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## Owen Matthews

### *Overreach: the Inside Story of Putin's War Against Ukraine*

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY RAPHAEL MINDER, CENTRAL EUROPE CORRESPONDENT FOR THE FINANCIAL TIMES

**January**  
**MONDAY 15**  
 6.30 pm Drinks  
 7 – 8.30 pm

**OWEN MATTHEWS** is a British writer, historian and journalist who headed *Newsweek's* Moscow bureau. Reporting from Moscow and Kyiv during the war, he weaved an extensive network of contacts in Russia's government, security services and military, enabling him to draw a detailed picture of the personalities and chain of decisions that led to the first year of the conflict. *Overreach* was awarded the Pushkin House Book Prize 2023.

## Anne Eekhout

### *Mary Shelley and the Birth of Frankenstein*

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY CLARE O'DEA, JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR

**February**  
**WEDNESDAY 14**  
 6.30 pm Drinks  
 7 – 8.30 pm

Born in 1981 in Hilversum, **Anne Eekhout** is an award-winning Dutch novelist. Her *lastest* book is both an imaginative exploration of the great writer's psyche and an unsettling meditation on the monsters that inhabit our minds. It's the first of Anne Eekhout's novels to be published in English and is also currently being translated into 14 languages.

## Nicholas Shakespeare

### *My name is Fleming, Ian Fleming*

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY CORNELIUS SCHREGLE, CURATOR AND AUTHOR

**March**  
**WEDNESDAY 20**  
 6.30 pm Drinks  
 7 – 8.30 pm

Did you know that the father of James Bond studied at the University of Geneva? That Ian Fleming did an internship at the League of Nations? Author of seven novels, **Nicholas Shakespeare** is the new official biographer of the Fleming family. The writer of *Ian Fleming: the complete Man* (Harvill Secker, 2023) will depict the Genevan life of 007's creator.

## Kathleen Jamie

### *Conversations with nature*

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY RACHEL FALCONER, PROFESSOR OF MODERN ENGLISH LITERATURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LAUSANNE (UNIL) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNIL

**May**  
**WEDNESDAY 8**  
 6.30 pm Drinks  
 7 – 8.30 pm

Born in Scotland in 1962, **Kathleen Jamie** is a poet and essayist. Her work concerns nature, travel, and culture. Her most recent poetry collection, *The Bonniest Companie* (2015), won the Saltire Scottish Book of the Year Award. She is presently serving as Scotland's Makar, or National Poet.

## Conversation with Deborah Levy

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY CLARE O'DEA, JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR

**May**  
**WEDNESDAY 29**  
 6.30 pm Drinks  
 7 – 8.30 pm

**DEBORAH LEVY** is an author who writes fiction, plays, and poetry. In *Living Autobiography*, she draws on her reflections as a woman, a mother and a writer, to understand why she writes, how her work questions the role of women in a society defined by men. *La position de la cuillère et autres bonheurs impertinents* (Ed. du sous-sol, 2023) delves into her library, giving keys to understanding her work.



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