Life After Kafka

A novel by Magdaléna Platzová, Translated from the Czech by Alex Zucker

Thursday, October 10, 2024 | 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. San Diego Supercomputer Center Auditorium 9836 Hopkins Dr, La Jolla, CA 92093

"Life After Kafka is a thrilling detective story about one of literature's most celebrated names, a haunting family saga about preserving our legacy during the darkest turns of history, and a thought-provoking exploration of the rippling impact of famous artists on the people in their lives." —Jaroslav Kalfař, author of Spaceman of Bohemia and A Brief History of Living Forever

The lecture will take a fresh look at one of the world's most acclaimed writers and the people closely connected to him, like his beloved yet abandoned fiancée – Felice Bauer. We will discover the story behind Kafka's Letters to Felice and even a connection between Kafka and California.



Guest Speaker: Magdaléna Platzová is the author of nine books, including three novels published in *English:* Aaron's Leap, a Lidové Noviny Book of the Year Award finalist, *The Attempt*, longlisted for the Dublin Literary Award and a Czech Book Award finalist, and Life After Kafka, a Magnesia Litera award finalist. Her fiction has also appeared in A Public Space and Words Without Borders. Platzová grew up in the Czech Republic; studied in Washington, DC, and England; received her MA in Philosophy at Charles University in Prague; and has taught at New York University's Gallatin School. She is now based in Lyon, France.

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