

Lilian Thuram

Lilian Thuram was born in Guadeloupe in 1972. The accomplished author and social justice activist was formerly a professional soccer player who had an illustrious international career from 1991–2008, including a 1998 World Cup championship for France. He holds the record for the most selections on France's national team and has been a member of an impressive number of championship squads.

Mr. Thuram is the author of four critically acclaimed books: *Mes étoiles noires: de Lucy à Barack Obama/My Black Stars: From Lucy to Barack Obama* (2010) which received the Seligmann Prize against Racism; *Pour l'égalité/ For Equality* (2014); *Notre Histoire/Our History* (2017); and *La pensée blanche: On ne naît pas blanc, on le devient/White Thinking: Behind the Mask of Racial Identity* (2020). He is the founder of the Lilian Thuram Foundation, a leader in education against racism in France and abroad.



Lilian Thuram Foundation for Education

**"On ne naît pas raciste, on le devient
[We are not born racist, we become it]."**

This is the central tenet of the Lilian Thuram Foundation for Education, founded in 2008. The mission of the foundation is to dismantle systemic racism and educate people against racism and discrimination in France and internationally.



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Additional Resources

Here are a few additional works you can enjoy to learn more about some of the topics discussed today.

- Black France/ France Noire (2012) edited by Trica Danielle Keaton, T. Denean Sharpley-Whiting, and Tyler Stovall
- Black is the Journey, Africana is the Name (2022) by Maboula Soumhoru
- Black France: Colonialism, Immigration and Transnationalism (2007) by Dominic Thomas
- Soccer Empire: The World Cup and the Future of France (2010) by Laurent Dubois
- 'Race' and Sport: Critical Race Theory (2008) by Kevin Hylton
- The Belly of the Atlantic (2003) by Fatou Diome
- Paris Noir: African Americans in the City of Light (2017) dir. Joanne Burke [documentary]