

# Stanford

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## Peter Mann

Lecturer  
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### Bio

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#### BIO

Peter Mann is a writer and historian of Modern Europe. He is the author of the novels *THE TORQUED MAN* (Harper, 2022) and *WORLD PACIFIC* (Harper, 2025), both named New Yorker Best Books of the Year.

Mann is interested in 19th- and 20th-century literature and history, especially where they intersect with politics and the absurd. He is also a cartoonist, with work featured in *The Baffler*, *Brick*, and *GoComics*, and currently publishes comics on his Substack newsletter "The Quixote Syndrome."

At Stanford Mann teaches the first-year Foundations sequence of the Master of Liberal Arts (MLA) program, a syllabus in literature, history, and art, with readings that span the ancient epic to the contemporary novel. Before coming to the MLA, he taught for several years in Stanford's residential freshman humanities program, Structured Liberal Education. He also regularly teaches courses in Stanford Continuing Studies, including: "Modernism in the Metropolis: Artists and Intellectuals in the European City, 1848-1945" and "Modernity and its Discontents: European Thought and Culture from Fin de Siècle to World War II."

#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Lecturer, Master of Liberal Arts Program

#### PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- BA, Wesleyan University , History (2003)
- PhD, Stanford University , History and Humanities (2012)

#### LINKS

- <http://petermannbooks.com>: <http://petermannbooks.com>
- <http://pmannia.com>: <http://pmannia.com>
- comics substack: the quixote syndrome: <https://thequixotesyndrome.substack.com/>

### Teaching

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#### COURSES

##### 2025-26

- Foundations I: MLA 101A (Aut)
- Foundations II: the Middle Ages and Renaissance.: MLA 101B (Win)

- Foundations III: the Enlightenment through Modernism: MLA 101C (Spr)

#### 2024-25

- Foundations I: MLA 101A (Aut)
- Foundations II: the Middle Ages and Renaissance.: MLA 101B (Win)
- Foundations III: the Enlightenment through Modernism: MLA 101C (Spr)
- Structured Liberal Education: SLE 92 (Win)

#### 2023-24

- Foundations I: MLA 101A (Aut)
- Foundations II: the Middle Ages and Renaissance.: MLA 101B (Win)
- Foundations III: the Enlightenment through Modernism: MLA 101C (Spr)

#### 2022-23

- Foundations I: MLA 101A (Aut)
- Foundations II: the Middle Ages and Renaissance.: MLA 101B (Win)
- Foundations III: the Enlightenment through Modernism: MLA 101C (Spr)

## Publications

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### PUBLICATIONS

- **World Pacific**  
Mann, P.  
Harper.2025
- **The Torqued Man**  
Mann, P.  
Harper Collins.2022
- **Saving Europe in Spain: Jose Ortega y Gasset's Meditations on Quixote and the politics of self, nation and Europe** *JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN STUDIES*  
Mann, P.  
2019; 49 (2): 108–42
- **The good European in the Great War: Thomas Mann's Reflections of an Unpolitical Man and the politics of self, nation and Europe** *JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN STUDIES*  
Mann, P. G.  
2017; 47 (1): 34-53