

CIVIC EDUCATION IN THE US & FRANCE: CONFRONTING HATRED and THREATS TO DEMOCRACY

Conference at TEACHERS COLLEGE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 3:30 – 8:00 pm
Enter at 525 W. 120th St, Cowin Auditorium



3:30-5:00 PM OPENING REMARKS by Eric Bayer, Consul Général Adjoint, FRENCH CONSULATE

FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION “*Les Français, c’est les autres,*” a documentary about immigrant-descended French youth & their feelings about identity & discrimination. Discussion moderated by teacher, **Samia Essabaa** and former student, **Arafat Hossein**, featured in the film.

5:15-8:00 PM

INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS: “Why Civic Education Matters” by **Henry Levin**, Professor of Economics and Education at Teachers College and Past-President of the *Comparative and International Education Society*.

PANEL 1: US & FRENCH LEGAL SCHOLARS DISCUSS CIVIC EDUCATION

Patrick Weil (Historian at Université de Paris I and Professor of Law at Yale Law School) and **Michael Rebell** (Professor of Law and Practice at Teachers College and Columbia Law School) will address the challenges of civic education in the US and France. **Moderated by Martine Trink Rubenstein**, President of LICRA - US (International League against Racism and anti-Semitism), former journalist at Le Figaro, and former European director of the Trilateral Commission.

PANEL 2: A TALE of TWO CLASSROOMS (NYC & PARIS)

Two teachers from high schools located in low-income neighborhoods in NYC (**TC Alumna Mika Kinoshita**) and suburban Paris (**Samia Essabaa**), will discuss their efforts to improve civic education and report on their collaborative 2-day project involving joint discussions among their students. Education expert **Fabrice Jaumont PhD**, author of [The Bilingual Revolution](#), will discuss the impact of dual-language and heritage-language programs on integration, identity, citizenship & equity in both countries. We will also hear from two of their students: **Samiratou Sanga** and **Ibrahima Sow**.

Moderated by Historian Samuel E. Abrams, PhD, Director of the [National Center for the Study of Privatization in Education](#) at Teachers College, author of [Education and the Commercial Mindset](#) (Harvard University Press, 2016), & currently engaged in a comparative study involving underprivileged youth in the Paris suburbs.

SUPPORTERS: AATF (American Association of Teachers of French) - NY Metropolitan Chapter and Columbia University's Alliance Program, European Institute, and Maison Française.

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