

Institute for European Studies, Université libre de Bruxelles

BARBARA DELCOURT
(1967–2017)*

It is with great sadness that we learned on 10 September 2017, that Barbara Delcourt, professor at the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences of the Université libre de Bruxelles, had passed away.

As director of REPI (Recherche et Enseignement en Politique Internationale), Barbara Delcourt, with her critical spirit and her great intellectual acuteness, nourished the academic debates on the European Union's external actions and its role in the world. Her work has been a source of inspiration for numerous academics, students and PhD candidates, at the ULB as well as other universities, who have conducted research on the issues of international conflict management, security theories, governance and sovereignty in the European public space, as well as, on a larger scale, on issues linked to the epistemology and ontology of international relations.

Since her appointment at the ULB in 1994, Barbara Delcourt showed a tireless commitment to our Alma Mater. She was particularly committed to the IEE and its research and teaching activities in European Studies. It is at the Institute where she held office and where she loved to work.

Barbara was a woman of conviction and commitment, as her numerous publications indicate, notably one of her last ones “With Love from Manchester. Ce que produit la ‘guerre contre le terrorisme’“, which she co-signed last June with Julien Pomarède and Christophe Wasinski.

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Faithful to herself and her ideals until the end, Barbara was an extremely dynamic colleague, whose ideas, projects and professional activities were plentiful, as illustrated by, among others, her missions in Haiti.

The IEE and all of its members will remember her as a generous, frank, honest colleague, available to others, caring and giving.

We, members of the academic, scientific and administrative branches of the Institute, express our most sincere sympathy to her family, Olivier, Martin and Hugo.

We will all miss you, dear Barbara!