

RGRLL and the History Department present:

**Historical Fiction at War with Itself: A dialogue with French
writer Laurent Binet**

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Postmodern novelist Laurent Binet's astonishing first novel *HHhH* has earned him the prestigious Prix Goncourt du Premier Roman and sweeping international acclaim. Using his instincts as a historian and virtuoso storyteller, Binet has created a World War II novel that brings history to life in a way that is captivating, thrilling and deeply moving.



Binet is a professor of French Literature at the University of Paris III. His debut novel *HHhH* (Grasset), a remarkable and surprising fast-paced World War II novel, won the Prix Goncourt du Premier Roman in 2010 and was adapted for the stage and performed at the Théâtre de la Commune in Aubervilliers in 2012. The English translation, published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux, has been highly praised by authors such as Bret Easton Ellis, Martin Amis and Gary Shteyngart. The book has been short-listed for several prizes, including the National Book Critics Circle Award, and was selected as one of The New York Times' Notable Books of 2012.

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