

Psyche and somas in novels in Vienna

Course leaders

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Vienna has long been one of the centers of both scientific and literary world. The most important time was between 1880 and 1930. Hugo von Hoffmanstahl, Sigmund Freud, Elias Canetti, Gustav Klimt, Gustav Mahler, Arnold Schönberg, Robert Musil, Egon Schiele, Arthur Schnitzler and Ludwig Wittgenstein all lived in Vienna during this period.

In this course, with a focus on psychosomatics, we will discuss novels and stories that are situated in Vienna. We will combine these discussions with guided medical-literary walks, visits to places that play a role in the stories and to places of interest.

We will discuss the following stories

- Irvin Yalom: When Nietzsche wept
- Thomas Bernhard: Wittgenstein's nephew
- Arthur Schnitzler: Flight into darkness
- Franz Kafka: A country doctor
- Alissa Walser: Mesmerized
- Texts by Sigmund Freud

We expect that the participants have read the stories.

Program

Saturday June 11, 2022

19.00 Diner in Hotel Regina

Sunday June 12, 2022

9.00 – 10.30 Introduction to Vienna and literature in Vienna

11.00 – 12.30 Irvin Yalom: When Nietzsche wept

14.00 – 15.00 Freud and literature

15.30 – 16.30 Visit Freud museum

17.00 – 18.30 Walk through the old university hospital

19.30 Diner in Hotel Regina

Monday June 13, 2022

9.00 – 10.30 Thomas Bernhard: Wittgenstein's Nephew

11.00 – 12.30 Alissa Walser: Mesmerized

14.30 Tour Baumgartner Höhe/Am Steinhof/ Otto Wagner Kirche

19.30 Diner in Hotel Regina

Tuesday June 14, 2022

9.00 – 10.30 Arthur Schnitzler: Flight into darkness

11.00 – 12.30 Franz Kafka: A country doctor

14.00 Leaving for the Guggingmuseum

15.00 – 16.30 Gugging (Museum for psychiatric art)

Walk to the house where Kafka died

17.00 – 18.00 Visit Kafka house

19.30 Diner in hotel Regina

Accommodation

You will stay in hotel Regina. Hotel Regina is also the place of the course.

Address

Rooseveltplatz 15, 1090 Wien, Austria

Dinners

Will be in Hotel Regina

Traveling to and from Vienna

You have to take care of your own transportation.

Traveling in Vienna

We advise a day or weelticket for the public transport.

Costs

6 participants 1100 euro per person.

12 participants 920 euro per person

Included in the costs are:

- Course costs
- 4 nights in Hotel Regina
- 4 Dinners in Hotel Regina
- Entrance to the Guggingmuseum
- Entrance to the Freudmuseum
- Tour in Baumgärtner Höhe/Wagner Kirche

Not included in the costs are

- Transportation to and from Vienna
- Transportation in Vienna
- Travel insurances
- Drinks at the dinners
- Lunches

Want to participate?

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