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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