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Days of Arabic Literature

The Literaturhaus Zurich has invited authors, translators and publishers from Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Tunisia, together with their Swiss counterparts to take part in the Days of Arabic Literature from 26 to 28 February.

The Arab World is undergoing a process of transformation. Literature often reacts with a seismographic intuition to such changes, preparing, analyzing and taking part in social and cultural developments: What visions – utopic and dystopic ones -, what depictions of society do authors develop in their novels, stories, poems? What language do they find for them? How do they situate themselves between newly gained freedom and raising restriction? What are the challenges met by publishers, translators etc.?

Friday, 26.2

20.00: Diamond Dust, Vertigo and Beat in young Egyptian literature. Reading and discussion with Ahmed Mourad and Wagdy el Komy, moderation: Jennifer Khakshouri.

Saturday, 27.2

11.00: 1001 tales of translating. Workshop and discussion with Hartmut Fähndrich and Larissa Bender, moderation: Susanne Schanda.

14.00: Publishers from Egypt and Lebanon tell about their work. Discussion with Sherif Bakr, Alawiyya Sobh and Karam Youssef, moderation: Hebba Sherif.

16.00: Stories from Damascus: Reading and discussion with Ramy al-Asheq and Rosa Yassin Hassan, moderation: Larissa Bender.

20.00: New music from the Arab World. Presentation, discussion and concert with Thomas Burkhalter, Najat Suleiman and Hassan Taha, moderation: Christina Caprez.

Sunday, 28.2

11.00: Women's voices. Reading and discussion with Najet Adouani and Alawiyya Sobh, moderation: Natascha Wey.

13.00: Literary Lunch: A bowl of soup with conference guests and the public.

14.30: "Barbarian Spring" in Cairo. Discussion between Swiss author Jonas Lüscher and his translator, Ola Adel, moderation: Martin Ebel.

16.30: What next? Closing panel discussion with Najet Adouani, Ramy al-Asheq, Wagdy el Komy, Rosa Yassin Hassan, Ahmed Mourad, Alawiyya Sobh, moderation: Christina Caprez.

For more about the participants click [here](#).

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