

Des instituts internationaux de politique étrangère rompent avec leur homologue iranien

La conférence intitulée "Examen de l'Holocauste : vision globale", qui a réuni, les 11 et 12 décembre à Téhéran, des orateurs négationnistes, a été organisée par l'Institut iranien pour les études politiques et internationales (IPIS). A la suite de cette manifestation au cours de laquelle est intervenu le président Ahmadinejad, les dirigeants de nombreux instituts internationaux de recherche sur la politique internationale ont signé une déclaration annonçant la suspension de tous les contacts avec l'IPIS.

Du fait de sa complicité avec les négateurs du Mal absolu que fut la Shoah, l'IPIS a perdu sa qualité d'interlocuteur valable, de partenaire acceptable", expliquent les signataires. Ils refusent de participer aux réunions et aux voyages organisés par l'institut iranien et d'inviter ses membres à leurs propres réunions.

"Nous maintenons le principe du dialogue avec l'Iran, ajoutent-ils, mais nous ne serons pas en mesure de revoir nos décisions concernant l'IPIS tant qu'il n'y aura pas eu un changement de cours, marqué par la répudiation explicite de la négation de l'Holocauste."

Une telle démarche, qui mêle des organisations officielles, publiques et semi-publiques de plus d'une vingtaine de pays, est exceptionnelle. Au-delà de l'indignation justifiée par la conférence de Téhéran, elle se veut un signal et un encouragement pour les intellectuels iraniens à résister à la pression des autorités.

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TEXTE DE L'APPEL :

On 11-12 December, the Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS) organised a conference in Tehran entitled "Review of the Holocaust: Global Vision".

An array of Holocaust-deniers was assembled on that occasion, with the participation of the highest political authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran. IPIS was the convener of the meeting, playing both a logistical and substantive role, calling for papers from Holocaust-deniers. The Director-General of IPIS, Rasoul Mousawi, gave an opening speech.

IPIS has served in the past as a mainstream Iranian interface with foreign think-tanks and research institutes specialising in international and security affairs. Through its complicity with the deniers of the absolute Evil that was the Holocaust, IPIS has now forfeited its status as an *interlocuteur valable*, as an acceptable partner.

Under these conditions the undersigned, as leaders of international and security affairs institutes, have undertaken the following:

- to suspend all ongoing programmes conducted with IPIS such as joint meetings and seminars, and exchange programmes of scholars and publications.
- To refuse participation in all meetings and seminars organised by IPIS.
- To decline all IPIS sponsored travel to Iran.
- To refuse to invite IPIS staff to our meetings and seminars.

We maintain the principle of dialogue with Iran. But we will not be in a position to reconsider our decisions regarding IPIS until there has been a change of course marked by an explicit repudiation of Holocaust denial and a return to academic standards. 14December 2006.

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