

Biography JOSPIN, Lionel Robert

French politician; born on 12 July 1937, Meudon (Hauts-de-Seine); son of Robert Jospin, teacher, and Mireille Dandieu, midwife; married 2nd Sylviane Agacinski 1994; one son, one daughter (from previous marriage), one step-son.

Education: Institut d'études politiques de Paris (1959), Ecole nationale d'administration (1964-1965).

Career: *secrétaire des Affaires étrangères* in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Directorate of Economic Affairs (1965-1970), Professor of Economics at Paris XI University, Director of the business department at Paris-Sceaux Institute of Technology (IUT) (1970-81); *Ministre d'Etat*, Minister of National Education, Youth and Sport (1988-92); Appointed minister plenipotentiary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1993-2002); Prime Minister (1997-2002).

Political Career: Socialist Party National Secretary with responsibility for training (1973-75), Socialist Party National Secretary with responsibility for Third World affairs (1975-79), Socialist Party National Secretary with responsibility for international relations and coordination (1979-81), First Secretary of the Socialist Party (1981-88, 1995-97); Candidate in the presidential election (1995, 2002).

Elected Posts: Paris Councillor for the 18^e arrondissement (1977-86), National Assembly Deputy for the 18^e arrondissement of Paris (1981-86), Member of the European Parliament (1984-88), National Assembly Deputy for Haute-Garonne (1986-93), Member of the Haute-Garonne General Council (1988-2002), Regional Councillor for Midi-Pyrénées (1992-98), Elected National Assembly Deputy for Haute-Garonne (June 1997).

Publications: *L'Invention du Possible* 1991; 1995-2002: *Propositions pour la France* 1995; *Le Temps de répondre* 2002.

Leisure interests: basketball, tennis.

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