SHORT BIOGRAPHY

THE ACTIVIST

Daniel Turp's life as an activist revolves around the promotion of Quebec's national independence, the adoption of a *Quebec Constitution*, the right to self-determination of peoples, the application of the principle of secularism in Quebec, the defence of the French language and linguistic diversity and, through strategic litigation, peace, the respect of fundamental rights and the protection of the environment.

He was a Member of Parliament and represented the **Bloc Québécois** in the House of Commons of Canada from 1997 to 2000 and the **Parti Québécois** in the National Assembly of Quebec from 2003 to 2008. He is the founder of the **Intellectuels pour la souveraineté** (IPSO) and was its first Secretary General between 1995 and 1997.

He also advocates for the adoption of a *Quebec Constitution* and has presented to the Quebec National Assembly a draft ***Constitution of Québec* (Bill 191)** and a draft ***Quebec Constitution* (Bill 196)**. As part of the project *Constituons*, he co-chaired the Quebec Citizens' Constituent Assembly form May 2018 to June 2019.

He is currently President of the **Institut de recherche sur l'autodétermination des peuples et les indépendances nationales** (IRAI). He is interested in the right of the people of Quebec to self-determination, but also in the application of this right to other peoples, particularly to the peoples of Catalonia, Scotland and Wales. He is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the **Coppiters Foundation** of the European Free Alliance whose mission is to support research at the European and international level, particularly on issues of cultural and linguistic diversity, self-determination, human rights and the promotion of peace.

It promotes the entrenchment and implementation of the principle of secularism in Quebec. He drafted a ***Charte québécoise de la laïcité*** and supported with **Les Juristes pour la laïcité de l'État** the adoption of ***An Act respecting the laicity of the State* (Bill 21).**

Daniel Turp has initiated strategic litigation aimed at preventing or stopping violations of fundamental rights or ensuring environmental protection. As part of **Operation Armoured Rights**, he is seeking the cancellation of export permits that allow armoured vehicles to be exported from Canada to Saudi Arabia. With his **Équipe Kyoto**, he sought to have Canada's withdrawal from the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change invalidated.

With respect to the French language, Daniel Turp has advocated for a **constitutionalization of fundamental linguistic rights in Québec** and has also promoted the adoption of a draft ***International Convention on the Promotion and Protection of Linguistic diversity***.