

Activity: European identity

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## Ursula Hirschmann

**Anti-fascist and founding European federalist 1913 – 1991**

Ursula Hirschmann was born into a middle-class Jewish family in Berlin in 1913.

In 1932 Ursula Hirschmann joined the youth organization of the Social Democratic Party in resistance to the advance of the Nazis.

After meeting and then marrying Eugenio Colorni, a young Italian philosopher and socialist, while in exile in Paris during the mid-1930s, Hirschmann became active in the clandestine anti-fascist opposition in his native Italy.

When Colorni was arrested and imprisoned on the island of Ventotene, she followed her husband there. There they met Ernesto Rossi and Altiero Spinelli, who, in 1941, co-authored the “Ventotene Manifesto” ‘for a free and united Europe’, widely regarded as the starting point for European federalism.

In August 1943 in Milan, she was one of the founders of the European Federalist Movement along with Spinelli, after his escape from Ventotene.

In 1975, Hirschmann founded the “Association Femmes pour l’Europe” in Brussels.

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