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Feminist philosopher and writer Monique Wittig (1935 - 2003), May 9, 1966 ©Getty - Les Lee/Express/Hulton

Why was Monique Wittig forgotten, and why is she back today? What does her theory of the Trojan Horse tell us, and what uses does it have in the present? A look back at her youth, her literary influences and her emancipatory conception of literature.

We're generally familiar with two of Monique Wittig's highlights, but don't necessarily know that they're hers. Firstly, her wreath laid on the tomb of the unknown soldier, with the banner "more unknown than the soldier, his wife", which gave birth to the MLF in the 1970s. Another phrase, uttered at a symposium in 1978: "lesbians are not women".

But who is Monique Wittig, a fundamental figure of the Nouveau Roman, who revolutionized language and grammar, but also a radical and revolutionary thinker of feminism and political lesbianism?

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