

On 17 and 18 April in the Nouvel Building's Auditorium 400

THE MUSEO REINA SOFÍA WELCOMES THE FIRST EDITION OF *READ MADRID*. *THE FESTIVAL OF BOOKS AND IDEAS*



- The Reina organises, via its Studies Directorship, and alongside READ, this **new space of encounter for critical and experimental voices within the sphere of literature, theory and publishing.**
- The event will see salient figures come together, such as **Louisa Yousfi, Pastora Filigrana, Dahlia de la Cerda, Luciana Cadahia, Layla Martínez and Mario Obrero**, and will feature the participation of **Fernanda Trías, Pedro G. Romero, Alberto Santamaría, Luz Pichel, Munir Hachemi, Nuria Alabao and Olga Rodríguez.**

READ Madrid. The Festival of Books and Ideas comes into being with a strong focus on art-making and independent publishing practices, seeking to build a transatlantic cultural bridge with Latin America. By way of different encounters, **the festival's programme looks to open new communities of interpretation and horizons of political imagination through a common space constructed by essay, study, reading and writing.** These practices are understood in an expanded, collective and social capacity and are presented through conversations, as well as a performance by Álvaro Romero and the screening of Lucrecia Martel's most recent film.

The core thematic stands of *READ Madrid. The Festival of Books and Ideas* are: minority popular culture — that is, how to activate a practice of emancipatory popular culture; enraged peace — namely, how to sustain justice, mourning and reparation without reverting to pacifying imaginaries devoid of conflict; and fiction opposite forgetting — in other words, approaching the role of science fiction, horror and speculative narratives as resistance opposite the liberalism of forgetting.

The festival's full programme, which unfolds across Friday, 17 April and Saturday, 18 April in the **Nouvel Building's Auditorium 400**, is available on the [Museo Reina Sofía website](#).

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