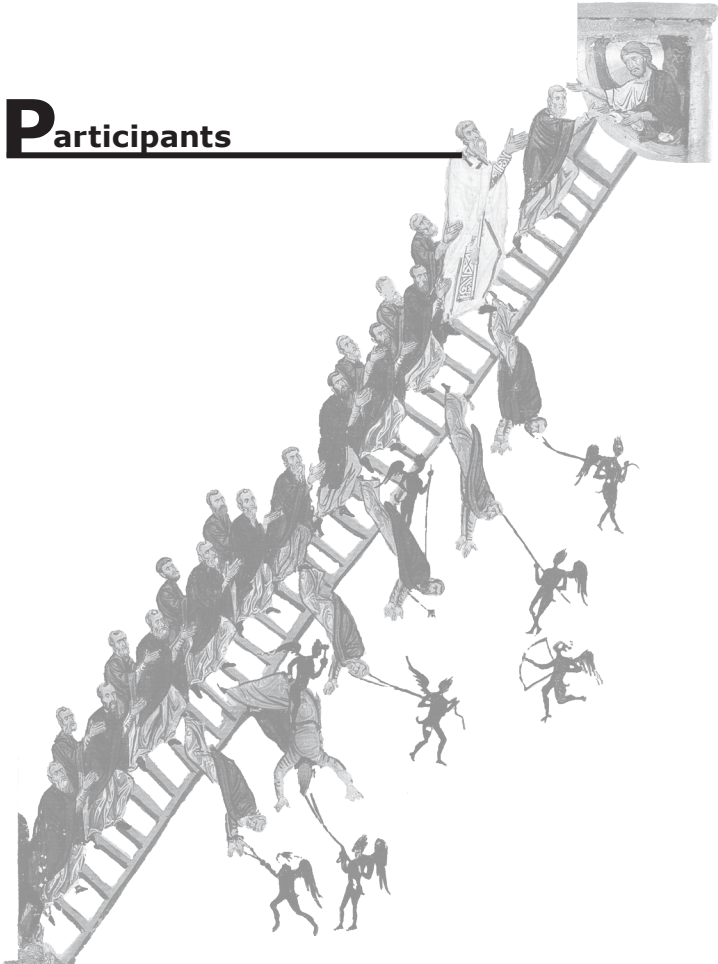


# Participants





**Candido Mendes** (Brazil) is the rector of Candido Mendes University; president of the Rio de Janeiro Forum of Rectors, and secretary-general of the Academy of Latinity. He is also the secretary-general of the Brazilian Justice and Peace Commission, president of the International Social Sciences Council, and member of the Brazilian Academy of Letters. Jurist, sociologist, philosopher, researcher in political science. His works include *Nacionalismo e Desenvolvimento* (1963); *Justice, faim de l'Eglise* (1972); *A Democracia Desperdiçada* (1992), *Collor — Anos-Luz, Ano-Zero* (1994), *A Presidência Afortunada* (1999), *O País da Paciência* (2000), *Lula: a Opção mais que o Voto* (2002), *Lula: une gauche qui s'éveille* (2004), *Lula: entre a Impaciência e a Esperança* (2004), *Lula Depois de Lula* (2005), and *Lula apesar de Lula* (2006).

**Cesarrio Melantonio Neto** (Brazil) is ambassador of Brazil to Cairo, Egypt.

**Daniel Innerarity** (Spain) is professor of Philosophy at the University of Zaragoza and guest lecturer at the Institute of Political Studies of the University of Bordeaux IV. Among the books and articles he published (some of

them translated in other languages) may be mentioned *Ética de la hospitalidad* (2001), *La transformación de la política* (2002), *La sociedad invisible* (2004), and *El nuevo espacio público* (2006).

**Faisal Devji** (Canada) is historian who specializes in studies of Islam, globalization, violence and ethics. His multi-disciplinary work grounds empirical historical issues in philosophical questions. He taught at The New School for Social Research in New York until earlier this year. Recently he has been admitted as a professor to the History Faculty of the University of Oxford. He is the author of *Landscapes of the Jihad* (2005), and *The Terrorist in Search of Humanity: Militant Islam and Global Politics* (2008).

**François L'Yvonnet** (France) is professor of Philosophy and editor in Paris. Besides *Cahier de l'Herne* (2005), dedicated to Jean Baudrillard, his works include, among others, *D'un fragment l'autre* (with Jean Baudrillard, 2001); *L'avenir de l'esprit* (with Thierry Gaudin, 2001); *Le Défi de la différence* (with Candido Mendes); and *Simone Weil, le Grand passage*, ed. (2006), all of them published by Albin Michel. In mai 2009: Louis Massignon, *Écrits mémorables* (avec Christian Jambet, François Angelier et Souâd Ayada), two volumes, published by Robert-Laffont, coll. "Bouquins".

**Gil Anidjar** (France) is an Assistant Professor of Comparative Literature in Columbia University's department of Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures (MEALAC). He is the author of *Our Place in al-Andalus: Kabbalah, Philosophy, Literature in Arab Jewish Letters* (2002),

*The Jew, the Arab: A History of the Enemy* (2003), *Semites: Race, Religion, Literature* (2008). He has edited and introduced a collection of essays by Jacques Derrida entitled *Acts of Religion* (2002).

**Javier Sanjinés C.** (Bolivia) is associate professor of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures at the University of Michigan and visiting professor of cultural studies at the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito, Ecuador. He published *Estética y carnaval. Estética y Carnaval. Ensayos de sociología de la cultura* (1984), *Literatura contemporánea y grotesco social en Bolivia* (1992), and *Mestizaje Upside Down: Aesthetic Politics in Modern Bolivia* (2004).

**Jean-Michel Blanquer** (France) is Rector of the Académie de Créteil since 2007. He was associate professor of public law at the Université de Paris III and director of the Institut des Hautes Études de l'Amérique Latine, in Paris. He is the author of *Descentralización en Colombia. Estudios y propuestas* (1991), *Changer d'ère* (1996), *La responsabilité des gouvernants*, with O. Beaud (1999), *Les défis de l'éducation en Amérique latine*, with H. Trindade (2000), and *Voter dans les Amériques*, with H. Quanquin, W. Sonnleitner, C. Zumello (2003).

**José Augusto Lindgren Alves** (Brazil), a career diplomat, is now National Coordinator for the Alliance of Civilizations and member, on his personal capacity, of the United Nations' Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Besides many articles published abroad, the last of which was "Race and Religion in the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimi-

nation” (University of San Francisco Law Review, vol. 42, n. 4, Spring 2008), his books, in Portuguese, include *Os Direitos Humanos como Tema Global* (“Human Rights as a Global Issue,” 1994 and 2004), and *Os Direitos Humanos na Pós-Modernidade* (“Human Rights in Post-Modernity,” 2005).

**Mia Bloom** is an assistant professor of International Affairs at the University of Georgia in Athens. She is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations and member of the Council of World Affairs. She is author of *Dying to Kill: The Allure of Suicide Terror* (2005) and *Living Together After Ethnic Killing* (with Roy Licklider, 2006).

**Michel Wieviorka** (France) is professor at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris) and president of the International Sociological Association (ISA). He was recently elected director of the Foundation Maison des Sciences de l’Homme. He is the author of numerous books, including *Se nourrir. L’alimentation en question. Les Entretiens d’Auxerre*, dir (2009), *Neuf leçons de sociologie* (2008), *L’antisémitisme est-il de retour?* (2008), and *De la séparation des Églises et de l’Etat à l’avenir de la laïcité. Les entretiens d’Auxerre*, avec Jean Bauberot, dir. (2005).

**Mohammed Arkoun** (France-Algeria) is a philosopher and historian of Islamic Thought at the Sorbonne (Paris III), founder of the discipline called Applied Islamology. His major publications are: *La Pensée arabe* (2008), *Lectures du Coran* (1982), *Critique de la raison islamique* (1984); *Pour sortir des clôtures*

*dogmatiques* (2007); *The Unthought in Contemporary Islamic Thought* (2002); *Islam: to Reform or to Subvert* (2006); *Humanisme et Islam* (2006); *De Manhattan à Bagdad. Au-delà du bien et du mal* (with Joseph Maïla, 2003); *Histoire de l'islam et des musulmans en France* (2006).

**Nilüfer Göle** (Turkey) is professor of sociology at the École des Hautes Études in Paris and a leading authority on the political movement of today's educated, urbanized, religious Muslim women. She is the author of *The Forbidden Modern: Civilization and Veiling* (1997) and *Interpénétrations: L'Islam et l'Europe* (2005).

**Shibley Telhami** is the Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development at the University of Maryland, College Park, and a nonresident senior fellow in the Saban Center for Middle East Policy. He is a former advisor to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations and the Iraq Study Group. He is the author of numerous books, including *The Stakes: America and the Middle East* (2003), *Identity and Foreign Policy in the Middle East*, ed. with Michael Barnett (2002), and *Leadership in International Bargaining: The Path to the Camp David Accords* (1990).

**Susan Buck-Morss** (USA) is professor of political philosophy and social theory at the Department of Government of Cornell University. Her books include *Thinking Past Terror: Islamism and Critical Theory on the Left* (2003), *The Origin of Negative Dialectics: Theodor W. Adorno, Walter Benjamin, and the Critical Theory of the Frankfurt School* (1977), *The Dialectics*

*of Seeing: Walter Benjamin and the Arcades Project* (1989), *Dreamworld and Catastrophe: The Passing of Mass Utopia in East and West* (2000), and *Islamism and Critical Theory on the Left* (2003).