

# World federalism

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- Main objective of world federalism: **peace**
- abolish international anarchy and render war impossible by building a **global community based on the rule of law** (Constitution)

*“ To believe that we can maintain peace among men living in separated sovereign, national unities, by the method of diplomacy and policy, without a government, without the creation of **sovereign lawmaking, independent judiciary and executive institutions** expressing the sovereignty of the people and equally binding on all, is a mere dream” Emery Reves, Anatomy of Peace (1945)*

- World Federation as a condition for **perpetual peace**

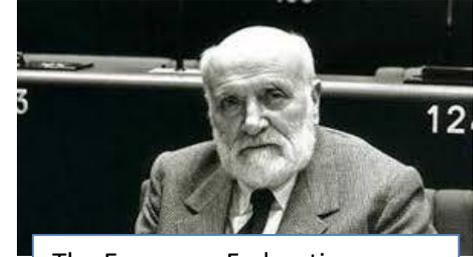
# World Federalists



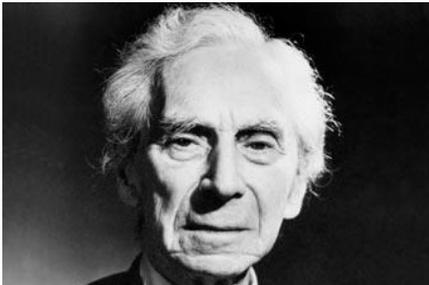
**Immanuel Kant**  
*Perpetual peace (Zum ewigen Frieden, 1795)*



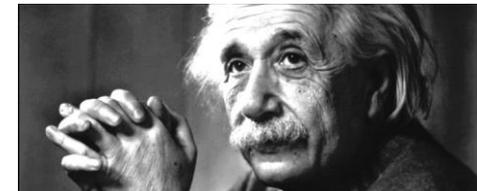
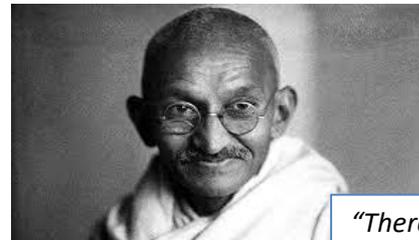
**Rosika Schwimmer and Lola Maverick Lloyd**  
Pacifists, feminists and founders of the the first World Federalist organization of the 20th century:  
The Campaign for World Government (1937)



The European Federation as a first step to a world federaltion.  
A. Spinelli



*"Science has made unrestricted national sovereignty incompatible with human survival. The only possibilities are now world government or death". - Bertrand Russell*



*"There is no salvation for civilization, or even the human race, other than the creation of a world government." - Albert Einstein*

# World Federalism nowadays, still relevant?

- Current societal challenges are increasingly global
  - Political systems are still mainly national (with the EU as the most successful exception)
  - Global political action mainly undertaken by multilateral organizations (UN, IMF, WTO...)
  - Political action at global level lacks effectiveness and democratic legitimacy
  - Ungoverned globalization perpetuates inequality and unsustainable use of resources
- **Need for global democratic institutions**

# The World Federalist Movement

- The **WFM** resulted from the efforts of different organizations (pacifists, feminists...) in the 1930s as a response to the failure of the League of Nations
- The objective was to **create a global order that would guarantee international peace and justice**

On August 17th 1947, more than 300 participants gathered in Montreux for the opening of the first *Conference of the World Movement for World Federal Government*



# The Declaration of Montreaux (1947)

## Lines of action

- *The mobilization of the peoples of the world to bring pressure on their governments **to transform the UN into world federal government** by increasing its authority and resources*
- *The preparation of a world **constituent assembly to draw up a constitution** for the world federal government to be ratified by governments, parliaments and people*

*The formation of regional federations – insofar as they do not become an end in themselves or run the risk of crystallizing into blocs – can and should contribute to the effective functioning of federal government.*

# World Federation

## Main elements

- Involvement of citizens, not only governments, as political actors for global affairs
  - Development of global democratic institutions for the 3 powers: legislative, judicial, executive
  - Multi-level governance
  - Guarantee of human rights and, eventually, social, economic and environmental rights
  - Monopoly of massive destruction weapons
  - Underlying principles of federalism: solidarity and subsidiarity
- International peace and social peace**

# WFM objectives and priorities

The [World Federalist Movement](#) (1947 Montreaux) objective:

*Realization of global peace and justice through the development of democratic institutions, the application of international law and the support of processes of regional integration.*

The WFM works around 4 main priorities:

- ✓ International Justice, Rule of Law and Human Rights
- ✓ Peace, Human Security and Conflict Prevention
- ✓ International Democracy, Global Governance, Federalism at the Global and Regional Level, UN Reform
- ✓ Environmental and Economic Governance

# The World Federalist Movement today

## Member organizations

- The WFM is composed by more than 30 Member and Associated organizations spread all over the world, including the **Union of European Federalists Europe (UEF Europe)**, Young European Federalists (JEF Europe), MFE (Italy), UEF France, UEF UK and UEF Spain



# Campaign for United Nations Parliamentary Assembly (UNPA)

A global network of parliamentarians, non-governmental organizations, scholars, and dedicated citizens, incl. 1477 members of Parliaments of 120 countries: <http://en.unpacampaign.org/>.

- Objective: bringing parliamentary representation to the work of the UN. UN Charter: “We, the People...”
- Current approach: an incremental process (\*)



(\*)based on a General Assembly (GA) decision according to Article 22 of the UN's Charter

# Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC)

- Founded in 1995 by a small group of NGOs led by the WFM
- To establish an International Criminal Court to hold individuals to account for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide
- The ICC started working in 2002 with the entry in force of the Rome Statute, which has been ratified so far by 124 states



# Latin-American and Caribbean court against transnational organized crime

**Objective:** to combat organized crime from a regional perspective through global and international cooperation, creating a Latin-American court on the basis of the UN Palermo Convention.

This Court would be subsidiary and complementary to the existing systems of Justice, respectful of national constitutions and international treaties.

[http://www.coalicioncopla.org/.](http://www.coalicioncopla.org/)

# International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect (ICR2P)

New international security and human rights norm to address the international community's failure to prevent and stop genocides, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.



[www.responsibilitytoprotect.org/](http://www.responsibilitytoprotect.org/)

- Globalization and emerging global civil society; lack of (global) political representation
- EU: experiment of global democracy, with meaningful achievements: expansion of rights, cohesion, peace.
- **Global federation:**
  - international peace (community of law)
  - social peace (balanced distribution of resources)
  - political expression of unity of mankind
  - Not a dream of idealists, but the only realistic option to achieve durable peace!

*Once the horizon of the Old Continent is passed beyond, and all the peoples who make up humanity embrace in a grand vision of their common participation, it will have to be recognized that the European Federation is the single conceivable guarantee that relationships with world peoples can exist on the basis of peace cooperation; **this while awaiting a more distant future, when the political unity of the entire globe becomes a possibility.***

***Manifesto di Ventotene***

**Thanks for your attention!**