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One is not born racist, one becomes racist. This truth is the cornerstone of the Foundation for Education against racism and for equality. Racism is an intellectual, political and economic construct. We must realise that History has conditioned us, from generation to generation, to see ourselves first and foremost as black people, white people, North Africans or Asians ... Our differences become inequalities generated by mechanisms of domination that must be deconstructed. Isn't it time that we consider ourselves first and foremost as human beings?

Our societies must embrace the simple idea that the colour of a person's skin colour, gender, religion or sexuality can in no way determine their intelligence, the language they speak, their physical capacities, their nationality, what they love or hate. Each of us is capable of learning anything, both the worst and the best.

Population genetics, the history of migration and settlement and the colonisation of the planet form the basis of the Foundation's activities. Neuroscience allows us to understand the cognitive mechanisms underlying biases in all forms of discrimination. Becoming aware of these unconscious and implicit biases is an effective first step in countering them.

'The issue of gender inequality is eminently political. This unequal model is the matrix for model for all other regimes of inequality.' Françoise Héritier

'We have a unique origin: we are all Africans by birth, born 3 million years ago, and this should inspire us to brotherhood.' Yves Coppens

The Foundation's actions are based on the expertise of its scientific committee: **Françoise Héritier** (†), anthropologist, **Yves Coppens** (†), paleoanthropologist, **Marie Rose Moro**, child and adolescent psychiatrist, **Doudou Diène**, legal expert, UN special rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism (2002-2008), **Evelyne Heyer**, human geneticist, **Ninian Hubert Van Blyenburgh**, anthropologist and didactician, **Elisabeth Caillet**, museologist, **Michel Wieviorka**, sociologist, director of studies at l'Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), **Françoise Vergès**, political scientist, **Tzvetan Todorov** (†), philosopher and historian, **Pierre Raynaud**, diplomat, **Pascal Brice**, president of the Solidarity activists' federation, **Pascal Boniface**, geopolitical expert, **Elsa Dorlin**, Professor of Philosophy, **Pascal Blanchard**, historian, **Patrick Estrade**, psychologist, **André Magnin**, curator.

Among the initiatives developed since the Foundation was established in 2008 :

- Partnerships with researchers, including over the past year with:

L'Ecole Normale Supérieure de Paris to create a research chair in cognitive science: <https://www.thuram.org/le-racisme-vu-par-les-neurosciences/>

L'Université de Bordeaux to create a chair in Inclusivity and Health: <https://www.thuram.org/trois-jours-en-nouvelle-aquitaine/>

- Interventions in primary and secondary schools, universities in France and abroad, public talks and debates.
- The illustrated book, *Mes étoiles noires en images* (Ed. La Martinière 2023).
- The book, *La Pensée Blanche* (Ed. Philippe Rey 2020, Ed. Mémoire d'encrier 2020, Ed. Points 2022) Published in Italian (ADD 2021), in English (Hero 2021), in German (Nautilus 2022), in Portuguese (Tinta

Da China 2022), in Spanish (Libros Cupula 2023), in Albanian (Papyrus 2023), in Greek (Antipodes 2025). Co-publication with 11 Francophone African publishing houses: Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroun, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Gabon, Mali, Maroc, Sénégal and Togo, in partnership with l'Alliance internationale des éditeurs indépendants (2023).

- The national competition, *Nous Autres*, for classes from nursery school to secondary school is designed to help the younger learners how to deconstruct racism in the classroom in a fun and educational way. They must create an artwork or a musical or video production to illustrate the defence of equality among all human beings.
- The sponsorship of the DEMOS orchestras of the Philharmonie de Paris since 2014.
- The travelling exhibition *Racisme et antisémitisme en images* with the research group Achac.
- The travelling exhibition *Être humain - vivre ensemble* with l'Association Les Petits Débrouillards.
- The book *Mes Etoiles Noires, de Lucy à Barack Obama* (Prix Seligmann contre le racisme 2010 ; Ed. Philippe Rey 2010, Ed. Points 2011). Published in Spanish (Ara Llibres 2012), in Italian (ADD 2013), in Portuguese (Tinta da China 2013), in Swedish (Vaktel Förlag 2015), in English (Liverpool University Press 2021)
- Co-publication of *Mes Etoiles Noires* with 12 African publishers (Francophone Africa, Haïti and Madagascar 2014).
- The graphic novel, *Notre histoire* (Delcourt, vol. 1 et 2, 2014-2017), adapted from *Mes Etoiles Noires*.
- The graphic novel, *Tous super-héros* (Delcourt, vol. 1 et 2, 2016-2018). Published in Korean (Kiwibooks 2017-2020), in Esperanto (Unua Esperanto eldono, vol.2, 2021); a digital edition in 2 volumes in Swedish is available free of charge for Swedish primary schools.
- The pedagogical resources, *Nous Autres*, which provide a programme of education against racism for teachers is available on our website.
- The book, *Manifeste pour l'égalité* (Autrement 2012, J'ai Lu 2014). Published in Italian (ADD 2014)
- The illustrated book, *Nelson Mandela* (Hachette enfants, 2017)
- The development with Jean-Christophe Victor and ARTE of two editions of the programme, *Dessous des cartes: Mémoire du racisme* and *Zoos humains* (March 2012)
- The general curatorship (Lilian Thuram) and scientific curatorship (Pascal Blanchard and Nanette Snoep) for the major exhibition, *EXHIBITIONS, the Invention of the Savage* at the Quai Branly Museum in Paris (November 2011 - June 2012, Globe de Cristal for best exhibition of the year). The exhibition was later shown, under the title, *Human Zoos, the Invention of the Savage*, at la Cité Miroir in Liège (September 2016 - February 2017) and at Mémorial ACTe in Pointe à Pitre (June - December 2018)
- Support for demonstrations against various forms of discrimination and for Human Rights.

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