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### Michel Wieviorka, administrator of the Fondation MSH

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2009, Valérie Pécresse, French minister for Higher Education and Research, nominated Michel Wieviorka as administrator of the Fondation.

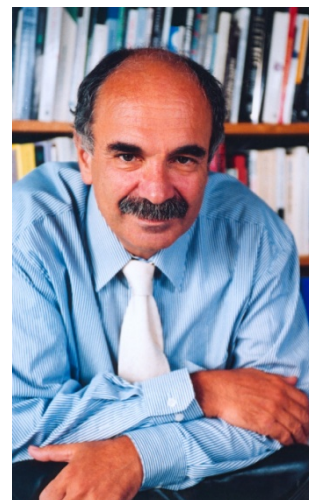
Michel Wieviorka is a renowned French sociologist, director of the Center for Sociological Analysis and Intervention (CADIS) at **École des hautes études en sciences sociales** (EHESS), founded by Alain Touraine.

He is also president of the **International Sociological Association** (2006-2010).

He is noted for his work on social movements, violence, racism, terrorism, democracy and diversity, and the theory of social change.

His last book, *“Neuf leçons de sociologie”* (Robert Laffont, 2008), is at the same time a theoretical assessment and an effort to deploy sociological analysis in the future.

In 1989, he was the first scholar to receive the Bulzoni Editore Special Award of the European Amalfi Prize for Sociology and Social Sciences, for his book *“Société et terrorisme”* (Fayard, 1988 - English edition: *The Making of Terrorism*, The University of Chicago Press, new ed. 2004).



**His scientific project for FMSH** is international, multi- and interdisciplinary, while particularly sensitive to globalisation. He intends to actively contribute restoring the prestige of French humanities and social sciences and furthering their international dimension.

**A public interest foundation at the crossroad of disciplines, issues and territories**, the FMSH holds major assets to help research in the humanities and social sciences, in terms of scientific support as well as services to researchers.

Created on the initiative of Fernand Braudel in the 60s, it aims at promoting international cooperation between French and non-French researchers in the humanities and social sciences, with a concern for core principles such as experimentation, dialogue between disciplines and open-mindedness to the world.

It provides the scientific community with a number of facilities, among which a reference library in the humanities and social sciences, an international research and hosting center for foreign researchers (Maison Suger), a publishing house specialised in social sciences, a distribution facility for university presses, audiovisual research archives.

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