

Book Fair at the Paris “Espace Barrault”

Paris, France, 25. March 2017



A Book Fair was held at the Paris Education Center “Espace Barrault”, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Rome Treaty which founded the European Union. Celebrating the cultural diversity of Europe, several writers and friends of FFWPU were invited to introduce their works.

With a video in the background showing historical events and pioneers that led the signing of the Rome Treaty, tables had



been arranged in the conference hall where writers displayed their books. One by one, each writer introduced their work and responded to questions from the audience. Directly broadcasted on Facebook, the talks could be followed by a few hundred viewers.



Dr. Jean-Luc Berlet, a philosopher and professor, spoke about his recently published book on Nietzsche, his relationship to women and their influence on his philosophy.



Mrs. Eugénie Dossa Quenum, from the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), spoke about her book entitled: “The power of invisible links and the small secrets of life”.

Mrs. Fatima Chbibane, a Moroccan-born poet, read several poems from her recent poetry book



“The partition of your life”, accompanied in background music by young pianist Dorian Gravrand.

Mrs Lama Al Atassi, a Syrian political activist based in France, gave a talk on the future of multicultural Europe.



Mrs. Jezia Lahmar Rachid, a Tunisian businesswoman and women's rights activist, spoke about peaceful change through women-run development activities in the Mediterranean region.



Mr. Samir Mégally, an Egyptian-born writer and painter, gave a talk on the biography he recently published and led a discussion on Lebanese writer Khalil Gibran, and displayed several of his paintings.



Several participants from the Parisian Café Philo network, which regularly brings together writers and literature fans, attended the event that was concluded by poetic recitations from **Mr. Gilles Rocca**.

This was an encouraging first event of this kind at the Paris Education Center, where we plan to invite regularly some writers on various themes relating to the vision of FFWPU.