

## Thierry de Montbrial

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Thierry de Montbrial founded the French Institute of International Relations (*Institut français des relations internationales, Ifri*) in 1979. He has been its Executive Chairman since then. In 2008, he launched the *World Policy Conference*.

He is a former Professor at the *Ecole Polytechnique* since 1974 and chaired its Department of Economics between 1974 and 1992. He is Professor Emeritus at the *Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers*. He was the Chairman of the French-Austrian Center for European Economic Convergence (1985-2015).

He serves on the International Advisory Board of Lafarge and chairs the International Advisory Board of OCP Group (Morocco). He is on the Board of Directors of Renault Foundation. He was a member of the Steering Committee of the Bilderberg Meetings (1976-2012). He was a member of the Consultative Board to the WTO Director-General, Geneva (2004-2005) and a committee member for the French White Paper on Defence and Security (1993-1994; 2007-2008). He has been a columnist for *Le Monde* and for *Le Figaro*.

In the academic field, he is a member of the Advisory Committee of the Peterson Institute for International Economics (IIE), Washington, of the Carnegie Moscow Center, and of the Advisory Council of the Stanford Institute for International Studies. He sits on the editorial advisory board of *Foreign Policy*, Washington, the editorial board of *Russia in Global Affairs*, Moscow, and the editorial board of the *The South African Journal of International Affairs*, Johannesburg. He is a Visiting Professor at the China Foreign Affairs University, Beijing, and of the Shanghai International Studies University. Between 1993 and 2001, he was the first Chairman of the Foundation for Strategic Research (*Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique, FRS*).

In 1973, he was entrusted with the creation of the Policy Planning Staff (*Centre d'Analyse et de Prévision, CAP*) at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was its Director from 1973 to 1979.

In June 1992, he was elected as a member of the *Institut de France (Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques)* of which he was elected Chairman for the year 2001. He is also a founding member of the *Académie des Technologies*. He was elected as a member of the *Academia Europaea* in March 1993, of the *Académie Royale de Belgique* in January 1996, of the *Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences* in May 1999, of the *Romanian Academy* in December 1999, of the *Russian Academy of Sciences* in June 2003, of the *Moldovan Academy of Sciences* in January 2006, of the *Bulgarian Academy of Sciences* in July 2006, and of the *Real Academia de Ciencias Económicas y Financieras*, Spain in 2008.

He is *Doctor Honoris Causa* of the *Romanian Academy of Economic Studies* (1996), of the *Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan* (2002), of the *University of Brasov, Romania* (2003), of the *University Galatasaray, Turkey* (2004), of the *University of Chisinau, Moldova* (2005), of the *State Institute for International Relations / MGIMO, Moscow* (2007), of the *University of Bucarest, Romania* (2011), the University « A.I. Cuza » of Iasi,

Romania (2014) and the University « Kliment Ohridski » of Sofia, Bulgaria (2017). He was awarded the Grand Prix of the French Geographic Society in 2003.

He is a Commander of the *Légion d'honneur*, Great Officer of the *Ordre National du Mérite* and has been awarded other state honors by the French and several foreign governments (Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia...).

Thierry de Montbrial is the author of numerous professional articles and more of twenty books (several of them translated in various languages) in economics and international affairs, including *Action and Reaction in the World System. The Dynamics of Economic and Political Power*, UBC Press, Vancouver, Toronto, 2013. He has also contributed to various collective works.

Thierry de Montbrial was born on March 3, 1943. He is a graduate of the *Ecole Polytechnique* and the *Ecole des Mines*, and received a Ph.D. in Mathematical Economics from the University of California, Berkeley.