



## **Introduction to the Philosophy of Peace of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF)**

Saturday July 2, 2022, Espace Barrault, Paris

A workshop on the philosophy of peace of the UPF brought together dozens of people from different French-speaking nations by videoconference. They were linked to a delegation of peace ambassadors and UPF executives gathered at the Espace Barrault in Paris.

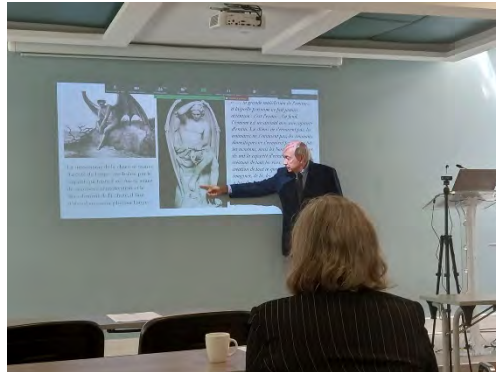
Mr. Patrick Jouan, vice-president of the FPU in France, hosted and moderated the program.

Mr. Jacques Marion, President of FPU-France stressed that "Peace goes beyond the mere political and economic aspects". Indeed, the peace studies offered by UPF address certain purely geopolitical aspects of the resolution of current conflicts, but link them to the universal vision of establishing perpetual peace.

Within this framework, it is important to investigate a number of questions related to the idea of perpetual and universal peace:

- Is this notion compatible with the great universal laws, and with a scientific approach?
- Is it compatible with the human condition, which seems marked by a fundamental inner conflict? What is the contribution of religions and human sciences?
- Is it compatible with the laws of history, marked by the predominance of conflicts and the fragility of periods of peace?

Approaching these subjects without dogmatism, the program offered by UPF offers a methodology that profoundly renews peace studies, offering hope for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This open approach attracts people from a variety of backgrounds.



*Presentations by Jacques Marion and Laurent Ladouce*

Her Excellency Mrs. Neziha Labidi was the former Tunisian Minister for Women, Family, Children and Seniors, a transversal and crucial ministry in Tunisia, a pioneering country for women in the Maghreb. As she was passing through Paris, she attended one of the presentations. She appreciates the very broad approach of the Universal Peace Federation and the Women's World Peace Federation. She was thrilled with the session she attended.

Madame Dossa- Quenum , author of several books and specialist in intercultural psychology, learned a lot during this training. “For someone like me, who prays a lot but isn't attached to any particular denomination, UPF has the right approach. »



Michel Thao Chan, founder of the Circle of Reflection of Nations, appreciates the very clear process of analysis, the judicious use of sacred texts. Accustomed to the study days of the FPU, he was particularly challenged by the question of divine responsibility and human responsibility. He also welcomed the vertical dimension present in the notion of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values.

Madam Aiwata Ichata Sahi , who was Minister for the Family in Mali, was present by videoconference, live from Bamako, with Mrs. Fatimata Niambali , former deputy for the constituency of San.

