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Conference

" Sovereignty as an obstacle to progress for democracy, in national and international societies "

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Amphitheatre SIMONE WEIL

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By

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Monique Chemillier-Gendreau is a legal specialist, Emeritus professor of public law and science politics at University of Paris VII-Diderot

She received the Union rationaliste award in 20002.

She honorary chairman of the European legal experts for democracy and human rights association (association Présidente d'honneur de l'Association européenne des juristes pour la démocratie et les droits de l'Homme dans le monde, AEJDH). She regularly publishes in *Multitudes* and *Politis* journals. She is a member of the Tribunal Russel for Palestine sponsoring committee, Chaired by the ambassador of the Palestinian authority in Europe, Leila Shahid, whose works have been presented on March ,4th 2009. She is a major contributor to the legal framework of the sans-papier (undocumented migrants) legal movement in France at the end of 1990's as well as her work as international law specialist led her to defend the developing countries with the disagreements with more powerful states.

She also signed the petition led by the association « France-Palestine » designed to condemn the State of Israel for its defensive operation against rockets on civilian population called « cast lead » operation by the Hamas Islamist militia, in January 2009

Her books include:

- *Humanité et souverainetés*, La Découverte,
- *L'injustifiable : Les politiques françaises de l'immigration*, Éditions du Centurion, 1998,
- *Droit international et démocratie mondiale : Les Raisons d'un échec*, Textuel,
- *La souveraineté sur les archipels Paracels et Spratleys*, L'Harmattan,
- *Le rôle du temps dans la formation du droit international*, Éditions A. Pedone

Thème:

“The political and legal organisation of the world into sovereign states and international organisation created by themselves and depending on them is not suitable to either the quest for fair norms in an open world or the demand for freedom of modern societies. This organisation allows the uncontrolled rise of dangers, particularly the one of militarisation of all economies that powers, even in the so-called democratic states, are not looking at reducing and that United Nations don't control.

An in-depth analysis comes to the conclusion that the concepts of state sovereignty along with their inherent immunities create a major obstacle to a democratic renewal that would allow an approach of the common good on the world scale. »

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