## Bennington College presents Ruth Dreifuss Former President of Switzerland

**Governing in Switzerland** A Conversation with Ruth Dreifuss

Lecture/Interview with Elizabeth Coleman

Tuesday October 7, 2003 8:00 PM Usdan Gallery

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Ruth Dreifuss is the only woman ever elected to the presidency of Switzerland. In 1993, she was elected to the Swiss Federal Council, the seven-member executive council that collectively assumes Switzerland's office of head of state. A former journalist, she has taught at the Centre Psycho-Social Universitaire and Geneva University. She served as a scientific collaborator for the Swiss Agency for Develop-ment and Cooperation (SDC) in the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1981, she was elected to the Central Secretariat of the Swiss Federation of Trade Unions; in this capacity she dealt with issues related to social insurance, labor law, and the promotion of women.