

8 stations in intellectual history: when and where some of our modern views were born.

A two-week seminar for curious students, designed to explore some key influences that shaped human civilization as we know it.

From May 8th to 18th in a series of 8 evening sessions (19–21 pm) Dr Sijbolt Noorda (former president of the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands) will present and discuss the following subjects:

1. Bildung as a true citizen's attribute / On Wilhelm von Humboldt's educational reforms in early 19th century Prussian Berlin, introducing a new type of university which has served as a kind of world-wide standard ever since.
2. An individual's lonely quest for uneasy truths / About Søren Kierkegaard as the 19th century Socrates of Copenhagen leading the way to later existentialist thought.
3. Nature determines culture, or maybe not? / Charles Darwin's cautious opening-up by way of explaining change by way of evolutionary processes of selection, extinction and survival.
4. The emancipatory powers of literature / Life and work of George Sand and George Eliot as breakthroughs in well-established gender definitions in 19th century Europe.
5. For your world to be Kafkaesque you don't have to read his books / In his writings Franz Kafka often seems caught in a web of oppressive expectations, real and surreal at the same time. For more than a century his reflections and recreations of his own experiences have spoken to many.
6. Meritocracy as a mixed blessing / How sociologist Michael Young's 1958 dystopian warning became a self-fulfilling prophecy.
7. On this third planet of the sun – among the signs of bestiality –
8. a clear conscience is Number One / The poetical perspective of Wislawa Szymborska as a way of life.
9. College graduation and beyond / According to many Heaven's Gate (1980) featuring two Harvard graduates of the class of 1870 is the biggest flop of all time among American director-led movies. Others value it as a strong and welcome statement on American society, demythologizing its heroic history and unmasking its moral foundations.

Who Can Apply:

The program is open to Ilia State University BA (third and fourth level), MA and PhD students and alumni.

All applicants must demonstrate strong knowledge of English (at least B2 level)

Application and Selection Procedures:

Applicants should send their CV (Max. 2 pages) and letter of motivation in English Language to the following email address: cas@iliauni.edu.ge

The deadline for receiving applications is **April 30, 2023**.

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