

Valéry GISCARD D'ESTAING



Ex officio Member in his capacity as Former President of the Republic

Member since 1981

Born 2 February 1926, in Koblenz (Germany)

Education

- Former student of the *École polytechnique*
- Student at the *Ecole nationale d'administration* (1949-1951)

Career

- 1952 : Junior official at the Finance Inspectorate, Ministry of Finance
- 1954 : Inspector of Finance
- 1954, June-December 1954 : Deputy Director of the Cabinet of Edgar Faure, President of the Council (Prime Minister)
- 1956 / 1959 : MP for the Puy-de-Dôme department
- 1956 / 1957 : Member of the French delegation to the 11th session of the United Nations General Assembly
- 1958 / 1974 : General Councillor of the canton of Rochefort-Montagne
- 1959 : Minister of State at the Ministry of Finance
- 1962 : Minister of Finance
- 1962 : Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs
- 1962 November-December : MP for the Puy-de-Dôme department
- 1962 / 1966 : Minister, then Minister of State of Finance and Economic Affairs
- 1966 / 1967 : Rejoins the Finance Inspectorate
- 1966 : President of the national federation of the "*Républicains Indépendants*"
- 1967 / 1969 : MP for the Puy-de-Dôme department
- 1967 / 1968 : Chairman of the committee on finance, general economy and the plan of the National Assembly

- 1970 : President of the board of the OECD
- 1969 / 1974 : Minister of Finance and the Economy
- 1974, 19 May / 1981, 19 May : President of the Republic
- 1974 / 1977 : Municipal Councillor of Chamalières
- **Since 1981 : Ex officio member of the Constitutional Council**

Honours

- Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour
- Grand Cross of the National Order of Merit
- Croix de guerre 39-45 / Military Cross 39-45
- Bailiff Grand Cross of Honour and Devotion of the Sovereign Order of Malta
- Honorary Canon of Saint-Jean-de-Latran (1978)
- Nansen Medal
- Onassis Foundation Prize (Athens, 2000)
- Trombinoscope prize for the political personality of the year 2000
- Gold Medal of the Jean Monnet Foundation for Europe awarded in Lausanne, Switzerland (2001)
- Charlemagne Prize for his works in support of Europe (2002)
- De Gaulle-Adenauer Prize (2006)

Publications

General works

- *Economie et société humaine : rencontres internationales du Ministère de l'Economie et des Finances, 20-22 juin 1972*, (coll. avec STOLERU Lionel et ARON Robert), Paris, Denoël, 1972
- *Démocratie Française*, Paris, Fayard, 1976
- *Une Nouvelle Croissance pour la France*, recueil de textes, 1977
- "Pour un environnement à la française, recueil de textes et de déclarations", Paris, *La Documentation française*, 1977
- *L'Etat de la France*, Paris, Fayard, 1981
- *Deux Français sur Trois*, Paris, Flammarion, 1984
- *Le Pouvoir et la Vie*, Tome I "La Rencontre", Paris, Cie 12, 1988
- *Le Pouvoir et la Vie*, Tome II "L'Affrontement", Paris, Cie 12, 1991
- *Le Passage*, Paris, Robert Laffont, 1994
- *Dans 5 ans l'an 2000 : les enjeux de l'élection présidentielle*, Paris, Cie 12, 1995
- *Les Français, Réflexions sur le destin d'un peuple*, Paris, Plon, 2000
- *Giscard d'Estaing - Entretien avec Agathe Fourgnaud*, Paris, Flammarion
- *Le Pouvoir et la Vie*, Tome III "Choisir", Paris, Cie 12, 2006

Publications concerning the Constitutional Council and Constitutional Law

- *La Constitution pour l'Europe*, Fondation Robert Schuman, Albin Michel, 2003