

**Press Release:**



**16th European Literature Days  
opens in the Minoritenkirche in Krems  
7.11.–10.11.2024**

*The 16th European Literature Days opens this Thursday with Christoph Peters and Lisz Hirn +++ This year's headline theme is **Fragmented World. City & Country** +++ Prize-giving ceremony of the Austrian Book Trade Honorary Award for Tolerance in Thought and Action to David Grossman +++ More readings and dialogues including with **Anne Weber, Osamu Okamura, Rowan Moore, Reinhard Kaiser-Mühlecker, Zdravka Evtimova, Roman Köster, Patrícia Melo and Alina Herbing** +++ Watch the festival opening and other events via **livestream**.*

The traditional festival opening under the headline theme of **Fragmented World. City & Country** takes place on **Thursday evening** in the Klangraum Minoritenkirche in Krems with **Christoph Peters** (Berlin) and **Lisz Hirn** (Vienna). On **Friday and Saturday** more dialogues and readings continue with **Sarah Langford** (London/Suffolk), **Rowan Moore** (London), **Osamu Okamura** (Liberec), **Anne Weber** (Paris), **Reinhard Kaiser-Mühlecker** (Eberstallzell), **Nikolaj Schultz** (Paris), **Roman Köster** (Munich), **Zdravka Evtimova** (Pernik) and **Patrícia Melo** (Lisbon). The European Literature Days will close on **Sunday** with the presentation of this year's **Austrian Book Trade Honorary Award for Tolerance in Thought and Action** to **David Grossman**.

The author, Walter Grond, is the curator and artistic director of the European Literature Days. Once again, he has successfully invited renowned writers and philosophers to Krems.

You can watch the following events via **livestream**:

**Thursday, 7.11.2024**

19.30 – Opening

**Fragmented World. City & Country**

**Christoph Peters** and **Lisz Hirn** – Dialogue

Followed by:

**Osamu Okamura** and **Rowan Moore** – Dialogue

**Freitag, 8.11.2024**

9.30 – Reading and Dialogue

**City and Country in the 21st Century**

**Sarah Langford** and **Rowan Moore** // Moderator: Rosie Goldsmith

11.00 – Reading and Dialogue

**Burning Fields**

**Reinhard Kaiser-Mühlecker** // Moderator: Katja Gasser

12.00 – Reading and Dialogue

**Rubbish**

**Roman Köster** // Moderator: Klaus Taschwer

**Saturday, 9.11.2024**

10.30 – Reading and Dialogue

**City and (Successful) Integration**

**Osamu Okamura, Fariza Bisaeva, Bernadette Sarmann** // Moderator: Hans Koch

10.00 – Reading and Dialogue

**Rural Life, An Idyll?**

**Lorena Simmel** and **Alina Herbing** // Moderators: Irene Zanol, Rebekka Zeinzinger

**Sunday, 10.11.2024**

11.00 – Literary and Musical Matinee in honour of **David Grossman**

**Laudatory speech:** Lothar Müller

The events are released on the European Literature Days' **YouTube channel**:

[www.youtube.com/c/LiteraturhausEuropa](http://www.youtube.com/c/LiteraturhausEuropa)

**The full programme as well as information about tickets are available at:**

<https://www.europaeischeliteraturtage.at/de>

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