

Statement on Todd Studies Circle's first session August 29th, 2016

The **Cercle d'études toddiennes (Todd Studies Circle)** was launched on June the 4th of 2016. This French association aims at promoting, discussing, deepening, and criticizing the work of the historian Emmanuel Todd.

The association is meant to gather researchers who are aware of the productivity of Todd's scientific work, as well as passionate readers who feel stimulated by his books and are eager to go further.

For a long time, Todd's work has been ignored or underrated by a vast number of people, including academics, intellectuals or journalists. This lack of interest has often led to misunderstanding and misinterpreting Todd's analysis.

It is worth noticing that Todd's main thesis, as it is exposed at length in *La troisième planète* (1983), *L'enfance du monde* (1984), *L'invention de l'Europe* (1990), *L'origine des systèmes familiaux* (2011), states that the traditional family structures and their contemporary evolutions explain to a vast extent the divergent evolutions of human societies, both in time and space. The deep ignorance of Todd's fundamental research explains why essays such as *L'illusion économique* (1998), *Le Mystère français* (2013), and *Qui est Charlie ?* (2015) have been so violently rejected.

Todd's work also provides an important and little known contribution to social sciences, such as history, geography, sociology, or political science, and it is one of the Cercle d'études toddiennes's goals to emphasize these contributions.

The Cercle d'études toddiennes will strive to spread as broadly as possible the results of Todd's work, and to discuss them through publications, seminars and conferences.

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