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Philippe Burrin | Classes of 1975 & 1985

Philippe Burrin earned his doctorate at the Institute under the supervision of Saul Friedländer and taught international history there from 1988 to 2004. His research focused on military occupations, fascism, and antisemitism. In 2004, he became director of the Institut universitaire de hautes études internationales (IUHEI), and then, from 2008 to 2020, of the Graduate Institute, following the IUHEI's merger with the Institut universitaire d'études du développement (IUED). He worked towards the merger of the two institutes, the construction of the Campus de la paix, and the development of the Institute through the creation of research centres, the diversification of the faculty in terms of gender and age, the establishment of a global network of partners, and the mobilisation of donations from foundations and benefactors for buildings, chairs, and scholarships.


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Kofi Annan delivering a speech at the opening of the first academic year at the Maison de la paix in September 2013.



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