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## 16th European Literature Days

7.–10.11.2024 in Krems-Stein an der Donau

### Programme Announcement

**Divided world. Urban & Country Life** is the headline theme of the European Literature Days 2024 +++ Festival opening with **Christoph Peters** and **Lisz Hirn** +++ Discussions and readings including with **Anne Weber, Rowan Moore, Zdravka Evtimova, Roman Köster, Osamu Okamura, Nikolaj Schultz** and **Alina Herbing** +++ Prize-giving ceremony of the Austrian Book Trade Honorary Award for Tolerance in Thought and Action 2024 to **David Grossman**.

The current election results of the German state elections in Thuringia and Saxony have shown that there is a clear divide in political decisions between urban and rural areas. This is a development that can be observed in several European countries. The urban elite is often faced with a rural population that sees its values and vested interests under threat and is struggling with the economic and cultural changes of our time. Is the current political development in other regions and countries primarily the result of this divide? Are the conflicts between urban centres and remote areas, smart cities and village communities, locals and newcomers primarily about the consequences of the transition from an industrial to a knowledge-based society?

This year international writers, philosophers, sociologists and artists again accept the invitation for dialogue from the **European Literature Days** from **7 to 10 November** and negotiate an important interdisciplinary topic on the theme **Divided World. Urban & Country Life**. **Christoph Peters** and **Lisz Hirn** discuss life in a fragmented world at the opening on Thursday in the **Klangraum Krems Minoritenkirche**, followed by **Osamu Okamura** presenting the 'City for All'. **Sarah Langford** and **Rowan Moore** talk about developments in rural and urban life in the UK, **Roman Köster** explores how we deal with waste from the Stone Age to the present day, **Nikolaj Schultz** discusses the *Conditio Humana* in times of climate change and **Reinhard Kaiser-Mühlecker** looks at the death of villages, smart farming and AI in agriculture. More discussions and readings continue with **Anne Weber, Zdravka Evtimova, Alina Herbing, Lorena Simmel** and **Patrícia Melo**. The European Literature Days close on Sunday with the presentation of this year's **Austrian Book Trade Prize of Honour for Tolerance in Thought and Action** to **David Grossman**.

The traditional festival fringe events continue with concerts and exhibitions. Selected talks, readings and discussions are available to watch online via **livestream**. Catch up with the

events of the European Literature Days in **videos released on okto.tv and the YouTube channel** (<https://www.youtube.com/c/LiteraturhausEuropa>).

The full **programme** and information on **tickets** can be found [here](#).

**Further information:**

**Event venue:**

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