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LILIAN THURAM - BIOGRAPHY

Lilian Thuram was born in Guadeloupe in 1972. During his career as a professional football defender he played from 1991 to 2008 in Monaco and then in Italy (Parma and Juventus, Turin), ending his career with FC Barcelona in Spain. He holds the record for the most selections on France's national team (142) and has been a member of an impressive number of championship squads. In addition to World champion in 1998 and European champion in 2000 as a member of the French team, he won multiple national titles, as well as the UEFA cup competition in 1999. In 2008, he created the Lilian Thuram Foundation for Education against racism, acting on his personal commitment to fight discrimination and promote equality.

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“People aren't born racist, they become racist.” This simple reality is the cornerstone of the Foundation. Racism is an intellectual, political and economic construct. We need to become aware that generation after generation, history has conditioned us to see ourselves first as Christians, Jews or Muslims, as Black, White, North African or Asian... Our differences turn into inequalities generated by mechanisms of domination that must be deconstructed. Isn't it time to consider ourselves first and foremost as simply human beings? The Foundation is supported by the expertise of its scientific committee. The initiatives taken since the launch of the Foundation in 2008 including workshops in primary, secondary and high schools as well as universities in France and other countries, accompanied by lectures, debates and exhibitions. The Foundation has sponsored Démos educational orchestra programs for underserved youth with the Paris Philharmonic and supports a wide range of activities to fight discrimination and defend human rights.

In recognition of his role at the head of his Foundation, Lilian Thuram received the Ethics Prize from the Keba Mbaye Foundation in Senegal in 2014, and became Honorary Doctor of Stockholm University in September 2017.

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