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# WEIDENFELD VISITING PROFESSOR IN COMPARATIVE EUROPEAN LITERATURE ELIF SHAFAK STORY-TELLING IN A DIVIDED WORLD

Elif Shafak is an award-winning novelist and the most widely read woman writer in Turkey. She is also a women's rights activist and an inspirational public intellectual and speaker.



Wednesday 2nd May: Strong Words in a Liquid World

Thursday 10th May: Voicelessness and Taboos

Thursday 17th May: Collective Amnesia and Collective Remembrance

Thursday 24th May: Open Discussion

Defending the Art of Fiction in the Age of Post-Truth

What is the role of literature in our increasingly fractured and fast-changing world? Is it possible to write a-politically or do writers have a responsibility to speak out – and, if so, how? Can fiction address political issues in a way that ordinary public discourse cannot? Elif Shafak will explore these questions in three lectures and an open discussion.

After each lecture there will be the opportunity to ask questions, and all are welcome to join in the closing discussion.

All lectures take place at 5.30pm at St Anne's  
College. All welcome.