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Bio

BIO

E. Lia Kleinbock is a Lecturer in the Program in Structured Liberal Education (SLE), a first-year residential humanities program at Stanford University.

Dr. Kleinbock's research puts modernist cultural production in the German, Soviet, and Anglophone spheres in conversation with the history of the human sciences and the intersecting traditions of Marxism, psychoanalysis, and philosophy of science. Their current book project, growing out of their dissertation, looks at how modernist artists and intellectuals (e.g. Aleksandr Bogdanov, John Dewey, Bertolt Brecht, and Wilfred R. Bion) theorized and depicted processes of teaching and learning. Dr. Kleinbock's broader interests include poetry and poetics, experimental cinema, theater, pre-Freudian histories of the unconscious, and aesthetic and theoretical treatments of impersonality. They are also an occasional theater practitioner and director, with training in clown, commedia dell'arte, and Lecoq-style physical theater.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- SLE Lecturer, Structured Liberal Education

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Princeton University , Comparative Literature (2024)
- M.A., Princeton University , Comparative Literature (2018)
- B.A., Yale University , Literature (2014)

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Drive, Instinct, and Will in Philosophy and Literature: COMPLIT 227, GERMAN 227 (Aut)
- Structured Liberal Education: SLE 91 (Aut)
- Structured Liberal Education: SLE 92 (Win)

2025-26

- Modernist Poetry and the Crisis of Knowledge: COMPLIT 269 (Win)
- Structured Liberal Education: SLE 91 (Aut)
- Structured Liberal Education: SLE 92 (Win)
- Structured Liberal Education: SLE 93 (Spr)

2024-25

- Structured Liberal Education: SLE 91 (Aut)
- Structured Liberal Education: SLE 92 (Win)
- Structured Liberal Education: SLE 93 (Spr)

2023-24

- Structured Liberal Education: SLE 91 (Aut)
- Structured Liberal Education: SLE 92 (Win)
- Structured Liberal Education: SLE 93 (Spr)