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BARBARA DELCOURT
(1967–2017)**

[11-09–2017] The GEM and GEM-STONES international PhD school and research community as well as the Institut d'Études Européennes are extremely saddened by the announcement of Prof. Barbara Delcourt (ULB) passing away on 9 September 2017. We express our sincere condolences to her husband, Prof. Olivier Corten, and to her two sons, Martin and Hugo.

For more than 8 years, GEM and GEM STONES greatly benefited from Barbara's important and stimulating contribution, be it by way of these supervision, conferences or workshops.

Barbara's career started at her university, the ULB, thirty years ago. Her brilliant thesis, on the post-Yugoslavian wars, was published by the Editions de l'Université de Bruxelles. She immediately started an exceptional career as assistant, rapidly followed by her nomination as full professor before becoming Director of the REPI and president of the Political Science Department at the ULB.

Barbara published a dozen important books and many scientific articles, both in French and in English. Her main centres of interest, in the context of her teachings and research at the ULB, were: UN crisis-management and international administration, European external relations

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and foreign policy, European governance and state sovereignty, as well as theories of security.

We would like to stress the innovative and passionate nature, as well as the high quality, of her contribution to the discipline of International Relations. The GEM Community in particular will remember her strong commitment and stimulating intervention as an internationally proactive colleague. This was above all illustrated by her engagement in the supervision of the theses of many PhD students.

Thank you very much, Barbara!