

Kafka's Modernity

A Talk by Reiner Stach

Monday, November 14th

5:00pm, Faculty Club

About the Speaker:

Reiner Stach is a German writer and journalist. He is the author of the definitive biography of Franz Kafka, the third and final volume of which, *Kafka: The Early Years*, has just been published by Princeton University Press. His earlier books include *Kafka's Erotic Myth* (Penguin, 1987) and the previous two volumes of the Kafka biography (*The Decisive Years* and *The Years of Insight*, Princeton UP, 2013). Reiner Stach received the 2008 Special Award of the Heimito von Doderer Prize for Literature, which honors a body of narrative work that has developed over decades. Stach worked extensively on the definitive edition of Kafka's collected works before embarking on his three-volume biography of the writer.

Praise for Reiner Stach's Kafka biography:

"This is one of the great literary biographies, to be set up there with, or perhaps placed on an even higher shelf than, Richard Ellmann's *James Joyce*, George Painer's *Marcel Proust*, and Leon Edel's *Henry James*. . . . [A]n eerily immediate portrait of one of literature's most enduring and enigmatic masters." --**John Banville, *New York Review of Books***

"[This] will surely be the definitive biography of one of the 20th century's most mysterious artists. Stach's declared aim is to find out what it felt like to be Kafka, and he succeeds."--***Irish Times***

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