

ULRICH PELTZER

Reading from his fiction in English translation on Thursday September 15, 2016 4:30pm-5:45pm

Door to Elm Room opens at 4:00pm with coffee and food

Elm Room is upstairs in the West Lafayette Public Library, 208 West Columbia Street West Lafayette



"...jedes Nachdenken über die Zukunft muss ein Moment des Utopischen haben und darf sich nicht auf technische Lösungen beschränken" ("...all thinking about the future must have a moment of the utopian and cannot be restricted to technical solutions")

(Ulrich Peltzer in an interview with Jenny Erpenbeck and Ilija Trojanow, October 2015)

The German author Ulrich Peltzer will be in the United States this September 2016 and be our guest at Purdue University Sept 15, 2016, one of his destinations on his tour across the United States to several universities for readings from his works and discussions with students and faculty. This event is co-sponsored by the Department of German & Russian, the School of Languages and Cultures, Comparative Literature, and the English Department's Creative Writing Program. Invited are students on all levels, as well as faculty, and the general public interested in contemporary fiction. Refreshments will be served.

Since 1987, Ulrich Peltzer has published numerous novels in addition to his Frankfurt Poetik-Vorlesungen *Angefangen wird mittendrin* (2011), and he is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards, including the 2011 Heinrich-Böll-Preis of the city Cologne, 2013 the Carl Amery-Preis, 2015 the Marie-Luise-Fleißer-Preis, and 2016 the Peter-Weiss-Preis of the city Bochum. He is since 2015 a member of the *Deutsche Akademie für Sprache und Dichtung* in Berlin and its director of the section *Literatur*. His novels—*Die Sünden der Faulheit* (1987); *Stefan Martinez* (1995); *Alles oder keiner* (1999); *Bryant Park* (2002); *Teil der Lösung* (2007) and *Das bessere Leben* (2015)—all have, according to Hans Adler's review, "one aspect in common but which is presented in various dazzling ways: These novels get disconcertingly close to 'reality' by unearthing surreal dimensions."

This event is sponsored by the German & Russian Department of the School of Languages & Cultures at Purdue University, the Creative Writing Program in the English Department, and the Comparative Literature program of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies at Purdue University. The journey by Ulrich Peltzer to the United States is further sponsored by the CIC German Language Department Consortium of the Big Midwestern Universities.