

WHO WE ARE

Full Circle is Brussels' unique forum for ideas, exchange, intelligent discussion and high-level debate.

WHAT WE DO

Full Circle brings great minds, pioneering ideas and inspiring speakers from around the world, to meet interesting, intelligent and influential audiences in Brussels.

We do our utmost to get new thinking into the right places, in an original way. Our repertoire with Full Circle speakers includes:

- **EVENING SOCIAL EVENTS** for members, guests and newcomers
- **DAYTIME EVENTS** for professionals & decision makers
- **MEDIA ACTIVITIES** with Belgian & International media
- **COMMISSIONED EVENTS** with speakers and/or audiences
- **TEENCLUB EVENTS** for 14 to 18yr olds

Places are sometimes limited. Not all events are publicised. **Signup for our newsletter to receive our invitations.**

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SEPTEMBER 2018



BELGIUM, A UTOPIA FOR OUR TIMES?

THURS 20 SEPT / 6:30 PM

The concept of Belgium is an ambitious one: a multilingual, two-state nation, united by an ostensibly international capital. Leading political philosopher **PHILIPPE VAN PARIJS** explains why and how this utopia is within our reach, if its two halves are prepared to put aside their differences and work together.

OCTOBER 2018



AGAINST CREATIVITY

TUES 23 OCT / 6:30 PM

Human geographer **OLI MOULD** challenges the appropriation of creativity for profit seeking ends and offers instead a radical redefinition of creativity embedded in the idea of collective flourishing, outside the tyranny of profit. Bold, passionate and refreshing, his insights could not be more timely.

NOVEMBER 2018



HOW THE WORLD THINKS

THURS 8 NOV / 6:30 PM

Philosopher **JULIAN BAGGINI** has travelled the globe to provide a wide-ranging map of human thought throughout the ages and world regions. He tells us what he found East and West, and shares the secrets of how it can help us step a little closer to understanding one another.



TRIPTYCH #1: THE FUTURE OF MIGRATION

TUES 20 NOV / 8:00 PM

Not all borders play out on a map. Many are in our minds. Our topical series on borders and migration brings unusual compelling voices to the stage, for a renewed look at one of the most contested issues of today. Join us for a broad reflection on the meaning of borders and the future of migration.

NOVEMBER 2018



THINKING THE UNTHINKABLE

TUES 27 NOV / 6:30 PM

A convergence of previously 'unthinkable' events has left world leaders at a loss, confronted with 'wicked problems' and seemingly unable to think the unthinkable before it happens. Television journalist **NIK GOWING** and author **CHRIS LANGDON** have set out to find out why and what leaders can do to cope with unprecedented challenges.

DECEMBER 2018

DEBATE: BASIC INCOME AND THE FUTURE OF WORK

DEC 2018 / 8:00 PM

With a basic income, will work become play? The real possibility of a universal basic income pushes us to rethink our very idea of work and how we value it. Do we work for necessity, duty, habit, identity or fulfilment? And what if, in a not so distant future, work becomes a choice rather than a necessity? Join the debate.

Speakers or dates may be subject to change, always check www.fullcircle.eu

JANUARY 2019



TRIPTYCH #2: TECHNO-MIGRANT

JAN 2019 / 8:00 PM

Second in our series, this discussion explores technology's transformative impact on borders and world migration. A unique mix of speakers spanning the fields of architecture to politics take the stage to reflect on how technology is changing the migration game.

FEBRUARY 2019



WELCOME TO THE REPUTATION AGE

WED 6 FEB / 6:30 PM

Like it or not, reputation has become a central pillar of collective intelligence. What we trust and what we know now depends on pre-filtered information, evaluated and commented upon by others. Philosopher **GLORIA ORIGGI** muses on our obsession with reputation, explaining what it is and why it matters.

FULL CIRCLE

CONNECTING IDEAS WITH THE POWER TO ACT

LIVE

Events to lighten up your life

WORK

Activities to expand your horizons

THINK

Ideas to feed your mind

HOUSE

An inspiring place to be

Evening programme (For all other events sign up to our newsletter)

FEBRUARY 2019



WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A CITY

TUES 12 FEB / 6:30 PM

Join award-winning historian **BETTANY HUGHES** as she takes us on a dazzling tour of one of the world's greatest cities, Istanbul. With contagious enthusiasm and unrivalled knowledge, she reveals what it takes to make a City and to be a true citizen of the world. A welcome antidote to our dark times.



BABEL: A LANGUAGE TOUR OF THE WORLD

THURS 21 FEB / 6:30 PM

Language writer **GASTON DORREN** will change the way you look at the world and how we all speak. He takes us on a fascinating journey to every continent of the world and into the linguistic oddities and extraordinary stories of the world's most spoken lingua francas.

MARCH 2019



PHILOSOPHY FOR LIFE

THURS 14 MAR / 6:30 PM

What does mental health have to do with the Ancient Greeks? Quite a lot, according to philosopher **JULES EVANS**, who explores the application of philosophy to modern life, from times of emotional stress to the new 'politics of wellbeing'. Join us to learn how we can all improve our lives with a touch of the philosophical.



EUROPE IS DEAD. LONG LIVE EUROPE!

MARCH 2019 / 6:30 PM

Public intellectual, **IVAN KRASTEVA**, reflects on the future of the European Union and the potential lack of it. At once an antidote to foolish optimism and to resigned pessimism, his is a fascinating meditation on the collapse of Europe as we know it.

APRIL 2019



TRIPTYCH #3: FAST-FORWARD CLIMATE MIGRATION

APRIL 2019 / 8:00 PM

Migration knows no borders and neither does climate change. Last in our series on open borders and the future of migration, climate migration is possibly the least understood phenomenon yet perhaps the scariest. This is no polar bear kind of talk. Join us to know more about tomorrow's hot issue.

MAY 2019



HOW TO TELL THE TRUTH WITH DATA

TUES 7 MAY / 6:30 PM

Statistician and expert on risk and uncertainty, guides us through the essential principles we need to derive knowledge from data drawing on real world problems.

MAY 2019



WOMEN CHANGE THE WORLD

TUES 14 MAY / 8:00 PM

From the suffragettes to leading figures forgotten by history, women have made extraordinary contributions to society in all fields. Yet, even in the most advanced societies, they are often written out of the picture. Women's rights advocate **HELEN PANKHURST** and editor **ZING TSJENG** go straight to the heart of feminism and gender equality.



IN THERAPY

MON 20 MAY / 6:30 PM

Renowned psychotherapist and social critic **SUSIE ORBACH** reveals what really goes on in a conversation between patient and psychotherapist. How does it really work? Why does it help people? And is it beneficial for everyone? Join us to discover.

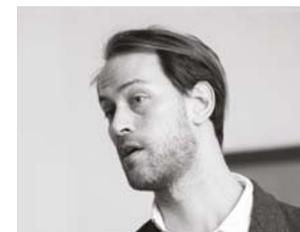
JUNE 2019



THE ECONOMICS OF HAPPINESS

TUES 4 JUN / 6:30 PM

Economist **ANDREW OSWALD** has pioneered the economics of happiness, a new scientific enquiry into human wellbeing and life satisfaction. He shares with us new developments and insights to help us get a little closer to the equation of happiness.



A WASTELESS REVOLUTION

WED 19 JUN / 6:30 PM

From beer-making to pig-rearing, there are many ways to attain a wasteless future when it comes to food. **TRISTRAM STUART**, a relentless campaigner against food waste, has no shame in showing the ridiculous proportions of such a global scandal and, the good news is, he knows exactly what to do about it.

MEMBERSHIP

Full Circle is a members club. That's how we can exist.

- Be part of our community of engaged people in Brussels
- Access content and privileged encounters with change-making ideas, speakers, thinkers, do-ers
- Invitations to our events (public and members-only)
- Help make great things happen by joining us!

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 as a member if you are interested in change, progress and making things happen.

And by joining you keep Full Circle moving ahead!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

- **FULL:** €300
- **UNDER 35:** €150
- **PARTNERS:** €150
- **LIGHT:** €100

(access to daytime events & 3 evening events)

+ TICKET FEES

Ticket prices vary. Members come at the member rate.

[Discounts for genuinely worthy causes!]

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