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First Paris Summit Against International Oligarchy

Saturday, November 21 at the Théâtre de la Concorde

On Saturday, November 21, the Théâtre de la Concorde hosts the First Paris Summit Against International Oligarchy, organized at the initiative of the International Tax Observatory, directed by Gabriel Zucman, together with ICRICT (co-chaired by Jayati Ghosh and Joseph Stiglitz) and the PSE Stone Center. As a partner of the Summit, the City of Paris will be represented by its mayor, Emmanuel Grégoire, who will welcome the participants.

In 1987, the richest 0.0001% of the world's population held wealth equivalent to 3% of global GDP. In 2026, that share has reached 17%. This unprecedented concentration of wealth comes with power that is now global: over multinationals, over media and platforms, and over public policy. To confront this international oligarchy, the Summit brings together experts from around the world who have so far largely worked in parallel, around three themes: taxation, media and artificial intelligence.

Public conference from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The day is built around three themes: taxation (fighting the secession of the super-rich), media (freeing public debate from the grip of billionaires) and artificial intelligence (making the case for universal access to knowledge). Three plenary sessions, six panel discussions, screenings followed by debates, and book signings will feature, among others, Esther Duflo, Joseph E. Stiglitz, Thomas Piketty, Lucas Chancel, Naomi Klein, Isabella Weber, Pierre Rosanvallon, Isabelle Ferreras, Cecilia Rikap, Gary Stevenson and Camille Étienne. Full program at parisagainstoligarchy.world.

Closing ceremony (by invitation only) at 7:30 p.m.: A call to action

In the theater's Joséphine Baker hall, political leaders, former heads of state and government, and trade union leaders from around the world will launch a call to action against international oligarchy. Speakers include Sophie Binet, Gabriel Boric, Winnie Byanyima, Fernando Haddad, Pramila Jayapal, Ro Khanna, Jesse Klaver, Paul Nowak, Zack Polanski, Elly Schlein, Ines Schwerdtner and Aminata Touré.

The Paris Manifesto

The Summit is accompanied by a manifesto, *Contre l'oligarchie internationale – Le Manifeste de Paris* (*Against International Oligarchy – The Paris Manifesto*), initiated by Gabriel Zucman and signed by more than a hundred researchers from around the world, including Nobel

laureates in economics Daron Acemoğlu, Esther Duflo, Paul Krugman, and Joseph Stiglitz, along with numerous economists, philosophers, political scientists, and sociologists who want to warn about the dangers that the rise of extreme wealth poses to our democracies. The manifesto was published in Seuil's "Libelles" series on November 20 and will be signed during the Summit on the 21st.

An abridged version of the Manifesto is also available online on the Paris Manifesto website, which lists all the signatories and allows everyone to sign it in turn.

Many trade union leaders from around the world have signed the Manifesto, including Sophie Binet (CGT), Paul Nowak (TUC), Mauricio Landini (CGIL), Luc Triangle (ITUC), and Veronica Nilsson (TUAC), as well as leaders of international organizations, political figures, and activists from around the world.

With the support of the City of Paris, Théâtre de la Concorde, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Norway (Norad) and the Global Fund for a New Economy (GFNE).

Information for the press

Program: parisagainstoligarchy.world

Press accreditation: accreditation for the Summit is now closed. However, the three plenary sessions and the closing evening will be streamed live on YouTube.

Time	Livestreamed session
11:30–13:00	AI — For Universal Ownership of Knowledge
14:00–15:30	Media — Freeing Public Debate from the Grip of Billionaires
16:30–18:00	Tax — Fighting the Secession of the Ultra-Rich
19:30	Closing ceremony — A Call to Action

Photos and videos: The entire program will be recorded, and all videos and photos from the Summit will be available here.

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