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Stéphane Trano (born February 1, 1969 in France) is a French journalist and author, based in **New York City, New York**. He is specialized in International Politics, Social Issues, Human Rights, and serves as a correspondent for the French newsmagazine **Marianne**.

1 Biographies

Stéphane Trano has authored three biographies.

On **François Mitterrand**, the first entitled *Mitterrand, Les Amis D'abord* exploring the former French President's views on friendship and politics; and the second *Une Affaire d'Amitié* focusing on Mitterrand's family, and particularly on his long-hidden daughter **Mazarine Pingeot** (who recently renamed herself Mazarine Pingeot-Mitterrand). Pingeot-Mitterrand had never spoken publicly about her father prior to the publication of Trano's book.^[1]

The preface was written by **Jean Lacouture**, the French biographer of General **Charles de Gaulle**. Jean Lacouture writes: "*François Mitterrand, whose public life is arranged traditionally around three or four parties, including one he roughly forged, confided in me that "in politics, everything is a matter of banding together", which could also have been said, of religion, by a general of the Jesuits in their heyday. And when he defined a friend as he in whom nothing, neither Bousquet, nor failure, nor insult, could alter public or private loyalty, he seemed to speak less as a politician or secular moralist than as an adherent of a religious order. Stéphane Trano suggests, line by line, that the reason for the State has reasons other than the reason of the heart. And that loyalty, noble virtue that it is, can be, in the public order, incompatible with the general*

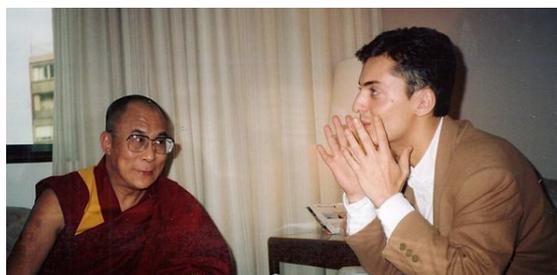
interest."

The third biography written by Stéphane Trano, published in France (November 2013, L'Archipel) is about **John Fitzgerald-Kennedy**, "a character built by his *entourage (...)* Appointed by his father to fulfill his own presidential destiny (...), the first politician invented by the new dominant post-war mass media and shaped by marketing." According to the author, the legend of Kennedy was "carefully maintained by censorship and powerfully organized by his family, and then conveyed by historians. However, his diseases (...), his obsession with women, his dangerous relationships, the wandering of his political thought... (...) represent everything America usually hates : concealment , perjury , betrayal, corruption. Fifty years after his death, the best-hidden mystery of the icon of American lies not in his murder, but in a life totally obscured by myth." ^[2]

2 Journalism

At the age of 18, Trano's first news articles appeared in the weekly magazine *Le Nouvel Observateur* (The New Observer), a publication founded in 1950 by philosopher **Jean-Paul Sartre** in conjunction with former members of the French Resistance movement. He first began as a celebrity lifestyles reporter but soon thereafter became a specialist in political journalism.

From 1991 to 1996, Trano served as Chief Political Editor of the weekly **Tribune Juive** (Jewish Tribune).^[3] Recognized for his accomplishments and ability by the French intellectual community, he became highly sought after by several major publications to report on controversial issues of public interest.



Stéphane Trano with the Dalai-Lama, 1994

In 1996, Trano became the first Jewish journalist to work under dual Middle East leadership - Palestinian National Authority and Israeli supervision - after being appointed

as Chief Editor of the short-lived *Palestinian Economic Newsletter*. This monthly publication aimed to promote economic development in the Gaza Strip and West Bank in accordance with the *Oslo Accords* of 1993. With a circulation of 15,000, it was published in English, French and Arabic.^[4] Yasser Arafat wrote the editorial for the first issue of the *Palestinian Economic Newsletter* when it was published in June, 1996.^[5] The *Palestinian Economic Newsletter* was published for seven months.

3 Political advisory

Trano has served in a multitude of prominent political advisory roles such as:

- Special Advisor to Patrick Gaubert, then Head of the French governmental mission against racism and anti-Semitism (1991–1995);
- Special Advisor to the President of the NATO-affiliated organization *International League against Racism and Anti-Semitism* (1993);
- Special Advisor to Jean Kahn, President of the *Conseil Représentatif des Institutions juives de France* (Council of French Jewish Institutions), (1993–1996), and President of the *European Jewish Congress* (1993 to 1995)

In 2005-2006, Trano was Director of Online Communications and author for Jack Lang, President of the *Arab World Institute*, former NATO-based French anti-piracy expert and French Minister of Culture and Communications from 1981-1995.

He has received increasing attention for his contributions to public debate by questioning in many articles:

- The future of the remembrance of the Shoah
- The issue of ethnocentrism
- The morality of the partners of the Peace Process in the Middle East
- Discrimination in Europe against minorities
- Anti-Americanism in France
- Endangered Populations

His work has been quoted often by experts:

- During a session of the Senate in Belgium, December 14, 2000, in a debate with Prime Minister Michiel Martens about a proposal for a resolution on the right of return for Palestinian Refugees. Proposal for resolution on the right of return for Palestinian refugees

- Regarding Holocaust monuments and national memorial cultures in France and Germany since 1989: the origins and political function of the Vel d'Hiv in Paris and the Holocaust Monument in Berlin. Quoted page.97

- In 1996, he was one of the 234 personalities who signed a petition for the legal recognition of same-sex couples, along with notables such as sociologist Pierre Bourdieu; philosopher Jacques Derrida; poet Claude Roy; actress Jeanne Moreau; designer Andree Putman; fashion creator Sonia Rykiel; American author Edmund White and Greek composer and architect Iannis Xenakis. For a legal recognition of homosexual couples

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- [6] , *Even though it was just yesterday that the world ended the silence on Auschwitz, in its desperate search for words to try express what happened, already another silence covered other genocides (we discuss later on the reasons for which the following facts qualify as genocide): one who came to destroy, in three and a half years, one million, maybe two million Cambodians out of a population that numbered seven, at the hands of the Khmer Rouge, the thirty million Chinese victims of the megalomaniacal delusions of Mao, between 1958 and 1976, that of East Timor, where Indonesian military slaughtered 100,000 to 200,000 of the 700,000 inhabitants of the region, that of Biafra, between 1967 and 1970, which caused the death of a million people, one and a half million Afghans after the Soviet intervention of 1979, but in southern Sudan, Tibet, Australia (against aborigines)! Not one of these monstrosities, conducted thanks to the permanent state of surrender of international law, it could not be avoided, despite Auschwitz, this paroxysmal event of the purifying madness of men.* In such a context, and with the certain announcement of new and numerous genocides to come, the injunction of Nie Wieder ("Never Again") resonates like a sinister farce. Since, in the first scrap of the war in former Yugoslavia, the case was heard: that which the Europeans - let us leave off speaking of governments, while the anti-war protests brought together only a few hundred citizens! - had sworn to have extracted their from their soul and to no longer be able to tolerate within them, they watch today, fascinated. A fascination that conquers the world. Sigmund Freud thought that "that which can not be remembered is repeated in behavior". It seems that this, which the world fails to recall (since it does not want to, without a doubt), is precisely the link between this self-fascination and the consequences that arise therefrom. The German witnesses to the rise of Nazism in Germany explain that they only realized the progress of events when an event of marked violence (Kristallnacht, for example) shook them from their torpor. Still, disbelief remained. But there the protest stops.
- [7] , *Green light given to Israel on Sunday for relaunch of peace talks with the Palestinian Authorities must not bring delusion. This apparent relaxation, presented by Washington as a success, seems to allow us to forget Madeleine Albright's useless visit to the bedside of the peace process, which demonstrated the total failure of a devastated system. Certainly, after Netanyahu's electoral victory in May, 1996, the Israeli government was generally denounced for its intransigence and systematic blasting of the climate of confidence that has been built in the previous three years. It is, from there, easy to see the key to resolving the impasse in the Israeli "relaxation". It would be to work faster. Because in the course of her recent visit to the Middle East, Madeline Albright faced a gallery of lures, like mines ready to explode under the negotiators' feet. To name a few: a weakened Palestinian administration, appalling double standards in regard to the terrorism that threatens the Hebrew State; a Syrian dictator rarely held to account for this annexation of Lebanon, who ensures the American godfather of his good will; a fossilized Egyptian regime in its frozen piece with Israel since 1979, trying to be the champion of the Arab cause; a Saudi kingdom, sanctuary to the refuse of the Jewish State, continually procrastinating since 1993; Jordan holding its breath after its peace efforts; or, again, Lebanon calling for "comprehensive resolution" while claiming to be unable to disarm the pro-Iranian Hezbollah. There is, and has been since September 1993, an objective consensus to trash the Oslo Accords: between most Arab countries, coolly stashed in the shade of their despotic regimes, uncooperative, and the terrorist states, sowers of chaos. This undermining has paid off. .*

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