

## WHO WE ARE

Full Circle asbl is Brussels' newest forum for ideas exchange, intelligent discussion and high-level debate. Crossing disciplines, professional sectors and national boundaries, we bring some of the world's brightest minds to interact with a stellar Brussels audience.

## WHAT WE DO

Full Circle brings together the brainy and creative elements in Brussels, to meet and engage with some of the world's greatest thinkers and doers. Together we create a unique incubator for forward thinking ideas and actions. All in a fabulous social setting.

Featuring some of the most iconic people of our time, we create unique events for our audiences:

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- © TeenTalks
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## OCTOBER 2016



### DEMOCRACY & THE ART OF CONVERSATION

MON 17 OCT | THINK 6.30PM

Belgian political scientist at the KUL, LINES, and novelist **PETER VERMEERSCH** examines the validity of our democratic model and shares his antidote to today's widespread cynicism.



### ON RADICALISATION

FRI 28 OCT | WORK 12.30PM

Religion, radicalisation and violent extremism, what are we getting right and what are we missing? **SHAMIL IDRIS** will speak from his experience of conflict transformation in more than 30 countries for over 30 years. Looking at paths away from radicalisation, Shamil Idriss dispels some of the myths that surround what leads people to radicalise, and discusses alternative ways of mobilising and empowering youth.

## NOVEMBER 2016



### COPING WITH ACCELERATED CHANGE

TUE 15 NOV | THINK 6.30PM

The world is too fast, too full, and developments are uneven and unequal. Is there an alternative? Can we live slower? Leading Norwegian anthropologist **THOMAS HYLAND ERIKSEN** discusses accelerated change and its long term implications, while dissecting three major crises of globalisation: economy, climate and identity.

### PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

TUE 15 NOV | WORK 12.30PM

Today's brutal reality is tourists sunbathing on Lampedusa, while hundreds of refugees approach the shore. Join the distinguished **THOMAS HYLAND ERIKSEN** for an examination of today's forms of mobility, from migration to tourism and all in between, and their sometimes dramatic unintended consequences. He offers much needed tools to understand them.

*Speakers or dates may be subject to change. Check on: [www.fullcircle.eu](http://www.fullcircle.eu)*

## DECEMBER 2016



### CAN BUSINESS DELIVER THE GOODS?

WED 7 DEC | THINK 6.30PM

After the spectacular failure of governments to meet the Millennium Development Goals, the UN's new Sustainable Development Goals bring business more on board. Never one to turn down an opportunity to create transformational change, founder of *Good Business* **GILES GIBBONS** looks at how businesses can help tackle global issues.

### TEENTALKS

We recently launched Full Circle TeenTalks to share our stimulating programme with young audiences (14-18).

Our TeenTalks take place in English at the MuntPunt or Bozar after school times.

All teens are welcome - there is no membership requirement.

**MORE INFO:**  
[www.fullcircle.eu/teentalks](http://www.fullcircle.eu/teentalks)

## JANUARY 2017



### ECONOMICS AS IF PEOPLE MATTERED

THU 12 JAN | THINK 6.30PM

Economist **JULIE NELSON**, rethinks the relationship between self-interest (often thought to be appropriate to the realm of "economic man") commerce, and care, which is usually associated with women and non-economic activities.

## FEBRUARY 2017



### THE FUTURE & WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

TUE 7 FEB | THINK 6.30PM

In an ever-changing world, let futurist **MARK STEVENSON** enlighten us as to the technology of tomorrow using his trademark humour and refreshing optimism.

FULL CIRCLE

AN INSPIRING PLACE TO BE

WORK

Activities to expand your horizons

THINK

Ideas to feed your mind

CLUB

Connecting ideas with the power to act

LIVE

Events to lighten up your life

## MARCH 2017



### TURKEY'S DRIFT TOWARDS AUTOCRACY

WED 8 MAR | WORK 12.30PM

Turkey's democracy is at a crossroad. A failed coup d'état, an authoritarian leader, a polarised society, a country said to be affected by wilful amnesia. Is there any way out of Turkey's drift towards autocracy? Turkish-German historian and sociologist **TANER AKÇAM** explains the current political deadlock through the lessons of the past.



### CAN THE EU SURVIVE POPULISM?

THU 23 MAR | THINK 6.30PM

Radical-right populism threatens the health of the EU. **HEATHER GRABBE**, Director of the Open Society European Policy Institute, discusses how EU democracies can strengthen their immune system and counter the populist threat effectively.

## APRIL 2017



### BREXIT, EUROPEAN IDENTITY & THE FUTURE OF THE EU

THU 27 APR | THINK 8.00PM

Prominent British philosopher **A.C. GRAYLING** and insightful Dutch historian **LUUK VAN MIDDELAAR** challenge each other on the issues and questions at the heart of our troubled times. Join them for a whirlwind tour through history, philosophy, culture and identity, and lead to an in-depth conversation on the future of Europe.

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### MEMBER LUNCHES

EVERY LAST TUESDAY

25 OCTOBER 2016

29 NOVEMBER 2016

31 JANUARY 2017

28 MARCH 2017

25 APRIL 2017

30 MAY 2017

27 JUNE 2017

### BIG QUESTIONS

BIG IDEAS

CAN THEY WORK?

HEAR IT FIRST-HAND

FROM OUR OWN MEMBERS

## MAY 2017



### CARPE DIEM REGAINED

MON 15 MAY | THINK 7.30PM

It is one of the oldest and most beloved pieces of life advice: *carpe diem*, seize the day. Social philosopher and writer **ROMAN KRZARNIC** questions if it still deserves its value in today's 'click and collect' culture and explores this by looking at the past and future life of this handy little phrase.

### MORE EMPATHY, BETTER POLICIES?

TUE 16 MAY | WORK 12.30PM

Cultural thinker **ROMAN KRZARNIC** brings a simple yet daring message to policy making circles: that being able to understand what the world looks and feels like from others' perspective is key to policies' success or failure. Join Krznaric as he discusses how to integrate empathy into our work and policy making processes.

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## JUNE 2017



### RADICALS

TUE 6 JUN | THINK 7.30PM

Journalist, tech blogger, Director of the Social media analysis centre at DEMOS **JAMIE BARTLETT** explores 'Radicals' - the individuals, groups and movements rejecting the way we live today and attempting to find an alternative - including innovators, disrupters, idealists and extremists who think we can do better, and believe they know how.



### THE CRISIS OF ARAB MEN

THU 15 JUN | THINK 6.30PM

After spending years quizzing Arabs about the most personal aspects of their lives, adventurous author and journalist **SHEREEN EL FEKI** is now busy exploring taboos and debunking myths of what it means to be a man today in the Arab world.

## JUNE 2017

### BEDROOM POLITICS

FRI 16 JUN | WORK 12.30PM

**SHEREEN EL FEKI** discusses shifting stereotypes in the contemporary Arab world and explains the paradoxes of the current socio-economic and political deadlock, where sexual taboos, political repression and economic crisis affect millions of men and women across the region.

## JULY 2017



### CITIES & MIGRATION

TUE 11 JUL | THINK 6.30PM

Immigration is the issue of our time: riddled with moral, environmental, philosophical and political questions with few clear-cut solutions. Political philosopher **AVNER DE-SHALIT** guides us through some of these complexities, with a particular focus on cities.

### HOW INCLUSION OF MIGRANTS CAN WORK?

WED 12 JUL | WORK 12.30PM

**AVNER DE-SHALIT** compares different models of integration that cities have developed to cope with the challenge of integrating immigrants, and discusses which works best and why.

## MEMBERSHIP

FULL CIRCLE is a members club. That's how we can exist.

Member benefits:

- ☉ Come to amazing events, day and evening
- ☉ Bring your guests (at Members rate)
- ☉ Attend and lead 'Members-only' events
- ☉ Know and love our network of fantastic people, speakers & fellows
- ☉ Get invited to private meetings and events with our speakers
- ☉ Help us choose our speakers and lead the debate
- ☉ Keep yourself on track with the latest big ideas

Most events are for members (and their guests). But non-members can come once to try things out. Some events are open to everyone, some are even free.

We'd love you for a member if you are interested in change, progress and making this happen.

And by joining you keep Full Circle moving ahead!

### JOIN US

Membership fee

Full : €300/year

Light\* : €100/year

Partners : €150/year

Under 30's : €150/year

+ ticket fee for each event

[Discounts for genuinely worthy causes]

\* For those attending mainly daytime events, and up to 3 evening events/season.

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