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Understanding Through Context

'I admire the Nexus Institute: what you do and how much you deliver such a strong message, not just for Europe, but for humanity and our common values...'

— President Emmanuel Macron



We hereby proudly present a brief overview of the history of the Nexus Institute. In 1991, the journal *Nexus* was founded, and a few years thereafter, in 1994, the Nexus Institute was founded to offer a counterweight to today's society with its one-dimensional focus on science, technology and commercial values, by making the world and culture of the European humanist tradition accessible to a general audience. Its publications and events have gained international renown for their intellectual quality and for offering lively, stimulating and thoughtful discussion.

As an independent non-profit foundation, the Nexus Institute brings together the world's foremost intellectuals, artists, scientists and politicians, and encourages them to discuss the questions that really matter. How are we to live? How can we shape our future? Can we learn from our past? Which values and ideas are important, and why?

In doing so, the Nexus Institute places itself at the very center of Western cultural and philosophical debate. Its annual conferences and lectures have become Europe's most prestigious platform for informed intellectual public debate on pressing contemporary matters. The same spirit of tolerance and erudition is upheld in the Nexus symposia and masterclasses, in the journal *Nexus*, and in the luxuriously hardbound books of the Nexus Library and *Cultura Animi* series.

Over the years, the Nexus Institute has developed and cultivated a network of over 1,000 world-renowned intellectuals, scholars and decision makers who offer an inspiring diversity of views and ideas. Its events, mostly organized in Amsterdam and Rotterdam, attract an open-minded audience of between 700 and 1,500 people, generate ample press attention and help shape the European intellectual public debate.



Rob Riemen
Founder and president of the Nexus Institute



Béla Tarr, Nexus Conference 2023 © Jani Reimer van der Vliet



Sonia Gandhi, Nexus Lecture 2007 © Robert Goddyn

'I am impressed by the Nexus Institute, which is a significant European center for the exchange of thoughts and ideas. The Nexus Lecture has become a prestigious event that commands respect far beyond the borders of Europe. Since the end of the Cold War, we are still struggling to come to terms with new and rapidly changing realities. I believe that the European viewpoint, if one can call it that, must continue to be heard. A forum such as the Nexus Institute can and should be central to how the debates of the 21st century are conducted, and how the emerging new world order takes shape.'

— Sonia Gandhi

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Angus Deaton, Nexus Lecture 2022 © René Castelijn



Wynton Marsalis, Nexus Lecture 2023 © René Castelijn



Ai Weiwei, Nexus Lecture 2019 © Jelmer de Haas

The Nexus Lecture series is one of the most prestigious lecture series in Europe. Since 1994, the Nexus Institute has hosted the world's foremost thinkers, decision makers and creative spirits to deliver this annual, public lecture.

- 2023 **Wynton Marsalis**, jazz legend
Calling Dr. Jazz. The Case for Integrity
- 2023 Honorary Nexus Lecture
President **Emmanuel Macron**, president of the French Republic
The Future of Europe
- 2022 Sir **Angus Deaton**, Nobel Prize Laureate in Economics
What's the Matter With Capitalism?
- 2020/2021 No Nexus Lecture due to the pandemic
- 2019 **Ai Weiwei**, artist, activist and the most renowned Chinese dissident
The Responsibilities of an Artist
- 2018 **Margaret Atwood**, Canadian world-famous author
Greetings Earthlings! What Are These Human Rights of Which You Speak?
- 2017 Justice **Stephen Breyer**, associate US Supreme Court justice
An Apology for the Law

‘The Nexus Institute provides an unfettered forum for the expression of creative ideas and the renewal of high-minded fundamentals. It engages the world’s most dynamic thinkers in the cause of enlightenment, regeneration, and evolution. Rob Riemen is a warrior for change. He believes that transformative insights can come from anyone everywhere and from everyone anywhere. The work of the Instituut urges us all to mine the collective dream. Its unwavering commitment to deep thinking inspires the confidence to seek imaginative solutions that will tangibly improve our quality of life.’

— Wynton Marsalis

- 2016 **Peter Sellars**, American opera director
Climbing the Razor-Path Mountain and Leaping Into Fire
- 2015 **Garry Kasparov**, Russian dissident and former world champion chess
Timeless Values in a Shifting World
- 2014 Sir **Simon Schama**, British historian
History Lessons
- 2013 **Mario Vargas Llosa**, Nobel Prize Laureate in Literature
The Future of Humanism
- 2012 **Philippe de Montebello**, art connoisseur and museum director
The Academy and the Museum in a Global Age
- 2011 **Ismail Serageldin**, Egyptian founder and president of the Library of Alexandria
Knowledge and Memory in Alexandria. A Bridge Between Islam and Europe



Margaret Atwood, Nexus Lecture 2018 © Jelmer de Haas



Garry Kasparov, Nexus Lecture 2015 © Jan Reimer van der Vliet

'The Nexus Institute offers a distinguished platform and a unique opportunity for me to speak freely about important topics to a critical and informed audience.'

— Garry Kasparov

- 2010 **Daniel Barenboim**, conductor, pianist, founder West-Eastern Divan Orchestra
The Ethics of Aesthetics
- 2009 **Robert Hughes**, Australian art critic
A Defense of What Is Priceless
- 2008 **Jürgen Habermas**, German philosopher
The Post-Secular Society. What Does It Mean?
- 2007 **Sonia Gandhi**, grand dame of Indian politics
Living Politics. What India Has Taught Me
- 2006 **Janos Starker**, world class cellist and music pedagogue
What Is a Masterpiece?
- 2005 **Francis Fukuyama**, political philosopher
The Future of Democracy, Culture and Immigration
- 2004 **Avishai Margalit**, Israeli philosopher
Occidentalism. The West in the Eyes of Its Enemies
- 2003 **George Steiner**, European humanist
The Idea of Europe
- 8 2002 **Carlo Ginzburg**, Italian historian
Latitude, Slaves and the Bible. A Local Approach to Globalization

- 2001 Ambassador **Richard Holbrooke**, American diplomat
The American Stake in Europe, the European Stake in the United States
- 2000 **Michael Ignatieff**, writer and political philosopher
An Age of Bad Faith
- 1999 **Elisabeth Mann Borgese**, daughter of Thomas Mann, grandmother of the environmental movement
The Years of My Life
- 1998 **Adam Zagajewski**, Polish poet
The Shabby and the Sublime or Is High Diction Possible in a Low Environment?
- 1997 **Claudio Magris**, Italian writer
Ban the poet from politics? About the use and uselessness of literature
- 1996 **Richard von Weizsäcker**, German president 1984-1994
Towards a Culture of European Unity
- 1995 **Amartya Sen**, Nobel Prize Laureate in Economics
Environmental Threats and Economic Reasoning
- 1994 **Edward Said**, Palestinian thinker and literary critic
Retrospective Thoughts on Orientalism



Olga Tokarczuk, Nexus Conference 2020 © Jan Reinier van der Vliet

Wole Soyinka, Catherine Nixey, Cardinal Turkson, Nexus Conference 2018 © Dolph Cantrijn

The Nexus Conferences are a highlight of the cultural calendar. They are best perceived as an intellectual opera within the setting of a nineteenth-century coffee house, where a rich variety of people come together in two rounds to debate the subject of the conference in front of a live and a digital audience.

- 2023 *Nietzsche and Van Gogh Discuss the Future of Western Civilization*
Béla Tarr — Andrey A. Tarkovsky — Laurence des Cars — Brian Greene — László Nemes — Antonio Scurati — Valentina Vapaux — Leon Wieseltier — Lisa Appignanesi — Georges Didi-Huberman — Robbert Dijkgraaf — Katherine E. Fleming — Tomáš Halík — Humberto Beck — Stephen Farthing — Emilie Gordenker
- 2022 *The War and the Future*
Zena Hitz — László Krasznahorkai — Mary Beth Long — Bruno Maçães — Lea Ypi — Radek Sikorski — Kishore Mahbubani — Admiral William Fallon — Jean-Marie Guéhenno — Ray Monk — Nicolas Baverez — Donatella Di Cesare — Oksana Forostyna — Leon Wieseltier — Sean Wilentz
- 2021 *The Revolution of Hope*
Svetlana Tikhanovskaya — Giuseppe Conte — Senator Jeff Flake — Wole Soyinka — Robert Skidelsky — Patti Smith — Mary L. Trump — Kehinde Andrews — Patrick J. Deneen — Haris Vlavianós — Antonio Spadaro, S.J. — Colombe Cahen-Salvador — Anand Patwardhan — Nadia Harhash — Robert Cooper — Leon Wieseltier

- 2020 *A New Age of Anxiety*
Wole Soyinka — Olga Tokarczuk — Ambassador Omar Saif Ghobash — Abbot Primate Gregory Polan OSB — Laura Spinney — Theodore Dalrymple — Ian Bostridge — Ivo van Hove — Dita Kraus — Jean Marie Guéhenno — Thomas Chatterton Williams — Edward Skidelsky — Richard Frackowiak — Nathalia Milstein — Maria Milstein
- 2019 *The Ring or What Will Rule the World?*
Michael Ignatieff — José Manuel Barroso — Mitchell Cohen — Peter Frankopan — Eric Li — Admiral Michael Mullen — H. Exc. Sima Samar — Alexander Schimmelbusch — Pierre Audi — Lila Azam Zanganeh — Karol Berger — Ben Goertzel — Deborah Voigt — Leon Wieseltier
- 2018 *The Battle Between Good and Evil*
Marilynne Robinson — Catherine Nixey — David S. Rose — Anders Sandberg — Wole Soyinka — Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson — Kassem Eid — Tarek Mitri — Natasha Vita-More — John Hare — Michael Vickers — Jean-Marie Guéhenno — Caroline Sommerfeld — Leon Wieseltier — Tatyana Tolstaya
- 2017 *The Last Revolution*
Bernard-Henri Lévy — Antony Blinken — Aleksandr Dugin — Admiral William Fallon — Sheikh Rached Ghannouchi — Aileen Kelly — Ivan Krastev — Moisés Naím — Nelofer Pazira — Shaha Riza — Zhang Weiwei — Leon Wieseltier — Michael Žantovský



Aleksandr Dugin, Nelofer Pazira, Leon Wieseltier, Antony Blinken, Nexus Conference 2017 © Dolph Cantrijn



Nexus Conference 2016 © Dolph Cantrijn

- 2016 *What Will Save the World?*
 Ágnes Heller — Aeham Ahmad — Farida Allaghi — Sidney Blumenthal — Avishai Margalit — Douglas Mwonzora — Princess Mabel van Oranje — Steven Pinker — Simon Schama — Elif Shafak — bishop Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo — Miroslav Volf — Leif Wenar — Adam Zagajewski

- 2015 *Waiting for the Barbarians*
 Amos Oz — Anne Applebaum — Azza Elkholy — Ahmed Gaaloul — Amine Gemayel — Robert Putnam — Donald Sassoon — Michael Shermer — Ze'ev Sternhell — Abderrahmane Sissako — Bettina Stangneth — Leon Wieseltier

- 2014 *War and Peace*
 Paul Wolfowitz — Admiral William Fallon — Lilia Shevtsova — Jean-Marie Guéhenno — James Rubin — Avishai Margalit — Michael Ignatieff — Lila Azam Zanganeh — Dan Diner — Ambassador Masafumi Ishii — Robert Cooper — Hassan Mneimneh — Horia-Roman Patapievici

- 2013 *The Triumph of Science and the Secret of Man*
 Antonio Damasio — Marilynne Robinson — A.C. Grayling — Robbert Dijkgraaf — Siddhartha Mukherjee — Patricia Churchland — Julian Savulescu — Sir Martin Rees — Allan Janik — Julian Nida-Rümelin

- 2012 *How to Change the World?*
 Alain Badiou — Ágnes Heller — Daniel Pick — Rory Sutherland — Roger Scruton — Margaret Atwood — John Gray — Parag Khanna — Evgeny Morozov — Rory Stewart

- 2011 *The Questor Hero. Gustav Mahler's Ultimate Questions on Man, Art and God*
 Iván Fischer — Yoel Gamzou — Claudio Magris — Katie Mitchell — Lewis Wolpert — Michael P. Steinberg — Nuria Schoenberg Nono — Slavoj Žižek — Carl Niekerk — Allan Janik — Constantin Floros — Adam Zagajewski — Mitchell Cohen — George Klein

- 2010 *What's Next for the West? Superman Meets Beethoven*
 George Steiner — Dominique de Villepin — Volker Schlöndorff — Colm Tóibín — Margaret MacMillan — Kishore Mahbubani — Russell Sherman — Nick Bostrom — Robert Kagan — Seyla Benhabib — Alexander Goehr — Michael Sandel — Horia-Roman Patapievici — Hartmut Haenchen

- 2009 *Reflections on Man after the End of History. Faith, Death, and Freedom*
 Jonathan Sacks — John Gray — Ernst Hirsch Ballin — Yossi Klein Halevi — Pratap Bahnu Metha — Tariq Ramadan — Ladan Boroumand — John Ralston Saul — David Modell — Anne Applebaum — Marc Sageman — Moshe Halbertal — Ramin Jahanbegloo — Zainab Al-Suwajj — Elisabeth Young-Bruhl — Pierre Audi — Eva Hoffman — Nina Khrushcheva — Charles Rosen — Leon Wieseltier — Slavoj Žižek

- 2008 *Identity, Please!*
 George Steiner — Francis Fukuyama — Avishai Margalit — Sarah Rothenberg — Adam Zamojski — Michael Ignatieff — Allan Janik — Bassam Tibi — Roger Scruton — Vladimir Tismaneanu — Peter Pulzer — Adam Zagajewski — Daniela Bini — Gabriel Josipovici — Jonathan Israel — David Dubal — Lewis Lockwood — Nicholas Mann — Paul Kahn



‘Nexus is one of the finest intellectual market places in the world of the last two decades. I am excited and humbled to follow, on this stage, in the footsteps of my great predecessors.’

— Amos Oz



- 2007 *New Notes Towards the Definition of Western Culture*
Part II. What Is an Educated Man?
Shmuel Eisenstadt — Michael Sandel — Ronald Plasterk — David Steiner — Susan Giroux — Richard Dawkins — Liubava Moreva — Rémi Brague — Lawrence Summers — Alain Finkielkraut — Alison Wolf — Bill Joy — Louise Fresco — David Cesarani — Azar Nafisi — Hein van Oorschot — Moshe Halbertal — Claus Offe

- 2006 *New Notes Towards the Definition of Western Culture*
Part I. The Classics, Art, and Kitsch
Marc Fumaroli — Roberto Calasso — Sidney Blumenthal — Iwona Blazwick — Antoine Compagnon — Marlene Dumas — Paul Gilroy — Arnon Grunberg — Karsten Harries — Hendrik Hertzberg — Menno Meyjes — Jack Miles — Alexander Nehamas — Ingrid Rowland — Roger Scruton — Markus Stenz — Jonathan Taplin — Hans Abbing — Adam Zagajewski

- 2005 *What Is a Good Society?*
Part I. Mass Democracy on Trial
Mario Vargas Llosa — Zygmunt Bauman — Robin Blackburn — Frits Bolkestein — Laurens Jan Brinkhorst — Pascal Bruckner — David Cesarani — Theodore Dalrymple — Jean Bethke Elshtain — Luc Ferry — Frank Furedi — Ramin Jahanbegloo — Gabriel Josipovici — Ruud Lubbers — Avishai Margalit — Chantal Mouffe — Ferdinand Mount — John Ralston Saul — John Seabrook — Anna Tilroe — William Wheatley — Richard Wolin

- 2004 *Europe. A Beautiful Idea?*
Adam Zagajewski — Prince Hassan bin Talal — Jan Peter Balkenende — José Manuel Barroso — Modris Eksteins — Maxim Februari — Michael Ignatieff — Iván Fischer — George Klein — Miguel Maduro — Jos de Mul — Atzo Nicolai — Thomas Pangle — Jacqueline de Romilly — Yvonne van Rooy — Michael Sandel — Karl Schlögel — Wolfgang Schüssel — Fritz Stern — Bassam Tibi — Tzvetan Todorov — Mario Vargas Llosa — Adam Zamoyski

- 2003 *The Quest of Life*
Part III. The Anatomy of Loss
Roger Scruton — David Albahari — Katherine Ashenburg — Pierre Audi — Simon Blackburn — Svetlana Boym — Andries van Dantzig — Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela — Moshe Halbertal — Eva Hoffman — Gabriel Josipovici — Peter D. Kramer — Antjie Krog — Alberto Manguel — Azar Nafisi — Marc Nichanian — Leon Wieseltier — Adam Zagajewski

- 2002 *The Quest of Life*
Part II. Evil
Leszek Kolakowski — Alain Besançon — Robert Boyers — John Coetzee — Gerald A. Cohen — Andrew Delbanco — Aleksa Djilas — Joseph Frank — Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela — Daniel Goldhagen — Moshe Halbertal — Kristien Hemmereichs — Michael Ignatieff — Barbara Kirshenblatt — Norman Kleeblatt — Achille Mbembe — Paul Mendes Flohr — Susan Neiman — John Ralston Saul — Richard Rorty — Jacqueline Rose — Roger Scruton — Mario Vargas Llosa — Leon Wieseltier — James Wood



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Jordi Savall, Nexus Symposium 2014 © Dolph Cantrijn

‘The Nexus Institute brings people from all over the world together to try to find new forms of intellectual stimulation.’

— Jordi Savall

- 2001 *The Quest of Life*
Part 1. Love and Death
 Tatyana Tolstaya — Pierre Audi — Laura Bossi — Ian McEwan — Eva Hoffman — Paul Kahn — Moshe Halbertal — Robin Holloway — Michael Ignatieff — Nicholas Kenyon — Bryan Magee — Alberto Manguel — Simon Rattle — Albie Sachs — Roger Scruton — Heikelien Verrijn Stuart — Mario Vargas Llosa — Leon Wieseltier
- 2000 *The Legacy of the Twentieth Century*
Part 111. The Muses’ Farewell
 George Steiner — Karol Berger — Homi Bhabha — Robert Boyers — Ian Buruma — Jean Clair — Arthur Danto — Joop Doorman — Esther Dyson — Peter Eisenman — László Földényi — Donald Mitchell — Scarlet Nikolska — John Richardson — Sarah Rothenberg — Elmer Schönberger — Roger Scruton — Susan Sontag — Tatyana Tolstaya — Adam Zagajewski
- 1999 *No Place for Cosmopolitans?*
 Alberto Manguel — Candace Allen — Mark Anderson — Kwame Anthony Appiah — Pierre Audi — Emily Bilski — Samuel Brussell — Roberto Calasso — Mitchell Cohen — Aleksa Djilas — Moshe Halbertal — Pierre Hassner — Michael Ignatieff — Allan Janik — Ronald de Leeuw — Ruud Lubbers — Sarat Maharaj — Marina Mahler — Bernard de Montferrand — Gabriel Motzkin — Aleksander Smolar — Adam Zagajewski

- 1998 *The Legacy of the Twentieth Century*
Part 11. Idolatry
 Leszek Kolakowski — Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad bin Talal — Jan Assmann — Hans Belting — Lydia Goehr — Moshe Halbertal — Michael Ignatieff — Avishai Margalit — Alexander Nehamas — Ricardo Petrella — Roger Scruton — Peter Sellars — Richard Sennett — Peter Sloterdijk — Richard Wollheim
- 1997 *The Trial of Richard Wagner*
 Graham Clark — Bernard Williams — Nike Wagner — Rüdiger Safranski — Friedrich Dieckmann — Pierre Audi — Michael Ignatieff — Iwan Klíma — Martha Nussbaum — Hartmut Haenchen — Eveline Nikkels — Roger Scruton — Julian Reynolds — Peter Lockwood — Donald McIntyre — Lydia Goehr — Ronald de Leeuw — Dragan Klaić — Josine Meurs
- 1996 *The Legacy of the Twentieth Century*
Part 1. The Politics of Amnesia
 Michael Ignatieff — Erhard Busek — György Konrad — Eva Hoffman — Antonín Liehm — Coen Stork — Dragan Klaić — Derrick de Kerckhove — Rüdiger Safranski — Allan Janik — Avishai Margalit — Paul Thibaud — László Földényi — Frank Wiering — Peter Sellars — Steven Beller



Patti Smith, Nexus Conference 2021 © Jan Reinier van der Vliet



Honorary Nexus Lecture 2023 © Jelmer de Haas

At the Nexus Symposia, a lively public discussion on topics like the power of music, the return of nationalism and the role of intellectuals in politics is combined with inspiring performances in different media, such as concerts, video recordings or dance.

- 2020 *You Tell Us Stories. Why? The Legacy of Twentieth-Century Catastrophes*
Marian Turski — Jacqueline Murekatete — Anne Applebaum — Leon Wieseltier — Géraldine Schwarz — David Rieff
- 2019 *25th Anniversary Celebration of the Nexus Institute*
The Magic Mountain Revisited. Cultivating the Human Spirit in Dispirited Times
Edoardo Albinati — Ian Bostridge — Aleksandr Dugin — Rebecca Foon — Saskia Giorgini — Intissar Kherigi — Flavia Kleiner — Nadine Labaki — Bernard-Henri Lévy — Joan Magrané Figuera — Andrea Marcolongo — Celeste Marcus — Sari Nusseibeh — Pamela Paul — Jesse Paris Smith — Wojtek Wiczorek — Leon Wieseltier
- 2018 *An Education in Counterculture*
Patti Smith — Lenny Kaye — Sean Wilentz
- 2017 *Virtuoso!*
David Dubal — Barbara Nissman — Rexa Han — Marco Riaskoff

- 2016 *The Battle for Europe*
Harry van Bommel — Eugene Czolij — Pavlo Klimkin — Ivan Krastev — John Laughland — Natalia Narochitskaya — Ivan Vejvoda
- Democracy Today in the USA*
Jeb Bush — Anne Applebaum — Roger Berkowitz — Randall Kennedy — Derek Shearer — Sean Wilentz
- 2015 *Je suis Européen!*
Pierre Audi — Philipp Blom — Frits Bolkestein — Apostolos Doxiadis — Aykan Erdemir — Arnon Grunberg — Caroline de Gruyter — Robert Skidelsky — Androulla Vassiliou — Adam Zamoyski
- 2014 *School of Civilization*
Johan Simons — Jordi Savall — Yoel Gamzou — Ariadne von Schirach — Simon Reinink
- 2014 *The Holocaust and the Power of Music*
Joshua Bell — Sigmund Rolat
- 2013 *How Much Is Enough?*
Robert Skidelsky — Rick van der Ploeg



Nexus Lecture 2023, Wayne



Nexus Masterclass, Lila Azam Zanganeh 2014 © Dolph Cantorijn

The Nexus Masterclasses are organized especially for students and young people. A prominent international speaker introduces an urgent topic, from the purpose of education to the ethics of genetic engineering, which is followed by a spirited discussion with the students in the audience.

‘It means a great deal to me to be at the Nexus Institute. The Nexus Institute fosters curiosity, by asking questions, leading to the wonderment that makes life worthwhile.’

— Lila Azam Zanganeh

- 2016 Dubravka Ugrešić
Nationalism: A Political Poison?
- 2015 Roger Scruton
Brexit: Yes or No?
- 2014 Lila Azam Zanganeh
Love and Literature
- 2013 Salam Fayyad
Power and Justice
- 2013 Nassim Nicholas Taleb
Thriving on Disorder
- 2012 E.J. Dionne
Faith in American Politics

- 2011 Sherry Turkle
Alone Together
- 2009 Anthony T. Kronman
Education's End?
- 2008 Sidney Blumenthal
Inside the US Presidential Election
- 2007 Michael Sandel
Should We Strive to Create the Perfect Man?

Cultura Animi

Cultura Animi is Nexus' publication series in English, presenting the most compelling and captivating essays of *Nexus* in an elegant, slim, hardbound volume to make them available to an international audience.

Carry the Flag! (2023)

The Grace of Age (2022)

What Went Wrong With the West (2021)

Becoming Human Is an Art (2020)

The World as It Is in the Eyes of Margaret Atwood, Wole Soyinka and Ai Weiwei (2019)

Letter To My Teacher (2018)

Nexus Publications

'It is a great privilege to be with the Nexus Institute, an institute that has become one of the centers of European and transatlantic European exchange of dialogue, of discussion, of issues far beyond the political. It embraces philosophic, aesthetic, musical, artistic issues. The institute has a unique place on the map of European awareness.'

— George Steiner

Nexus Library

The Nexus Library is a book series of cultural-philosophical essays, issued in luxurious hardbound books.

Wynton Marsalis, *A Life in Jazz. An Education in Integrity*, 2024

Patti Smith, *The New Jerusalem*, 2018

Garry Kasparov, *Timeless Values in a Shifting World*, 2015

Mario Vargas Llosa, *The Culture That Was*, 2013

George Steiner, *Universitas?*, 2013

Ismail Serageldin, *Alexandria's Remembrance of Things Past*, 2011

Daniel Barenboim, *The Ethics of Aesthetics*, 2010

Jonathan Sacks, *Hope and Tragedy*, 2009

Sonia Gandhi, *Living Politics. What India Has Taught Me*, 2007

George Steiner, *The Idea of Europe*, 2004

Journal *Nexus*

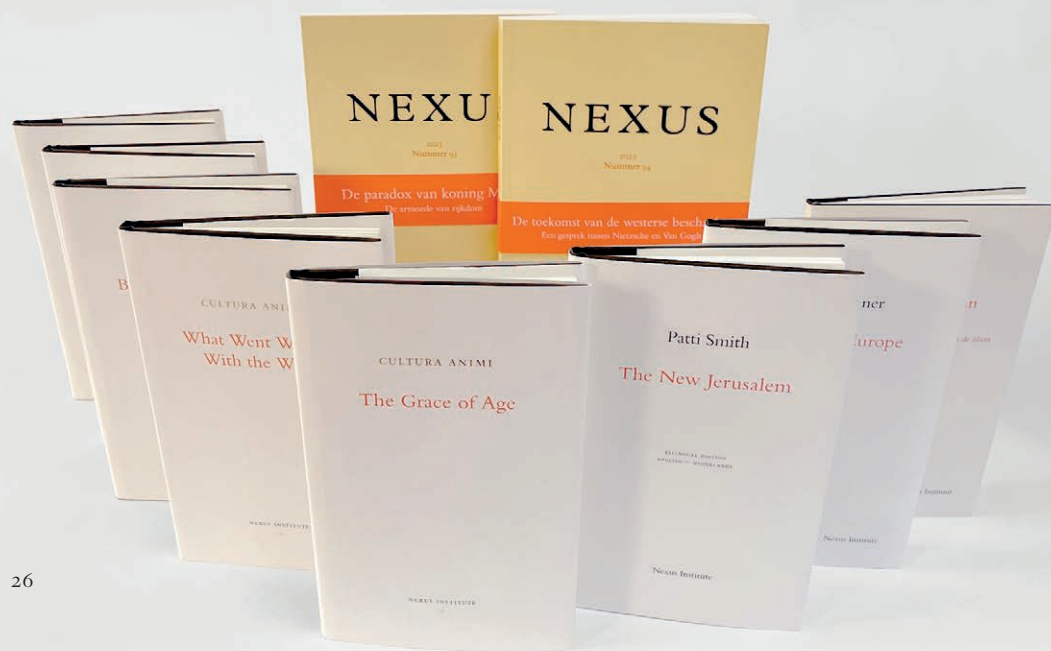
The journal *Nexus*, founded in 1991, is published three times a year in Dutch with thought-provoking essays by prominent writers, philosophers, scientists, artists and political leaders from around the world.

With around 3,000 subscribers and readers, *Nexus* is the largest cultural-philosophical journal in the Netherlands. Erudition, tolerance and intellectual curiosity are what connects our readers; courage, knowledge and brilliance characterize our writers.

Each issue deals with an urgent question or topic. Speakers at the Nexus Conference are invited to write an essay on their findings after the event. Similarly, the annual Nexus Lecture is published either in the journal or in the Nexus Library series. As such, the Institute's publications and its activities are closely entwined.

Digital Nexus Treasury

On the Nexus website in the Nexus Treasury, members can read exclusive essays, watch livestreams or recordings of all the activities. This, together with the publication of the annual *Cultura Animi* volume, gives an English speaking audience the opportunity to enjoy the best Nexus material.

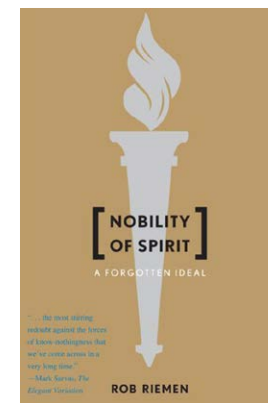


Books by Rob Riemen

Rob Riemen is a European intellectual and writer, and the founder of the journal *Nexus* and the Nexus Institute. His books have been translated into 25 languages, including English, French, German, Spanish, Chinese, Portuguese, Russian, Korean, Arabic and Hebrew.

Becoming Human is an Art. Four Etudes

Riemen's latest book *Becoming Human is An Art* appeared in Dutch and Spanish (Penguin Random House) in 2023 and will in 2024 be published in several other languages. It is an encouraging work, about the true meaning of human dignity.

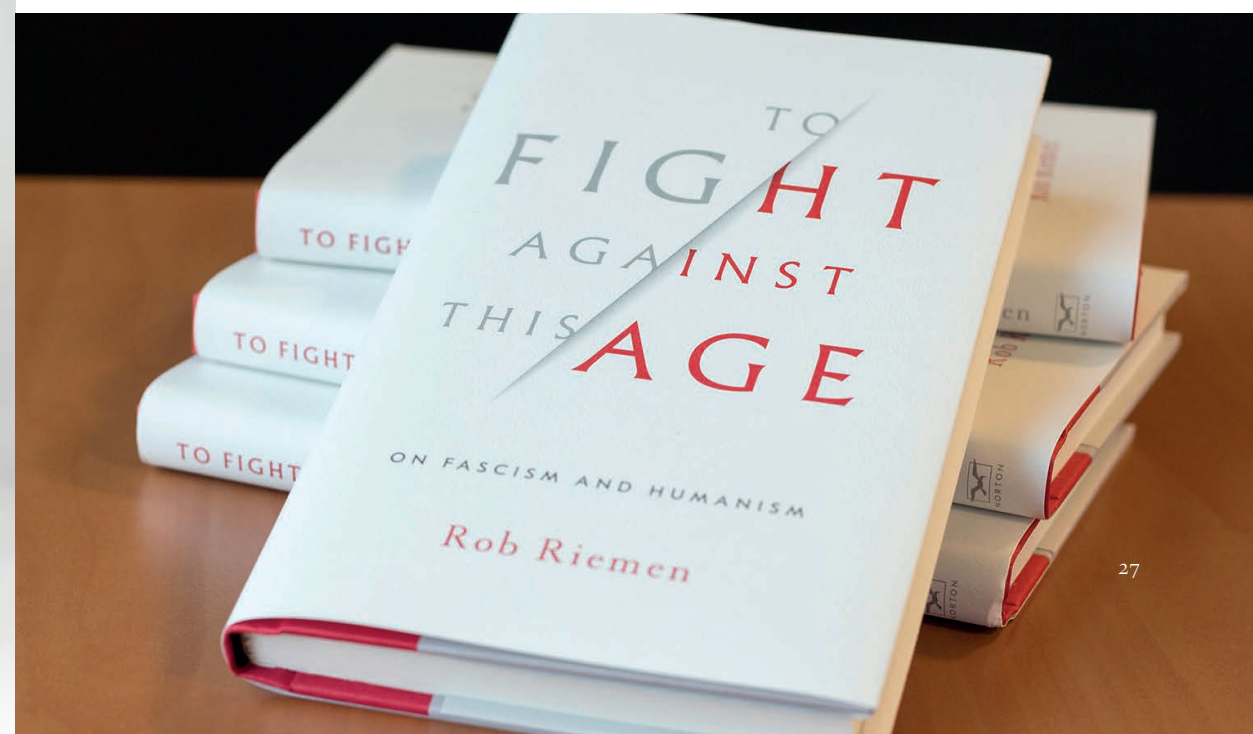


To Fight Against This Age: On Fascism and Humanism

In *To Fight Against This Age* (W.W. Norton, 2018) Riemen combines knowledge of history and philosophy with literary sensibility when he explained already in 2010 the global return of fascism, disguised in the false promise of bringing freedom and greatness.

Nobility of Spirit. A Forgotten Ideal

In the pages of this slim, powerful book (Yale U.P., 2008) Rob Riemen argues with passion that 'nobility of spirit' is the quintessence of a civilized world. It is, as Thomas Mann believed, the sole corrective for human history. Without nobility of spirit, culture vanishes. Yet in the early 21st century, a time when human dignity and freedom are imperilled, the concept of nobility of spirit is scarcely considered.





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- All English-language publications
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