Michael Hoelzl, he is also the translator of two of Carl Schmitt's works: *Political Theology II* (Polity) and *Dictatorship* (Polity). He is the editor of three book series: *Christian Theologians in Context* (OUP), *Illuminations* (Blackwell) and

*Studies in Theology and Political Culture* (Continuum). Currently he is working on a two volume work entitled *Ethical Life*.

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### **TONG SHIJUN (CHINA)**

Professor at East China Normal University (ECNU), Tong Shijun is a member of the Social Science Committee of the National Ministry of Education and the Vice Chairman of Shanghai Federation of Social Sciences.

Mr. Tong got his BA and MA degrees from the Shanghai-stationed ECNU respectively in 1982 and 1984, and his Ph.D. degree from University of Bergen of Norway in 1994. Starting his career as a philosophy teacher in 1984 at ECNU, he got his associate professorship and full professorship respectively in 1991 and 1994.



In addition to his regular visits to the University of Bergen of Norway since 1988, Mr. Tong worked as a guest professor at the University of Marburg of Germany in 1998, as a research visiting Fulbright Scholar at Columbia University (USA) in 2000-2001. He also lectured in various countries around the world in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Czech, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Tanzania and the USA. He was elected member of the Academy of Latinity based in Brazil in 2010 and as Foreign Member of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters in 2011.

Mr. Tong has published more than 10 books and 100 papers in Chinese, English and some other European languages.

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## KATALIN BOGYAY (HUNGARY)



Permanent Delegate of Hungary to UNESCO, Katalin Bogayay was elected President of UNESCO's 36th General Conference (2011-2013) on 25 October 2011. Before her function at UNESCO, Ms Bogayay was State Secretary for International Affairs at the Hungarian Ministry of Education and Culture.

Katalin Bogayay started her career as a theatre and music critic. She has worked as an independent television producer in London and as presenter, producer and editor of music and the arts at Hungary's National Television. Ms Bogayay has made documentary films and published several books. She entered public service in the Hungarian Ministry of Culture in 1999, when she became the Director of the Hungarian Cultural Centre in London.

As president of the General Conference, Ms. Bogayay directs its work, ensures observance of its rules, and participates in the work of the Executive Board as advisor during the two years of her tenure.

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## AMINATA TRAORÉ (MALI)

Aminata Traoré has been Minister of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Mali from 1997 to 2000. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Population Council (1987-1996), Coordinator for Africa of the UNDP project "PROWWESS / Africa" between 1988 and 1992, member of the International High-Level Panel for the Restructuration of UNDP (New York, 1992), member of the Independent Commission on Population and Quality of Life (UNESCO, 1993-1996), member of the Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization of the International Labour Organization (ILO, 2002 -2004), member of the UN Secretary-General's Panel of Eminent Persons on Civil Society and UN Relationships (2003-2004). In July 2005 she was designated to serve on the Board of the International Press Service.



Aminata Traoré was a member of the organizing commission of the World Social Forum in Bamako (2006). She received the Prince Klaus Award (Netherlands) in 2004 and received numerous awards in Mali: Ciwaras Winner of Excellence (1995), Chevalier of the Ordre National du Mali (1996), Officer of the National Order of Mali (2006), and Commander of the National Order of Mali (2008). She is currently a member of the Scientific Committee of the IDEAS Foundation (Spain).

A writer and essayist, she is the author of: *L'étau, L'Afrique dans un monde sans frontière* (The Noose, Africa in a world without borders) in 1999, *Mille tisserands en quête d'avenir* (A Thousand weavers seeking future) in 1999, *Le viol de l'imaginaire* (The Rape of Imagination) in 2001, *Letter to the President of the French about the Ivory Coast and Africa in general* in 2005 and *Africa humiliated* in 2008. Currently she is the coordinator of the Forum for Another Mali (FORAM) and Director of Centre Amadou Ba Hampate (CAHB).

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## YE XIAOWEN (CHINA)



Ye Xiaowen is the Chief Vice-President of the Central Institute of Socialism (ministerial level) and former Chief of State of the Bureau of Religious Affairs. He also serves as Vice-President of the Academy of Chinese Culture; member of the China-Japan Friendship Committee for the 21st Century; Senior Adviser of China Strategy Culture Promotion Association; Vice President of the China Research Association of United Front Theory. Vice President of the China Human Rights Research Society. Vice Chairman of the Association in Development and Protection of Tibetan Culture in China. Vice Director-General of China Development Institute (Shenzhen, China) and Adviser of China Religious

Studies Society. He is a Guest Professor at many universities such as Central Party School, National School of Administration, Defence University, Peking University, Renmin University of China, Nankai University, China University of Political Science and Law, Nanking University, Sichuan University, Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business and Dongguk University in Korea.

Mr. Xu is alternate member of the sixteenth and seventeenth session of the CPC Central Committee, and member of the ninth, tenth and eleventh CPPCC Standing Committee.

He is the author of more than one hundred articles and papers in numerous major journals in China. His major works include "Multi-perspective Social Problems", "Revolving Confrontations into Dialogues", "Telling the Real Situation of Chinese Religion to American People", "Footsteps Starting from the Minds", "How to Perceive and How to Handle Religious Issues" and "7 Days' Talk On Religion".

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## TU WEIMING (UNITED STATES)



Born in China in 1940, Tu Weiming is Lifetime Professor of Philosophy, Dean of the Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies at Peking University and Research Professor and Senior Fellow of Asia Center at Harvard University. After obtaining a B. A. in Chinese Studies at Tunghai University (1961), he received both his M. A. (1963) and Ph. D. (1968) from Harvard University. He has been a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences since 1988. He taught Chinese intellectual history, philosophies of China and Confucian studies at Tunghai University (1967-68), Princeton (1967-71), the University of California in Berkeley (1971-81), Peking University (1985), Taiwan University (1988), the Ecole des Haute Etudes in Paris (1989) and Harvard University (1981-2010).

He has been a member of the Peking University faculty since 2009, while holding honorary professorships at Zhejiang, Sun Yat-sen, Suzhou, Renmin, Jinan, the Foreign Languages University and the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences in China.

Mr. Tu is currently Chair of the Advisory Board of the Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy of the Academia Sinica, Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the International Confucian Association in Beijing and President of Contemporary, an intellectual journal published in Taiwan. He has served as Director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, Chair of the Committee on the study of Religion and Chair of the Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations at Harvard University. He has been instrumental in developing dialogue among civilizations and reflections on the Enlightenment mentality of the modern West and multiple modernities. He is currently researching the modern transformation of Confucian humanism in East Asia and tapping its spiritual resources for human flourishing in the global community.



He has authored seven books in English and more than a hundred articles primarily focusing on the modern transformation of Confucian humanism. His five-volume collected works in Chinese was published in China in 2001.

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## **WU JIANMIN (CHINA)**



Ambassador Wu Jianmin was born in 1939. He graduated from the Department of French at Beijing Foreign Studies University and from 1965 to 1971 served as interpreter for Chairman Mao Zedong and Premier Zhou Enlai. In 1971, he became a member of China's first delegation to the United Nations.

Ambassador Wu is currently Vice Chairman of China Institute for Innovation and Development Strategy; Member of the Foreign Policy Advisory Committee of the Chinese Foreign Ministry; Member and Vice President of the European Academy of Sciences and Honorary President of the International Bureau of Exhibitions (BIE).

From 2003 to 2008, Ambassador Wu served as President of China Foreign Affairs University, Executive Vice President of China National Association for International Studies, Vice Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee and Spokesperson of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC). Earlier, he served as China's Ambassador to France (1998-2003); to the United Nations Office in Geneva and to other international organizations in Switzerland (1996-98); and to the Netherlands (1994-95). Before that, he was Director-General of the Information Department and Spokesperson of the Chinese Foreign Ministry (1991-1994), Deputy Chief at China's embassy in Belgium and its mission to the European Community in Brussels (1989-90) and Counselor at China's mission to the United Nations in New York (1985-89).

From 2003 to 2007, Ambassador Wu served as President of International Bureau of Expositions (BIE), making him the first Asian to take up the post.

He was awarded made Grand Officier of the French Legion of Honor in 2003 by the French President Jacques Chirac.

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## **YOU SHAOZHONG (CHINA)**

Born in 1954, H.E. Mr. You Shaozhong graduated from University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) and got a Master's degree from the Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management (USA). He holds a PhD in Economics from Wuhan University. He is an honorary Doctor of Letters of Presbyterian College (USA).

He started his professional career as an assistant professor at the UIBE, and since then he had served as Deputy Director of the Projects Division, Assistant Director General, and Deputy Director General, in the Office of Foreign Investment and Loan, State Education Commission of China. He also served as Consul (with the rank of counselor) at the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Chicago, the United States of America and Deputy Secretary General and Secretary General of the National Education Association for International Exchange, Ministry of Education. Before taking his current position, Mr. You worked as Minister-Counselor for Education Affairs in the Chinese Embassy in the United States of America. Mr. You is currently Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of China to UNESCO.



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**CAO WEIDONG (CHINA)**

Cao Weidong, born in 1968, graduated in Peking University, Graduate School of Chinese Academy of Social Science, and Frankfurt University. Currently, he works as a professor and doctoral supervisor in the School of Chinese Language and Literature at Beijing Normal University. He also serves as Deputy Director of the Institute for Advanced Study of the Humanities and Religion (IASHR) at Beijing Normal University; and senior research fellow of Research Centre for Marxism Study Abroad at Fudan University, and Research Centre for Marxism Social Theory at Nanjing University. He is also an editorial committee member of *Argumentation* (Germany), and Academic Committee member of Helmut Plessner Society (Germany). His research focuses on German intellectual history, the Frankfurt School, and Sino-German cultural relationship. He has authored several books, including *The Other of Thinking*, *The Other of Power*, *Cao Weidong's Research on Jürgen Habermas*, and translated a collection of Jürgen Habermas' Works and other works. He received the "Deka-Bank-Preis" Award (Germany).