

“What values and what model for France after 2007?”

Hôtel de Pomereu (Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations) – Paris, 7-8 December 2006

Press Release

Institut Aspen France organized a conference in Paris (Hôtel de Pomereu, Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations) on 7 and 8 December, 2006, on the topic:

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The purpose of this conference was to discuss developments in France and the reasons why France is stalled at this time when the French are losing their bearings and feeling a real malaise about the future.

Prepared by a group of young, multidisciplinary researchers coordinated by Boris Walbaum, General Secretary of the Institute, with the support and approval of elected officials and business people, this conference was an opportunity for us to discuss the values behind our social contract and to explore the channels and resources for restoring the citizens’ trust in politics. We tried to apply new interpretations and new precepts in two politically critical fields: the education system and professional integration and reintegration policy.

This conference brought together some thirty leaders, personalities from politics, the economy, academia and the media such as: **Charles Beigbeder**, *Chairman and CEO*, Poweo; **Patrice Corre**, *High School Principal*, Lycée Henri IV; **Hakim El Karoui**, *Deputy Director*, Rotschild & Cie Banque; **John Evans**, *General Secretary*, Trade Union Advisory to OECD (TUAC); **Gilles Finchelstein**, *Delegate General*, Fondation Jean Jaurès, *Director of Studies*, Euro RSCG; **Peter Gumbel**, *Senior Writer*, Time Magazine; **Raphaël Hadas-Lebel**, *Vice President of the Advisory Board*, Institut Aspen France, *President*, Conseil d’Orientation des Retraites (French Pensions Advisory Council); **Patrick Hetzel**, *President*, Rectorate of the Academy of Limoges; **Martin Hirsch**, *President*, Emmaüs France; **Denis Muzet**, *President*, Observatoire du Débat Public, *Director*, Institut Médiacopie; **Brother Samuel**, *Head of philosophical training*, Community of Saint John; **Hamid Senni**, *Director*, Vision Enabler Ltd (United Kingdom); **Laurent Wauquiez**, *MP for the Haute-Loire department*, French National Assembly; **Michaela Wiegel**, *Political Correspondant*, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung.

A dinner presided by **Michel Pébereau**, Chairman of the BNP Paribas Group and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Institut Aspen France, was held on Thursday, 7 December, at the Maison des Polytechniciens. **Pierre Rosanvallon**, President of the “République des Idées” was the guest of honor at this dinner.

Institut Aspen France is an independent, non-partisan, international center for discussion and dialogue. Michel Pébereau is the Chairman of the Supervisory Board, (Raymond Barre, former French Prime Minister, is Honorary Chairman) and Jérôme Huret is the President of the Executive Board. It is affiliated with The Aspen Institute in United States, Berlin, Italy, Japan and India. Its objective is to organize informal international meetings for leaders and actors from the world of economics, politics, academia, trade unions, culture and the media, to encourage better mutual understanding and a better view of the economic and social developments facing them.