

Susan George: TNI biography (2 pages)

(<http://www.tni.org/susangeorge>)

NB: *This two page biography is current to the end of August 2013. Please do not use Wikipedia or other sources for bio and photos.*

For those introducing me at speeches and other events: the first paragraph here is more than adequate. I include further details for the sake of completeness.

PLEASE AVOID the following common errors: I am not an "economist" and have no formal degree in this area. If you need an academic category, "political scientist" or "political economist" is close enough. PLEASE DO NOT refer to the Observatoire de la Mondialisation (Globalisation Observatory) which no longer exists. Usually English-speaking people spell my name correctly, but sometimes they gallicise it: GEORGE does not take an "S". Thank you, SG.

SUSAN GEORGE is the author of sixteen books written in French and English and widely translated. She is president of the Board of the Transnational Institute in Amsterdam, a decentralised fellowship of scholars living throughout the world whose work is intended to contribute to social justice and who are active in civil society in their own countries. She is Honorary President of ATTAC-France [Association for Taxation of Financial Transaction to Aid Citizens] where she also served as vice-president between 1999 and mid-2006 and remains a member of the scientific council.

NB: Her latest book, ***How to Win the Class War : The Lugano Report II***, will soon be posted on the TNI website for download or print-on-demand. At the same time, six of her earlier books will be on the site as "Susan George Classics" will also be available in electronic or print-on-demand as well as a special boxed print edition of all six together.

Her other books are:

[Whose Crisis, Whose Future?](#) [Polity Press 2010]

[Hijacking America: How the Religious and Secular Right Changed What Americans Think](#) [Polity Press 2008]

[We the Peoples of Europe](#) [Pluto Press 2008]

[Another World is Possible if...](#) [Verso, New York and London, 2004]

[The Lugano Report: On preserving capitalism in the 21st century](#) [Pluto Press 1999]

[Faith and Credit: the World Bank's Secular Empire](#) (with Fabrizio Sabelli, Penguin, 1994);
[The Debt Boomerang](#) (Pluto Press, 1992);
[Ill Fares the Land](#) (Penguin, 1990);
[A Fate Worse than Debt](#) (Penguin 1987);
[Food for Beginners](#) (Writers and Readers, 1983);
Feeding the Few: Corporate Control of Food, Institute for Policy Studies, 1981 porate
[How the Other Half Dies: the Real Reasons for World Hunger](#) (Penguin 1976).

Books in French that do not exist in English are [Pour ou Contre la Mondialisation Libérale](#) (a debate with Martin Wolf of the Financial Times, Editions Grasset, Paris 2002); *Remettre l'OMC à sa Place* (Editions Mille et Une Nuits, Paris 2001); [La Suisse aux Enchères](#) (with Fabrizio Sabelli, Editions Zoé, Geneva 1997) and *Les Stratèges de la Faim* (Editions Grounauer, Geneva 1982, her doctoral dissertation).

Virtually all her books have been published in at least French and Spanish and some exist in German, Italian, Portuguese, four Scandinavian languages, Estonian, Japanese, Korean, Bengali, Thai, etc.

Susan George's academic degrees are in French/Government [B.A.Smith College, USA]; Philosophy [Licence ès Philosophie, Sorbonne] and Political Studies [Doctorate, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, University of Paris].

She has received honorary doctorates from the [University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne](#) and the [Universidad Nacional de Educacion a Distancia \[UNED\]](#) of Madrid as well as the first "Outstanding Public Scholar Award" of the International Political Economy section of the International Studies Association.

Her current work concerns various aspects of neoliberal globalisation and ideology.as well as the multiple, ongoing crises that began in 2007-2008, particularly their impact in Europe.

Her archives have been indexed up to 2010 at the International Institute of Social History at the University of Amsterdam and will be completed after her death. Scholars may consult her work at the IISG: contact info@iisg.nl

In the TNI tradition of "scholar-activist" Susan George has been active in many campaigns, helping to lead the one in France to defeat the

Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) and the subsequent movement of "GATS-Free Zones" to which over 1500 local governments in Europe now belong. Her recent work on the future of Europe and the ideological transformation of the United States has led to many speaking engagements and media appearances.

From 1990-95 she served on the Board of Greenpeace International as well as that of Greenpeace France. She has acted as a consultant to various United Nations specialised agencies and is a frequent public speaker, particularly for ATTAC groups, trade unions and environment/development Non-Governmental Organisations in many countries. She is frequently interviewed for press, radio and television.

Susan George was born in the United States, lives in Paris and is a French citizen. She was widowed in 2002, has three children and four grand-children.